

Minutes of the 56th meeting of GFATM Country Coordinating Mechanism held on 25th January 2007, at 10.00am, in the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.

Present:

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman/CCM)
Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions/ CFPA (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	- WHO - Sri Lanka
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Mr. D M L Guneratne	- The Family Planning Association
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalratne	- Rural & Community Development Cooperation
Ms. W A M Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation

Observers:

Ms Hiranthi Ratnayake	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)
Dr. Abhaya Tissera	- WHO
Mr. Tymothy Cammack	- Euro Health Group
Ms Jonie Erikson	- Euro Health Group
Ms Kerry Richter	- Euro Health Group
Mr. David Wilkinson	- Euro Health Group

Absent:

Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / STD AIDS
Mr. Samson Lal	- Lanka Plus
Dr. Iyanthi Abeyawickrame	- SLMA
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Dr. V.I Jayasuriya	- CNAPT

Excused:

Dr (Mrs.) K. Naveratne	- World Bank
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission

Proceedings

Dr R R Abeyasinghe Introduced Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage to the CCM members. Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage welcomed the members of the CCM as the Secretary to Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 55th Meeting

Minutes were confirmed as proposed by Dr. S.L.G.Jayasuriya and seconded by Mr. D.M.L Guneratne

2. Matters arising from the minutes

NGO Representation: Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage inquired if the SRs of HIV/ AIDS Project were invited for the meeting. Dr. R R Abeyasinghe said that the STD/AIDS project had not informed the CCM regarding the selected SRs.

Government Representation in the CCM: Dr Athula Kahandaliyanage suggested that Dr P Mahipala be included as a member of the Government Sector in the CCM. The CCM agreed to it.

3. Introduction of the new Chairman CCM, Dr Athula Kahandaliyanage

Mr. Shirley Tissera, Vice Chairman, CCM proposed the name of Dr Athula Kahandaliyanage as the new Chairman CCM and he welcomed the Chairman CCM on behalf of the members of the CCM. He also thanked Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe, former Chairman CCM for all the good work done by him during his tenure as Chairman CCM.

Ms Swarna Kodagoda seconded the Proposal.

The new Chairman of the CCM Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage thanked the members of the CCM for the confidence expressed in him in selecting him Chairman of the CCM and promised to continue the good work done by his predecessor Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe. Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage also expressed his appreciation for the work done by his predecessor Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe and wished him well for the future.

4. Allocation of funds for CCM Secretariat

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that the functions of the CCM and the functioning of the CCM Secretariat. He also thanked the donors who had contributed to the CCM Secretariat during the recent past and explained the need for continued funding of the CCM Secretariat. On a suggestion by the Chairman it was decided to seek further funding for the next year from the World Bank and from the WHO. Dr. Puri explained that funding for the CCM had come from the Disease specific components of the Country Budget (namely the Malaria & TB Control Programmes). It was decided that a reprogramming of unused monies in the Country Budget could be done to the Malaria Control Programme to be forwarded to the CCM. It was decided that Acting Director Anti Malaria Campaign would officially request for this reprogramming from DGHS.

5. Other matters

Dr. SLG Jayasuriya informed the CCM regarding the progress achieved in the Distance Education Package for Malaria and expressed reservations regarding the possibility of being able to conduct the training programmes in some parts of the Northern and Eastern Provinces. The Chairman CCM promised to facilitate travel of the Medical Officers concerned if and when necessary. Dr. Abeyasinghe suggested that such arrangements could be made only if no improvement in the situation occurs.

Purchase of Double Cabs: Dr R R Abeyasinghe requested CCM concurrence to purchase four additional Double-cab type vehicles to strengthen the Malaria Control Project using unspent monies from year 1 of the Round 4 Malaria grant. He explained that agreement for this had already been obtained from the Fund Portfolio Manager and that the Ministry had agreed to provide counterpart funds necessary for duties & taxes. The CCM approved this request.

Purchase of Office accessories (Fax Machine)

Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe explained the necessity of a Fax machine for the Project Office/CCM Secretariat and the CCM gave approval to purchase a Fax machine for the Project Office/CCM Secretariat from funds allocated to the maintenance of the GFATM Project Office.

6. Meeting with External Evaluation Team from Euro Health Group

The members of the CCM were briefed regarding the purpose of the visit by representatives of Euro Health Group in their capacity of external evaluators of the LFA mechanism. Members of the Group & members of the CCM had an exchange of ideas and a lively discussion followed.

7. Next CCM meeting

Members highlighted the problems associated with travel in the evenings after CCM meetings and it was decided that future CCM meetings will be held at 1.30 p.m. It was further decided that the CCM should meet at least once a month to carry out its functions more effectively. The date of the next meeting will be notified to the members.



Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe
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29th January 2007.