

**Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of GFATM Country Coordinating Mechanism held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006, at 4.00 pm, in the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.**

**Present:**

Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman/CCM)
Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions/ CFP (Vice Chairman / CCM)
Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe	- Coordinator GFATM Project, MOH
Dr. Chandra Sarukkali	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Dr. S. Puri	- Actg. WHO Representative to Sri Lanka
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Dr (Mrs.) K. Naveratne	- World Bank
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Dr. S Dhanapala	- UNICEF
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalratne	- Rural & Community Development Cooperation

**Observers:**

Ms. Joanne Karunaratne	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)
Dr. S.Warusawithane	- WHO

**Excused:**

Dr. R.R.M.L.R. Siyambalagoda	- Director / AMC
Dr. Aberra Bekele	- UNICEF

**Absent:**

Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / STD AIDS
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka

Mr. Samson Lal	- Lanka Plus
Mr. D.M.L Guneratne	- Family Planning Association
Dr. Iyanthi Abeyawickrame	- SLMA
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society

## **Proceedings**

The meeting was initially chaired by Mr. Shirley Tissera (Vice Chair) and subsequently by the Chairman Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe.

### **1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Minutes were confirmed as proposed by Dr. S.L.G.Jayasuriya and seconded by Prof. Carlo Fonseka

### **2. Matters arising from the minutes**

NGO Representation: Dr. Abeyasinghe informed that the six NGOs selected to be members of the CCM had been informed to send representatives to today's meeting. The Chairman welcomed Mr. DADNC Wimalaratne from Rural & Community Development Cooperation to the CCM.

Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) Representation: A discussion regarding the importance of having SLMA representation at the CCM took place and it was decided that SLMA should continue to remain in the CCM as an observer (Since PRs and SRs do not have voting rights at the CCM (as per the constitution).

### **Capacity building of the Global Fund Project Office, Clause 2.**

Dr. Chandrasa inquired regarding the progress of selection of a M & E Officer to the Project Office. Dr. Abeyasinghe said that applications had been short-listed. Dr. Chandrasa pointed out that in the draft minute of the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting it was stated that a "selection panel has been appointed by Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition", and suggested that this should be

corrected as the selection panel has to be appointed by “Chairman / CCM”. He also suggested that the selection panel include representatives from among the non-government members of the CCM. These suggestions were accepted and it was decided to appoint Dr. L. P. Chandradasa to the selection panel replacing Dr. Siyambalagoda who is due to go on transfer.

#### **Clause 5**

Dr. Abeyasinghe said that the Terms of Reference to the Project Office were being developed. Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe, Chairman/CCM proposed that a Sub Committee of the CCM be appointed for this purpose with representation from non governmental members. Accordingly it was decided to appoint the following members to the Sub Committee;

Mr. Shierly Tissera

Dr. R.R. Abeyasinghe

Dr. S. Warusawithana

#### **Focal Point CCM**

Dr. L. P. Chandradasa proposed that Dr. Abeyasinghe be appointed as the Focal Point CCM. This proposal was seconded by Mr. S. Tissera. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that in the Constitution there was no provision for a Focal Point. The members were of the opinion that there should be a Focal Point and Dr. Abeyasinghe said that if that were the wish of the members he would accept being the Focal Point for the CCM.

### **3. Selection of Principal Recipient and Sub Recipients for the Round 6 GFATM Projects**

#### Selection of Principal Recipients

Dr. C. Sarukkali explained that the CCM should select the PRs and SRs for the Round 6 proposals that have been accepted. Dr. Chandradasa explained that in response to an advertisement in a local newspaper with countrywide circulation, published earlier before Round 6 proposals were formulated, 41 responses were received indicating they would like to participate in programme implementation. A questionnaire

was sent to all 41 respondents with a view to finding out their capabilities to act as PR / SR, but only 25 organizations responded. A previously decided Sub Committee of the CCM went through the 25 completed questionnaires with a scoring scheme and selected Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya as PR 2 (PR 1 is MOH). Dr. L. P. Chandradasa stated that this Sub Committee report was tabled at a previous CCM meeting and members had agreed to the decision. However this was not minuted in the minutes of the relevant CCM meeting. Dr. Chandradasa stated that he had made inquiries regarding this omission from Dr. W. P. Fernando; former Consultant GFATM Project/ Focal Point CCM who is reported to have admitted that such an omission has taken place. Dr. Chandradasa requested the members to ratify the earlier decision of the CCM, which the members did (A copy of the Sub Committee report is attached herewith). Therefore the CCM concluded that the Principal Recipients for Round 6 grants would be PR1 – Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition, PR2- Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya.

