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To all Kenyans and people of good will,

RE: The Final Scientific Report of the Tetanus Vaccine Used in Mass Vaccination Campaigns in March and October 2014

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- The Catholic Church is a major provider of health services in Kenya, vaccinations included.
 - For the last one year, we have informed all of you that the tetanus vaccine that was used for a campaign among Kenyan children and women from 14 - 49 years of age, sponsored and funded by WHO and UNICEF, in March and October 2014, was poisoned with Beta HCG.
 - Our concerns were informed by tragedies in other countries especially Mexico, Nicaragua and Philippines, where tetanus vaccination campaigns sponsored and funded by WHO and UNICEF were found to be poisoned with Beta HCG.
 - We brought these concerns to the Ministry of Health and requested them to facilitate sampling and testing of the tetanus vaccines used for the campaign before administration to ensure that it was safe for the children and women of Kenya.
 - The Ministry of Health refused to facilitate the sampling and testing as we requested.
 - We commissioned a committee of medical experts to investigate our concerns.
 - Our committee of medical experts sampled and tested the vaccine in various laboratories and found them to contain Beta HCG.
 - The Ministry of Health and a number of medical people denied this and viciously implied that we were not telling the truth and that our tests were inaccurate. They also suggested that it was not possible for tetanus vaccine to be poisoned with Beta HCG.

- WHO/UNICEF gave multiple assurances to the Kenya people including in newspaper advertisements that the vaccine was safe.

This was taken seriously as WHO accredits all international laboratories and vaccine manufactures – including the one that manufactured the vaccine in question.

- The Ministry of Health further indicated that they had tested the tetanus vaccines used during the campaign and found it to be safe. This was extremely disturbing to us because the same Ministry had refused to sample and test the vaccine, when requested by us.
- This unnecessary conflict was thus created by the Ministry of Health.
- This led the parliament committee of health to ask for presentation by the Ministry of Health and us. Subsequently, the parliamentary committee of the health directed that a joint committee of experts from the Ministry of Health and the KCCB be established to look at the conflicting reports and advise Kenyans accordingly.
- The Ministry of Health was unable to deliver the vaccine vials they claimed to have sampled and tested and found safe to the joint committee of experts.
- The only vials sampled during the tetanus vaccination campaigns sponsored and funded by WHO and UNICEF presented to the joint committee of experts were 9 from the KCCB. The KCCB also presented the results obtained from previous testing.
- The nine vaccine vials were tested by the joint committee of experts which found 3 of the 9 vials (30%) to contain the contentious Beta HCG.
- The ministry of Health, having not previously sampled or tested any campaign tetanus vaccine vials produce 10 tetanus vaccine vials from the normal national vaccine storage pool for testing. These were also tested and as expected, did not contain Beta HCG.
- These results were available and ready for presentation on the 4th of January 2015.
- The Ministry of health was reluctant to receive those reports at that material time.
- On the 8th of January 2015, the Ministry of Health without passing through the joint committee of experts collected another 40 vials of tetanus vaccines from the national vaccine store and took them to the same laboratory and requested that they also be tested.
- With the extra 40 vials from the national vaccine store, the report was now acceptable to the Ministry of Health.

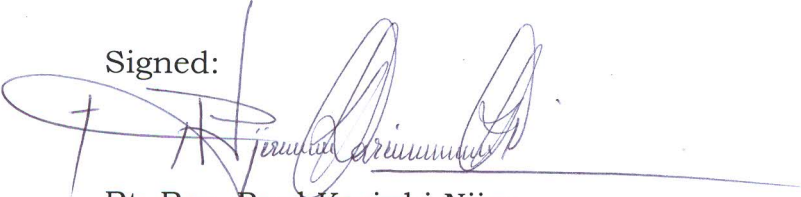
- The preliminary report that contained this extra 40 vials was received by the joint committee of experts without objection from the Ministry of Health and the results were as follows:
 - (a) 30% of the vials collected during the tetanus vaccination campaign sponsored and funded by WHO and UNICEF, contained HCG.
 - (b) The 50 vials from the national vaccine stores did not contain Beta HCG.
- The implication of the preliminary report therefore is that 30% of the children and women vaccinated during the campaign were vaccinated with tetanus toxoid that was poisoned with Beta HCG.
- The final report was ready for presentation to the joint committee of experts by the 20th of January 2015.
- From that time, the following developments have taken place:
 - a) The Ministry of Health pulled out their technical team of experts from the joint committee.
 - b) The Ministry of Health was no longer interested in receiving the final report.
 - c) Subsequently, the joint committee was not available to receive the final report as initially expected.
- Reports from various investigations, committees and commissions of enquires set up in this country have never been presented to the Kenya people.
- KCCB, having been involved from the beginning, has decided to receive the final report today and present it to the people of Kenya.
- This final report, just like the preliminary report has brought out the following findings:
 - a) 30% of the vials collected during the tetanus vaccination campaign sponsored and funded by WHO and UNICEF, contained HCG.
 - b) The quantity of Beta HCG is highly significantly ranging from 24 – 37.5%.
- In early pregnancy, the forming placental tissue produces natural Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG) which is mandatory for sustaining pregnancy.
- Natural HCG is composed of two subunits; alpha and beta. The beta subunit is the more active subunit.
- Beta HCG carried by another molecule like tetanus toxoid and injected into a woman becomes an antigen which stimulates production of anti-HCG antibodies which destroys the natural HCG.
- When the function of natural HCG in a woman is interfered with, that woman will either not conceive or will have repeated early miscarriages leading to sterility.

- When sterility is induced in any woman, without her knowledge and/or consent, it amounts to a monumental human rights abuse.
- This is the highest violation of the sovereignty of any country as it is a direct attack on the survival of a people and therefore national security.

Conclusion:

1. 30% of the vials collected during the tetanus vaccination campaign sponsored and funded by WHO and UNICEF, contained HCG.
2. It is both unethical and immoral for WHO and UNICEF to sponsor and fund an inhuman campaign like this in our country. They owe the defenseless, ununiformed but trusting Kenyan children and women an apology.
3. The Ministry of Health must desist from trusting foreign agencies including WHO and UNICEF to secure the safety of Kenya's in matters under their mandate, including vaccination. Their refusal to facilitate sampling and testing of the tetanus vaccines when requested exposed Kenya's to grave danger.
4. Both the Ministry of Health and WHO/UNICEF were trusted by the people of Kenya, they have broken this trust and betrayed those who depended on them.
5. No further vaccination campaigns should be undertaken in this country without an all-inclusive sampling and testing exercise done before, during and after the vaccination campaign.

Signed:


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