Description:

Konzo is an irreversible paralytic disease of both limbs caused by the consumption of improperly prepared cassava with high cyanogenic potential. In Cameroon, the disease was first observed in late 2007 around Bertoua area and mostly among refugees from Central African Republic (CAR).
The meeting was held on Tuesday the 3rd of March, 2009 in IITA Conference room at Nkolbisson Yaoundé. Participants included representatives of partner organisations (IITA, FAO, CRS, IRAD, PNDRT, MINADER, UNICEF, MINSANTE, MINRESI, CODAS, SARB, Universities of Buea, Ngaoundere and Yaoundé 1) with interest in Konzo prevention in Cameroon and CAR. The objectives of the meeting were:

- Appraisal of Konzo prevalence in Cameroon
- Identification of strategic preventive measures and approaches to eliminate Konzo
- Identification of potential partnerships and developing a collaborative program for Konzo prevention