#### Selection of Sub Recipients

Dr. Chandra Sarukkali explained that in the process of Proposal Development for Round 6 TB Control Project, seven NGOs (who responded to the questionnaire) had participated. It was suggested that these should be selected as SRs for the TB Control Project of Round 6;

1. Sarvodaya Community Health Unit, Damsak Mandiraya, 98, Rawathawatte Road, Moratuwa.
2. Sewa Lanka Foundation, P.O. Box 03, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 432 A, Colombo Road, Boralasgamuwa.
3. Ceylon National Association for the prevention of TB (CNAPT), CNAPT Centre, 52, Sir Marcus Fernando Road, Colombo 07.
4. Independent Medical Practitioners Association, OPA Building, 275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07.
5. Sri Lanka Medical Association, No.06, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07.
6. University of Colombo, P.O.Box 271, Kynsey Road, Colombo 08.
7. Institute of Health Policy, 72, Park Street, Colombo 02.

The CCM decided to request Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe, Director / HIV AIDS to also select the Sub Recipients for the HIV/AIDS control project of Round 6.

## **2. CCM membership of Sub Recipients**

Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe, Chairman / CCM proposed that SRs should be invited to meetings of the CCM as members. Dr. Abeyasinghe and Dr Chandradasa explained that according to the Constitution a member ceases to have voting rights when he/she becomes PR/SR. So CCM agreed that the IMPA and other SRs could remain in the CCM as observers.

## **3. Improvement of Central Laboratory facilities at AMC Head Quarters**

Dr. R.R. Abeyasinghe tabled a letter from Director / Anti Malaria Campaign requesting funding to improve facilities at the Central Laboratory, AMC. The CCM approved this request. Funds will be identified from savings in Round1 Phase2 Malaria Control Project.

## **4. External evaluation of activities in the Malaria Control Project Round 4 year 1.**

Dr. Abeyasinghe said that Director/AMC has nominated an External Evaluation Team to carry out the above activity as per the approved work plan. Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe, Chair/CCM wanted to verify if it is only activities relating to Round 4 or if it was for the Malaria Control Programme. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that this evaluation is limited to the activities of Round4. The following have been nominated as members of the External Evaluation Team; Prof. AR Wickramasinghe (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Kelaniya), Prof. Manel Wijesundara (Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya) and Dr. Nimal Kasthuriarachchi Former Head, Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya. The CCM approved the request for the External Evaluation of Round4 Year 1 malaria control project.

## **5. Other Matters**

- **Matters regarding reimbursement of per diem to CCM members on field visits. –UNICEF**

Dr. Sapumal Danapala who represented UNICEF on behalf of Dr. A. Bekele agreed to get concurrence from the UNICEF for this activity and for the proposed payments (wide minutes of 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of CCM).

- **Reimbursement of expenses for official visit to Durban. (Vice Chair/CCM).**

Dr. Abeyasinghe sought approval of the CCM to reimburse the expenses of Mr. S. Tissera, Vice Chairman CCM during his official visit to Durban, South Africa to attend a GFATM Conference. This request was approved.

- **Purchase of office accessories to CCM Secretariat**

The CCM approved the purchase of the following items requested by Dr. Abeyasinghe for strengthening of the CCM Secretariat; 2 Printers, an ADSL Router, 2 Pen Drives and a Computer Table. Purchases will be made using funds for the CCM Secretariat.

- **Purchase of LLINs**

Dr. Chandradasa inquired regarding the progress relating to the purchase of LLINs. Mr. Rangith Maligaspe informed the members regarding the position with regard to the purchase of 172840 LLINs and said he had sent a letter to the GF on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2006. However no reply was received as yet. The members of the CCM requested that a reminder regarding the letter be sent to the GF. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that the Global Fund wanted a Procurement & Supply Management Plan for purchases under the Global Fund. He said that this plan had been prepared and submitted to Geneva and that the Plan had been approved.

- **Time for CCM Meetings**

Mr. S. Tissera proposed that CCM meetings be held at 3.00 p.m. instead of 4.00 p.m. for the convenience of the CCM members as traffic problems occur towards evening. Mr. Rangith Maligaspe Chairman, CCM agreed to this suggestion.

- **Strengthening government representation**

Dr. Abeyasinghe asked that former DDG(PHS), Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition, Dr. Manil Fernando who has retired from public service be replaced by

Dr. P. Maheepala, the new DDG (PHS) as a member from the Government Sector to the CCM. Chairman, CCM agreed to the replacement.

- **Participation of Congress of Religions in project activities**

Mr. Shirley Tissera said that the GFATM had requested the organizations within the Congress of Religions to participate in the implementation of project activities. He said that members are willing to get involved in the implementation of activities, and asked if the CCM could approve such participation. The CCM agreed to this and requested the Congress of Religions to discuss this matter further with the sub recipients implementing activities at district level.

#### **6. Next CCM meeting**

The date will be notified to the members



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