## Appendix S1: Ugandan suspected ADR form and reporting scheme



## Guide on filling the Adverse Drug Reactions (ADR) reporting form

- For the purpose of the pharmacovigilance programme, a drug or medicine is defined as, "Any substance
  administered to human beings for the prophylaxis, diagnosis or therapy of disease, or for the modification of
  physiological function". This definition includes prescribed medicines, over-the-counter medicines, vaccines,
  herbal medicines and biologicals including blood and blood-related products e.g. serum, plasma etc.
- 2. All health professionals in Uganda can report any suspected adverse drug reaction directly to NDA.
- 3. Please note that identities of the patient, reporting Doctor, Pharmacist, Nurse and health facility will be kept strictly confidential.
- 4. Please report any adverse reaction experienced by a patient even if you are not certain the product caused the adverse reaction or even if you do not have all the details.
- 5. This form can also be used to report product quality problems such as suspected contamination, questionable stability, defective components, poor packaging / labeling and/or therapeutic failures.
- 6. Please note that submission of a report does not imply that health professional or the product caused or contributed to the adverse reaction.
- 7. The completed suspected ADR report should be sent to the office of the District Director of Health Services (DDHS) to be forwarded to National Drug Authority at the address given below.
- 8. Date of Notification: Date a patient reports to the health facility.
- 9. The form must be forwarded to the next level (HSD/DDHS) within 24 48 hours of notification

HSD Health Sub - District
DDHS District Director of Health Services
UNEPI Uganda National Expanded Program on Immunisation
ESD/MOH Epidemiological Surveillance Division / Ministry of Health

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## Uganda's ADR reporting scheme.

The ADR form requests for details of the **patient** (name, age, sex, weight, health facility name whether patient was admitted – and, if so, duration of hospital stay, and district), **drug** (name, indication, manufacturing and expiry date, date drug was started and when stopped, dose, route of administration, diluents if any, whether prescribed or over-the-counter, other drugs used, and batch number), **suspected ADR** (nature of reaction, date reaction started and when it stopped, and outcome of ADR), and **reporter** (name, designation, postal address, signature and telephone).

Healthcare professionals can report suspected ADRs either directly to the NPC or to Regional Pharmacovigilance Centres (RPCs) within their respective health facilities (RPCs). In peripheral health facilities, HCPs should deliver completed ADR reports, through a PV liaison, to one of the 14 RPCs housed at regional referral hospitals which, in turn, relay the ADR reports to the NPC. Scanned ADR reports can be emailed to the NPC but there is no official internet-based platform for online submission of suspected ADRs."