

IFRC OCV Training for Volunteers

The IFRC OCV Training for volunteers aims to provide NSs with the capacity to support both preventative and responsive OCV campaigns which governments have requested. The training is live, in that learning from realized campaigns will be incorporated on a regular basis and challenges faced in campaigns integrated through case studies.

The logic of the training in this first iteration is to ensure the volunteers are aware of the variety of tasks they may be called on to do within a campaign and to give some practical grounding to these tasks. The permanent presence of RCRC branches and their network of community volunteers lend themselves to some key parts of OCV campaigns, primarily that of social mobilization and awareness raising around a campaign, and activities following a campaign such as vaccine coverage and effectiveness surveys. However, the current training also considers the role that RCRC can play in the setup and operation of a vaccine centre under MoH supervision, given that most branches in cholera hotspots will have access to ORP kits which, if not used for the purpose of ORPs can provide the elements needed to ensure the safe set up of a vaccination point.

The training has **4 modules** presented through power point and **5 practical activities** that are linked to these and are very focused on the task at hand. The training is an extended day. Volunteers will receive folders with dividers and during the training will receive one-page digests of key information to take away with them. This will act as a 'temporary manual' and reference point should the volunteers be called on in an actual campaign.

The practical activities encapsulate the areas where volunteers will be able to contribute to campaigns, namely: giving cholera messages and information; giving information and answering questions regarding the vaccine and the OCV campaign; carrying out rapid WASH assessments of households; setting up and operationalizing vaccine centres and being involved in post campaign activities such as coverage and effectiveness surveys

A key concern with such short, one-off trainings is that the knowledge and skills gained may be lost to the volunteer by the time they are called on to support an OCV campaign. To counter this a short field manual will be developed that can be used for reference by volunteers and IFRC will look to put revised trainings on line so that volunteers might gather at branches and spend an hour or two on 'refreshing' the skills.

This training has been developed to align with a higher-level training aimed at government which trains people to lead on the application for OCV doses and to then lead the realization of the campaigns. This training aims to give well informed feet on the ground who are ready to do the work without need for further training thus reducing both the cost and time element involved in the campaign.

Schedule	Time Needed	Module number and title	Activity	Activity
0900 to 1000	40	Cholera		
	20		A	Cholera Messaging Activity
1000 to 1030	30	RCRC Vaccination Pillars and Cholera Response Approach in Africa		
1030 to 1100		Coffee		
1100 to 1150	50		B	Rapid WASH Assessment
1150 to 1230	40	The Vaccine, feedback and rumours		
1230 to 1320	50		C	Responding to questions regarding vaccines with key information with role play
1320 to 1420		Lunch		
1420 to 1500	40	OCV Campaigns		
1500 to 1540	40		D	Set up of Vaccination Centre and Job descriptions of work stations
1540 to 1600		Tea		
1600 to 1650	50		E	Form Familiarization CB
1650 to 1730	40	Summary and Closing		(Ensure all volunteers have the take away documents filed)

Total	400	minutes	6 hours 40 minutes
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