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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION

ON

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DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY
ADMINISTRATION REGARDING PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF DENGUE
IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS OF ISLAMABAD'**

PRESENTED BY

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Chairman

Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination

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I, Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand, Chairman Standing Committee on Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on a Point of Public Importance regarding 'measures taken by the Ministry of NHSR&C, Capital Development Authority and Islamabad Capital Territory Administration regarding prevention of spread of Dengue in Rural and Urban Areas of Islamabad' raised by Senator Fawzia Arshad in the Senate sitting held on 3rd April, 2023 and referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1. Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand	Chairman
2. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
4. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardi Taimur	Member
5. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
6. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
7. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
8. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
9. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
10. Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
11. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
13. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member

3. The Committee took up discussion on the Point of Public importance in its meeting held on 13th July, 2023, under the chairmanship of Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand, with the following in attendance:

1. Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand	Chairman
2. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
4. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
5. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
7. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member

4. Senator Fawzia Arshad showed her concern about the spread of dengue and the division of command in rural and urban areas of Islamabad Capital Territory. The Deputy Commissioner Islamabad representing Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad briefed the Committee that vector control of dengue is done in the supervision of both the MCI and District Health Officer. Deputy Commissioner added details about their staff assigned for indoor and outdoor services. The Chairman Committee asked that the breeding season has almost started how we see dengue as happening in the upcoming months. The Secretary NHSR&C added details about the surveillance and early warning system where they issue advisory to the school, offices and general public. He added that the Finance division has allowed them for an increase of 260 employees to combat spread of dengue.

5. Senator Fawzia Arshad said to address the existential problem of dengue we need to join hands together. The Chairman Committee asked about the community awareness and involvement in this process. The Deputy Commissioner requested extension of the employees for five months instead of two, introduction of a law in ICT where the administration can take cognizance of the fact without invoking section 144 Criminal Procedure Code. Senator Rubina Khalid recommended that for the public awareness TV channels should be used to educate the general masses about dengue prevention measurement. Senator Fawzia Arshad reiterated that we need an aggressive campaign to abate proliferation of Dengue and suggested that sanitation and Environment department under CDA and ICT administration shall also be invited in the next meeting to brief the Committee about their measures regarding vector control. The secretary NHSR&C stated that they will conduct meeting with the Finance Division for the increase or extension of human resources.

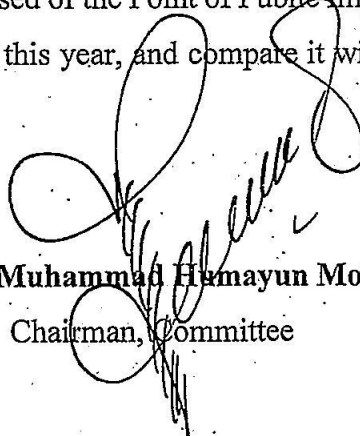
6. Senator Fawzia Arshad, the mover pointed out that since the Islamabad Capital Territory has been divided in the Urban and Rural and the merger of these two under the same administration has halted the vector control of the menace of dengue. The District Health officer submitted that there was a time when CDA and ICT administration were dealing separately but, the activities regarding prevention of dengue in rural and urban Islamabad has been merged to get effective results. The number of dengue positive cases has been decreased for the last two or three years the facts and figures are provided in the working paper, he further added that their human resources are used to combat the disease without any kind of discrimination. The Chairman Committee asked the District Health Officer that we need to nib the evil in the bud by eliminating larva before it become a mosquito, the District Health Officer further added that to break the cycle of Larva and suppress it our team try their level best not let the Algorithm out and sanctuaries flourish into dengue carrier. After deliberation on provided data in the working paper the chairman Committee asked that can we expect less cases this year because if we are not getting the desired result then these efforts are in vain. The district Health Officer said that the numbers are in decline but we can't assured complete elimination of the deadly disease.

7. The Deputy Commissioner Islamabad explain the reasons behind imposition of section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code incase if Larva is found within the premises stern action could be taken against those who are involved. The Deputy Commissioner added that last year there were no FIRs lodged against the resident where Larva was found but this we are considering to include resident too, that the dengue could effectively be alleviated. The Special Secretary Ministry of NHSR&C submitted that improve the chemical resistance in this regard biological measures are internationally recognized and adopted to in the form of Larvicide which is ingestible and human friendly. The Special Secretary further added that they have procured these Larvicides for Islamabad Capital Territory and are used against the hotspot in Larva cycle period.

8. Following detailed discussion, the Committee disposed of the Point of Public Importance with a commitment to look into the data by the end of December this year, and compare it with the previous data to find out the desired results.



(Muhammad Shafiq)
Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand)
Chairman, Committee