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Many points addressed from all the presentations and important suggestions. Agriculture as a 3-D sector

Nowadays' priorities: accidents and occupational diseases

Ways forward: increasing the access into OH surveillance with particular attention to underserved (self employed; family workers; expatriates - temporary and permanent; seasonal workers) and at high risk (youngest; elderly; women)

Contrast child labour

Creating structures in the territory to reach workers according to the Alma Ata declaration (bring occupational health as close as possible to where people live and work): deveop the BOHS knowledge

Good example: the "Farmers' OH Service" (think at a tripartite collaboration, workers' trade unions, employers and public health system)

Facing the general lack of Occupational Physicians teaching OH to GP and expert in other disciplines

Legislation

Address prevention in the frame of nowadays' challenges:

Climate changes and their effects

Psychosocial risks

Muscle skeletal disorders

BUT: priorities are country/area based (see pesticides in India and Uganda

Key word: not only pesticides but don't forget pesticides

How to take care of prevention of accidents and occupational diseases?

Training and education (think at sound approaches for a low educated and multi-linguistic population)

Labour inspectors: think at an harmonized profile (Italy and France have specific bachelor courses on OH prevention)

Users' friendly tool for risk assessment and management

Use technology to reduce risks (exoskeleton for heavy jobs; drones for pesticide application in big plantations, use of satellite information…)

Harmonize statistics and create the possibility of comparison of data from different countries

Criteria for Occupational Diseases diagnosis and prevention

Identification of sound denominators

Add new terms in our vocabulary:

Wellbeing

Social Health

One Health

In base of lessons learned from the epidemics (avian influenza; SARS, Q Fever, bovine respiratory disease, etc) creating alert system able to capture early signs of emerging diseases

Thank you for your attention