

**Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism of the GFATM, held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007, at 2.00pm, 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 Projects, MOH
Dr. Chandra Sarukkali	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / STD AIDS
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Dr. Aberra Bekele	- UNICEF
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Ms. W A M Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation

**Observers:**

Ms Malavika Bakshi Rao	- Global Fund
Ms Hiranthi Ratnayake	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)
Dr. S. Warusawithana	- WHO
Mr. Tharanga Ranasinghe	- Representing Sewa Lanka Foundation

**Absent:**

Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Mr. Samson Lal	- Lanka Plus
Dr. Iyanthi Abeyawickrame	- SLMA
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Dr. V.I Jayasuriya	- CNAPT
Mr. D M L Guneratne	- The Family Planning Association
Dr (Mrs.) K. Navaratne	- World Bank

**Excused:**

Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalratne	- Rural & Community Development Cooperation
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS
Dr. A. Borra	- WHO - Sri Lanka

**Proceedings**

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage, Chairman CCM welcomed the members and Ms. Malavika Rao, Fund Portfolio Manager from the GF.

**1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting were proposed as in order by Dr. S.L.G.Jayasuriya and seconded by Ms. Swarna Kodagoda.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes**

1. Government Representation in the CCM: Mr Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCM asked that if Dr. P. G. Mahipala had been invited to today's meeting. Dr Abeyasinghe said that he was invited to today's meeting and will be attending if he finishes another meeting he is attending at the MoH.
2. Allocation of funds for CCM Secretariat:  
The World Bank has agreed to finance the CCM Secretariat as promised. Funds will be made available through the HIV/AIDS Control Project. Dr. Abeyasinghe informed that an application to the HIV Project has already been made.

**3. Meeting with Ms Malavika Bakshi Rao, Fund Portfolio Manager, South and West Asia**

Dr Abeyasinghe welcomed Ms Malavika Rao, on behalf of the Chairman & members of the CCM and introduced her to the new members. He explained the purpose of her visit and thanked her on behalf of the Chairman & members for all the cooperation

extended to the Sri Lankan Programmes and in particular for encouragement provided to finalize the Round 6 TB and HIV/AIDS grants. He also thanked her for the personal interest taken in the Sri Lankan grants and for taking time to visit Sri Lanka.

Ms Malavika addressed the meeting and stated that the GF was happy with the progress of the Sri Lankan grants and was hopeful that the new Round 6 grants would be also successfully implemented. She expressed the desire to meet the members individually after the meeting for further discussions.

#### **4. Per diem payments for CCM meetings and Sub Committee meetings.**

Dr. R R Abeyasinghe proposed that as requested by Chairman, CCM the CCM should meet at least once a month. This would help the CCM to actively take part in the activities of the GF aided programmes and to monitor these programmes more effectively. This would require that the CCM meets at least 12 times a year. However, at present as per the minutes and constitution only the non-government members are paid for attending CCM meetings and that also for a maximum of 6 meetings a year. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that it is difficult for many of the members especially the NGO members from outstations to attend meetings if they are not adequately remunerated. He therefore proposed that all members of the CCM, government and non government (PRs, SRs and other members) be paid the current rate for attending meetings. In addition it was proposed that CCM members who attend subcommittee meeting should also be remunerated at the current rate for attending meetings. Dr Kahandaliyanage, Chairman CCM and Mr. Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCM said that it is a good suggestion and the members all agreed.

It was highlighted at this point that according to the constitution PRs & SRs had no voting rights as per the constitution. Dr. Chandradasa explained that this was a requirement of the GF and that was why such a clause was included in the Constitution. At this point Ms. Malavika explained that the GF had no such requirements. It was therefore decided that the Constitution of the CCM should be amended appropriately.

Dr. Bekele inquired regarding the use of UNICEF funds for field visits of the CCM members. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that this was already decided at the CCM and

agreed to send the relevant minutes to Dr. Bekele for approval by UNICEF. He also said that no CCM members had conducted any field visits as yet.

## **5. Recruitment of M & E Officer**

Dr. R R Abeyasinghe explained that as earlier informed, interviews has done for selection of one M & E Officer for the GFATM Project Office. In view of the two new grants Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that he had obtained permission from the Fund Portfolio Manager & Secretary Health to recruit an additional M & E Officer to the Project Office. In addition the Project Accountant had requested for the recruitment of an additional Finance Clerk to the project office in view of the two new grants. Dr Lalith Chandradasa, Director GFATM, Sarvodaya Secretariat questioned how funds can be found to pay two M & E officers. Dr Abeyasinghe explained that payments for one M & E Officer & the new Finance Clerk can be made from Malaria Project funds and for the other M & E Officer, from the HIV Control Project. Dr Nimal Edirisinghe, agreed to this suggestion. Dr. Sarukkali requested time to consider the possibility of part funding a Project Officer and for part funding the purchase of furniture etc. for the new office staff.

## **6. Other Matters**

**Malaria Modules:** Dr. R.R. Abeyasinghe handed over to Chairman CCM copies of Module No. 1 – 5 for Malaria Control prepared by the IMPA for the distance education project of the GPs. Chairman CCM expressed his appreciation for the work done by the IMPA in this respect to train Medical Officers and thanked Dr SLG Jayasuriya and the members of the IMPA for their efforts.

**GFATM Project Office:** Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that he had discussed with Secretary of Healthcare the need for additional office space for the GFATM Project Office of the Ministry to accommodate the new project staff and also the project staff to be recruited for the HIV Project as no space was currently available at the World Bank HIV Project building or the STD Campaign building. Secretary Healthcare had agreed to provide a room from the vacant 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Public Health Building at Narahenpita for this purpose.

**7. Next CCM meeting**

The date will be notified to the members



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