

Polio: The Way Forward

Considering the protocol of agreement signed in July 2001 in Douala, the Ministers of Health of Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria raised the importance of coordinating their actions to maximize the efficiency of the polio eradication activities in their region.

They agreed that:

- Nigeria agrees to host the three other countries (Cameroon, Chad, Niger) in a meeting in July with relevant Nigerian leaders (traditional, religious and political).
- With the support of the partners, the four countries will prepare a specific programme to cover the Lake Chad area emphasizing the "house-to-house" approach.
- The four countries will explore the possibility of setting a multi-country team to cover the border regions, including the Lake Chad area, instead of having each country act on its own.
- The four countries will participate in at least two synchronized NIDs before the end of 2004.
- The coordination will be assured by the Team Leader of the approved inter-country coordinating teams, and a monthly report will be issued to each country.

Countries




Minister of Health,
Cameroon



Minister of Health, Chad

Minister of Health, Niger



Minister of Health, Nigeria

Technical Partners



World Health Organization



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