Dear Editor,

Kindly find attached a response by us to the Press Release by DG NAFDAC on the issue of mercury in vaccines in Nigeria, which was conspicuously published by your Organization. We hope you will give at least the same intensity of coverage to this response for the sake of the health of our children and grandchildren. We have also attached the communique of the 7th conference on Environment and Health.

With our best regards.
Mrs Grace Akinlade (Ph.D)
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October 24, 2022,

It has come to our knowledge that a statement was made that "children in Nigeria were being administered a vaccine that contains 40 percent mercury which was prescribed by foreign organisation."

This statement is not true

Mercury is a metal and it is not used as an element as a component of vaccines

The basic components of vaccines are Antigens, adjuvants to improve immune response, antibiotics to prevent contamination during manufacturing, preservatives and stabilizers.

Thimerosal a mercuric compound which is a preservative used in multi dose vaccines contains a different form of mercury called ethyl mercury. As a vaccine preservative, thimerosal is used in concentrations of 0.003% to 0.01% , (for example, thimerosal content allowed in vaccine is between 30 parts to maximum of 10o parts out of million parts of the vaccine formula). Thimerosal is a mercury-based preservative that has been used for decades in the United States in multi-dose vials (vials containing more than one dose) of medicines and vaccines. There is no evidence of harm caused by the low doses of thimerosal in vaccines, except for minor reactions like redness and swelling at the injection site. However, in July 1999, the Public Health Service agencies, the American Academy of Paediatrics, and vaccine manufacturers agreed that thimerosal should be reduced or eliminated in vaccines as a precautionary measure.

Nigeria still receives some multi dose vaccines which contains thimerosal but at accepted concentration.

However, World health Organisation has not proscribed the use of thimerosal as an inactivating agent and preservative in vaccines as there is lack of evidence that thimerosal present risk to human health.

The WHO has closely monitored the scientific evidence relating to the use thimerosal as a vaccine preservative for over 10 years especially through independent expert advisory group, the Global Advisory Committee on vaccines. The committee has constantly reached the same conclusion.

There is no evidence to suggest that the amount of thimerosal used in vaccines poses a health risk.

Other expert groups the U.S. Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Paediatrics, the United Kingdom Committee on Safety of Medicines, and the European Agency for Evaluation of Medicinal Products have reached similar conclusions

- NAFDAC follows WHO approved protocol before issuing out lot release certificates before any human vaccines can be used in Nigeria, which is done after laboratory analysis and summary lot protocol review.

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Director General

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Press Release On The Regulation And Control Of Pesticides In Nigeria

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October 24, 2022,

The attention of National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has been drawn to a call from certain quarters which was expressed in a recent online publication by the DAILY POST, insinuating that NAFDAC has failed in its duties to regulate and control the use of Pesticides in the country and further called on the federal government to set up a new Agency to take up that function. The press release is to put the records straight and re-iterate NAFDAC's ongoing regulatory activities in relation to pesticides and agrochemicals.

The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control wishes to draw the attention of the public, and the agro-dealers, and farmers (the sectors NAFDAC interacts with closely) to the activities of NAFDAC in the regulation and control of pesticides used in Nigeria. The regulatory activities of NAFDAC rest on the Agency's mandate stated in NAFDAC Act Cap N1 LFN 2004 amidst other laws to ensure safety, quality and efficacy as well as establish compliance with global best practices.

Pesticides are used in agriculture, public health, horticulture, and food storage. Pesticides are manufactured and imported through very strict regulatory processes to ascertain the safety of handlers and minimal impact on human health and the environment, but serious concerns have been raised about health risks resulting from misuse and abuse through occupational exposure and from residues in food and drinking water resulting into acute, chronic, and environmental effects.

NAFDAC has continually reviewed its guidelines and strengthened collaboration with MDAs and stakeholders to ensure effective control of pesticides. The NAFDAC laboratories are ISO 17025 certified and ensure that all packaged food products for local consumption and export follow the Codex Minimum Residue Limits (MRLs). Our activities target professionalism, food security and food safety from farm to plate by ensuring that only safe and right quality food and pesticide products are available for consumption and use. The core activities of the Agency on pesticides are:

- Inspection of Production Facilities and Warehouses
- Development of Guidelines, Standards and Regulations in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.
- Registration of Pesticide products
- Quality control /Laboratory analysis
- Research Activities towards Regulatory Decisions and Risk Assessment Identification
- Effective Surveillance and Continuous Monitoring of Safe and Responsible use of Pesticides.
- Issuance of e-License/Permits
- Listing of Pesticide and Agrochemical Marketers
- Port Inspection of pesticides at the points of entry
- Investigation and Enforcement to ensure compliance
- Creating Awareness and Establishing Strong Relationships with stakeholders

As part of the Agency's efforts to safeguard the health of the Nigerian populace in 2019, the underlisted regulatory measures and controls were put in place to arrest/mitigate the abuse and misuse of Agrochemicals:

1. NAFDAC banned the importation and manufacture of 100ml pack size of Agricultural formulations of Dichlorvos with immediate effect.
2. NAFDAC banned with immediate effect hawking of all agrochemical formulations.
3. Mandatory listing of Dealers (distributors/marketers/retailers) of agrochemicals.

4. Training and certification of Agro-input dealers nationwide in collaboration with CropLife Nigeria and Nigeria Agro-Input Dealers Association (NAIDA)
5. The Agency introduced a permit to clear all bulk pesticides and agrochemicals.
6. Sensitization of stakeholders on safe and Responsible use of Pesticides and Agrochemicals nationwide
7. NAFDAC advises the general public to desist from the misuse of agricultural formulations of Dichlorvos as household insecticides.

In 2020, the Agency in a collaborative effort reviewed the safety profile of some registered agrochemicals in Nigeria and in consultation with relevant stakeholders, initiated a four -year phase out plan for Paraquat and Atrazine products considering the health risks these products pose to public health, and bearing in mind the need to have in place adequate and suitable replacements for these products. In light of the foregoing, the ban and enforcement action for Paraquat and Atrazine are as follows:

1. The importation of Paraquat and Atrazine is to stop on 31st December 2022 and 2023 respectively.
2. Moratorium for the exhaustion of available stock for Paraquat and Atrazine will be January- December 2023 and 2024 respectively.
3. Ban and enforcement action for Paraquat and Atrazine will commence on 1st January 2024 and 2025 respectively.

The Agency recently reviewed the list of registered pesticides due to their associated health implications and stakeholders will be engaged to discuss the proposed phase-out of the following products.

1. Anthraquinone, Carbendazim, Chlorothalonil, Clothianidim, Diquat Dibromite, Diquate Dichloride, Oxadiargyle, Thiacloprid, Ametryn and Methomyl, Carbofuran and Chlorpyrifos
2. Reclassification of use for the Amitraz, Fipronil, Flocoumafen, Permethrin, and Cyfluthrin

NAFDAC wishes to advise relevant stakeholders to adhere to all regulatory measures when handling or using pesticides. The Agency is committed to safeguarding the health of Nigerians and seeks the cooperation of Nigerians in achieving the mandate.

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Director General