

**Consortium: Setting the Post Elimination Agenda for Kala-Azar in India  
(SPEAK India)**

**Rivatas by Ideal  
The Mall Road, Cantonment  
Varanasi, 221002  
24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The purpose the second residential meeting is to: 1) review progress that has been made since the launch of SPEAK India, and 2) to consolidate research proposal and protocol development.

On day 1, following a welcome and introductions, delegates will divide into their workpackage groups, and collaborate to further develop their proposal and protocols. During these sessions they will also discuss the allocation of roles in their research projects, work on developing a budget, and address the further steps that are necessary for their protocol's implementation.

On day 2, workpackage leaders will present the proposed proposal for review by the leadership group. This will be followed by presentations from representatives from the NVBDCP and state programme officers from each VL-endemic state, to reinforce the operational imperative and programme needs, and reflect on how SPEAK India's proposed research will address programme needs. The meeting will conclude with an overall summary of consortium achievements to date and will discuss how the consortium can work together to provide continued support to VL elimination efforts with the purpose of sustaining elimination by producing a toolkit for operational control.

Specific outputs that we wish to achieve are:

- (i) working documents for further funding applications,
- (ii) a key policy document for circulation and publication,
- (iii) a list of follow up engagements with all India based and international partners, and
- (iv) next steps for 3 years.

**Day 1 – Mon 24 April 2017 – Progress of the consortium**

9:00 Arrival and registration – Festin room

Session 1, 10.00am – 11.30am – Festin room

***Introduction and summary of progress***

Chair : Dr Suman Rijal

10.10-10.20: Dr. Rashmi Arora, ICMR and Dr Shyam Sunder, BHU

**Welcome Address**

10.20-10.50: Dr Shyam Sundar, BHU

**Progress of Surveillance workpackages**

10.50-11.10: Dr Pradeep Das, ICMR  
**Progress of Transmission workpackages**

11.20-11.30: Dr Narayan Devadasan, IPH  
**Progress of Health Systems workpackages**

*11.30-11:45 Break*

Session 2, 11.45 – 1.00 – Festin room

**Workpackage refinement: Workpackage-specific discussions & group work.**

Aim = allocation of roles & budgeting

Assembly will be divided in to relevant groups chaired by: Dr Rashmi Arora

Dr Sundar (surveillance)  
Dr Das (transmission) and  
Dr Devadasan (health systems)

Each group will nominate a rapporteur to deliver a presentation of the group's suggestions during the afternoon's session.

1.00-2.00: Lunch for delegates – Ocean room

+ VL Steering Committee working lunch meeting – Board room

Session 3, 2.00-3.30 – Festin room

**Synergies between work packages**

2.00-2.15: Rapporteur 1 (Surveillance)  
2.15-2.30: Rapporteur 2 (Transmission)  
2.30-2.45: Rapporteur 3 (Health Systems)

Workpackages swap members to promote synergies between the three workpackages.

Each group will nominate a rapporteur to deliver a presentation of the group's suggestions during the next session.

*3:30-4.00 Break*

Workpackage-specific discussions & group work continue.

4.30-4.45: Rapporteur 1 (Group 1)

4.45-5.00: Rapporteur 2 (Group 2)

5.00-5.15: Rapporteur 3 (Group 3)

**7.00-10.00: Evening reception for delegates**

**Day 2 – Tues 25 April 2017 –**

09:30 – 09:40: Summary of Day 1 (Suman Rijal)

Session 4, 09.30am – 11.00am

**Presentations of the proposals developed**

09.40 - 10.00: Dr Shyam Sundar, BHU (Surveillance)

10.00 - 10.20 Dr Pradeep Das, ICMR (Transmission)

10.20 - 10:40: Dr Narayan Devadasan, IPH (Health Systems)

11.00-11:30 Break

Session 5, 11.30-12.45

**Operational Imperative**

*Chair:* Dr Pradeep Das (RMRIMS) and Dr Sridhar (CARE)

11.45-11.55: Dr M P Sharma, Addl. Director & SPO (to be confirmed)

The current situation for VL elimination and programme needs for Bihar

12:00 – 12:15: Final Remarks

Vote of thanks

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