

**GFATM
COUNTRY COORDINATING MECHANISM**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2006, at 2.30pm in the Office of Secretary,
Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition, 385, Deans Road, Colombo 10.

Present :

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, -Patron
Minister of Healthcare & Nutrition

Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe -Secretary/ MOH- Chaiman
Mr. Shirley Tissera -Congress of Religions/CFPA –Vice Chair
Dr. W.P.Fernando -Consultant (GFATM) –MOH
(CCM Focal Point)
Dr. Lalith Chandradasa -Sarvodaya shramadana Movement
Prof. Jennifer Perera -Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.
Dr. Aberra Bekele -UNICEF
Dr. Chris Nonis -Chamber of Commerce
Dr. V.I. Jayasuriya -CNAPT
Dr. W.A. Ferdinand -IMPA
Dr. C. Sarukkali -D/ NPTCCD
Dr. Adrian Senadhira -Lions Multiple
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda -Alliance Lanka
Mr. Malcolm Perera -JSSF
Ms. Hiranthi Ratnayake -LFA (Observer)
Dr. S. Warusavithana -WHO (Observer)
Dr. G.N.L. Galappaththy -Representing D/ AMC

Excused :

Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne -Sarvodaya (out of country)
Ms. Janet Leno -UNAIDS
Dr. R.R.M.L.R. Siyambalagoda -D/ AMC

Absent :

Dr. Agostino borra -WHO Representative to Sri Lanka
Dr. H.A.P.Kahandaliyanage -DGHS, MOH
Dr. H.M. Fernando -DDG (PHS), MOH
Dr.H.S.B. Tennekoon -DDG (Planning), MOH
Dr. P.G. Mahipala -SLMA
Dr. B.J.C. Perera -Collage of Paedatricians
Mr. D.M.L. Gunartne -Family Planning Association
Mr. Nazeer Ahamed -ILO
Dr. K. Nawaratne -World Bank
Dr. Kamanee Hapugalla -Community Development Services

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 49th meeting

The following changes in the minutes were done, after members pointed out certain exclusions in the minutes

a) Present at the meeting

Mr. Aruna Hewapathirana was present representing Alliance Lanka.

b) Para 2.2

As a reason for suggesting more frequent meetings than the already decided frequency of once in two months, Dr. Chris Nonis also stated the “need to look at the overall strategies of the programmes”.

Subsequently the revised minutes were confirmed, as proposed by Dr. V.I. Jayasuriya and seconded by Dr. Adrian Senadhira.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

2.1 Programme Officer for the CCM Secretariat

Dr. Punsiri Fernando said that following the non-acceptance of the post by the first two selected persons, due to problems of release from present work places as stated by them, the person who scored third highest marks, has been appointed.

2.2 Full-time Accountant to GFATM Project

As agreed at the last CCM meeting, the Accountant is located at the Public Health Complex at Narahenpita.

2.3 Payments of balance funds to IMPA & University Colombo

Completed.

2.4 Funds wrongly utilized / allocated to Lions Club Multiple.

PWC (LFA) is still waiting more information from the Transport Agent hired by Lions Multiple, before a clarification is made on this matter, as undertaken by them.

The query on the suspense account has been cleared, as being a correct procedure.

It was reiterated that the unauthorized over expenditure has to be reimbursed by 15th May 2006.

2.5 Release of funds to SRs of the TB project

Dr. Punsiri Fernando said that the payment to CNAPT will be done by 24th April 2006, as a Performance Bond has been already forwarded by CNAPT.

2.6 Presentation by Programme Managers

Dr. Punsiri Fernando said that the presentation from the Malaria and TB Programme will be done today, whereas he requested that though every effort was taken to have the presentation from the STD/AIDS programme too, at this meeting, the response has been negative.

2.7 CCM Secretariat Bank Account

Already opened at the Narahenpita Branch of Colombo Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd.

2.8 Round 6 Proposals

Dr. Punsiri Fernando said that the report of the Independent Assessment Team on “The Proposal Development Process in Sri Lanka” made available by the GF Secretariat, has been already circulated to the CCM members by E mail. Any member who could not access same, will be sent a hard copy. He said that most of the deficiencies pointed out in the report have occurred due to the fact that the CCM did not have a Secretariat functioning until very recently and that the CCM would endeavour to rectify all deficiencies as early as possible. As the first step he said it would be appropriate to appoint a Sub Committee, today itself, to take charge of the Proposal Development Process, on behalf of the CCM

The following Sub Committee Was unanimously appointed

Mr. Shirley Tissera (Chairman)

Dr. Chris Nonis

Ms. Swarna Kodagoda

Dr. R.R.M.L.R. Siyambalagoda D / AMC

Dr. C. Sarukkali D / NPTCCD

Dr. N. Edirisinghe D/ STD & AIDS Control Programme.

The Sub Committee will make recommendations regarding all aspects of Proposal Development, commencing from publicizing the announcement for R. 6 Proposals, when announcement is received.

The CCM Secretariat will provide facilities required for the Proposal Development Process, such as Secretariat Assistance, Conference Facilities etc, as and when recommended by the Sub Committee.

Other Matters

1. Purchase of LLINs

The Hon. Minister inquired regarding the progress of this item. Dr. Punsiri Fernando explained that according to precedent conditions in the Agreement between GF & PRs the present purchase has to be done through a Procurement Agent acceptable to GF. Names of 5 such agent have been provided by the GF Secretariat . However one of the Organizations (WHO local office) has already declined to assist GF-projects in the Procurement process. As per the decision taken at a meeting attended by Ms Malavika Rao ,Fund Portfolio Manager to Sri Lanka (GFATM), representatives for LFA, and PR 1 and PR 2 of Malaria Project, held recently in Colombo, the quotations received from the Procurement Agents have to be evaluated by a Technical Evaluation Committee and the tender award determination is to be done by the Ministry Tender Board. A representative of LFA will be an Independent Observer during the Technical Evaluation & Tender Determination.

A very important consideration was discussed at this time. An eventual goal of the GFATM Malaria Control Project is poverty alleviation. Infact when the Rnd 1 proposal was written, one benefit expected was employment generation in the country, because in the original proposal LLINs were not envisaged, but the scheme was to insecticide –treat locally manufactured plain nets. But with change of global trend in Malaria Control, and also considering the need to minimize environmental pollution that could ensue when large scale insecticide treatment of plain nets is carried out at village level, decision was changed to the effect that LLINs would be purchased.

Consequently, the desired benefit of employment generation in the country has been eliminated. WHO has prequalified a handful of factories (as per present information one in Tanzania and one in Sri Lanka) who purchase netting material used to stitch WHO recommend LLINs from the original manufacturers and make nets in the respective countries. Therefore it was decided to request the GF that when Procurement Agent call for quotation a chance be given to these factories in Developing Countries to quote. WHOPES opinion may be obtained regarding the standard maintain by the respective factories during the net manufacturing process.

The Hon. Minister also emphasized the fact that Treasury instruction regarding purchases done by the government is that a degree be given to local manufacturers if value addition is carried out by them.

It was also recommended that the Chairman, CCM will take up this matter at the forthcoming GF Board Meeting due to be held in Geneva shortly.

2 Presentations by Program Managers

The presentation by the Malaria programme was done by Dr GNL Galappaththy, on behalf of the Director. Due to time constraints, it was decided to have the other presentations at the next meeting.

3 Next Meeting

The date of next meeting will be notified to the members

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