

Minutes of the 61st meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism of Sri Lanka held on 28th September 2007, at 2.00pm, in the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.

Present:

Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions/ CFPA (Vice Chairman / CCM)
Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe	- Project Director, GFATM Projects, MOH
Dr P.G Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. Chandra Sarukkali	- Director / NPTCCD
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalratne	- Rural & Community Development Cooperation
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Ms. W A M Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation

Observers:

Dr Supriya Warusawithna	- WHO
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Dr Iyanthi Abeyewickrame	- SLMA
Ms. HRS Kotuwegoda	- CNAPT
Ms Hiranthi Ratnayake	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)
Mr Kanna Dharmarajah	- UNAIDS

Excused:

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman/CCM)
Dr. Agostino Borra	- WHO Representative
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS

Absent:

Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / STD AIDS
Dr (Mrs.) K. Navaratne	- World Bank Mission

Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Mr. Gamini Wanasekara	- The Family Planning Association
Dr. Aberra Bekele	- UNICEF
Ms Princy Mangalika	- Lanka Plus

Proceedings

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCM due to absence of Dr Athula Kahandaliyanage, Chairman / CCM.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 60th Meeting

The minutes were proposed as in order by Dr SLG Jayasuriya and seconded by Mr MIM Iqbal.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

2.7 Request for reprogramming of funds

Dr R R Abeyasinghe said that the request has been approved by the MoH

3. Round 6 grants– current status

TB grant

Dr Chandra Sarukkali, D/ NPTCCD said Grant Agreement was signed. Awaiting finalisation of PSM plan and M & E plan. Mr Shirley Tissera congratulated D/ NPTCCD

HIV grant

Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained the current status of the HIV Round 6 grant on behalf of the D/ NSACP. He said that most of documentation had been finalized at the Regional Meeting in Dubai and afterwards with the participation of D/NSACP & DDG (PHS). He also stated that the SRs for the Education and Plantation sector activities were not finalized as yet.

4. Reprogramming of funds – TB and Malaria Round 4 grants

☰ TB

Dr Chandra Sarukkali, D/ NPTCCD explained that as per the project proposal funds has been identified to establish three culture laboratories in three districts. However due to time constraints only one laboratory can be established before the end of Round 1 grant. The D/ NPTCCD had discussed this with the Fund Portfolio Manager, on 14th August 2007, and had requested permission to reprogramme the funds allocated to install an Incinerator and Rapid Culture facilities at the chest hospital, Welisara. Approval of the CCM for this change was sought by D/ NPTCCD. The CCM approved this request.

☰ Malaria

Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained that there was savings in the Round 1 grant which he wanted to utilize for refurbishment of the Malaria Campaign Office and the Project Office. In addition it was planned to purchase two computers with accessories for the project office (for Project Accountant & M & E Officer HIV). These changes had been discussed with the Fund Portfolio Manager and CCM approval was sought to utilize savings of up to US \$ 6000 for these activities. The CCM approved this request.

5. Round 7 Proposals – current status

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that CCM clarifications had been completed and TRP reviews were also most probably completed. The decisions regarding the grant proposals will be announced in November at the Board Meeting of the Global Fund.

6. Funding of CCM

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that since the CCM functioned as an independent body, it is not funded by GF, but it is funded by UNICEF, WHO, and the World Bank. The funds presently available are not sufficient to finance the functioning of the Secretariat. So he has requested the MoH to reprogramme USD 2500 from savings in the WHO country budget 2006/07 to the CCM Secretariat. The MoH & WHO had agreed to this request and funds were awaited. Prof. Carlo Fonseka inquired if these funds were a grant or a loan. It was stated that it was a grant.

7. Carryover of Phase I savings to Phase II – Round 4

Dr Abeyasinghe stated that MoH selected Crown Agent (UK) as Procurement Agent for LLIN and they will supply before end of December 2007.

Prof Carlo Fonseka asked why we cannot make them in Sri Lanka and Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained the conditions regarding LLINs.

8. Reappointment of Sarvodaya as PR2 for TB Control Round 1 Phase II grant

Dr Chandra Sarukkali, D/ NPTCCD, said she requested at the discussion with Fund Portfolio Manager on 14th August 2007 to reappoint Sarvodaya as PR2 for the Phase II Round1 TB component from September onwards and also stated that as the Round 1 Sarvodaya grant is still not closed. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained the need for this change, which was to facilitate the implementation of activities by the SRs. This request was approved by the CCM after discussion.

9. Other Matters

⇒ Regional Meeting in Dubai

Mr Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCM said that the Regional Meeting in Dubai was an opportunity to have an exchange of ideas between the CCMs of regional countries, and discussions focused on strengthening of the CCM and the setting up of a network of regional CCMs. Some progress was achieved in this regard and it was decided to meet in December to further strengthen the regional network of CCMs.

⇒ CCM Case study by Ms Sally Wellesley

Dr Abeyasinghe said that Ms Sally Wellesley (Independent Consultant) had been contracted by the GF to conduct a case study (18th to 26th September) regarding selection of PRs and SRs of the CCMs in Sri Lanka. She had interviews with some of the members of the CCM. Dr Abeyasinghe thanked the members who had met Ms. Wellesley and requested them to share their ideas regarding matters discussed. Dr Chris Nonis and Ms Swarna Kodagoda expressed views regarding discussions held. Finally Dr Abeyasinghe said that in future SR and PR selection must be more

transparent. He also stated that for the Round 8 Proposals scheduled to be announced on 1st March 2008, he planned to call for Expressions of Interest around mid January 2008 as the focal point CCM. Dr. Abeyasinghe also pointed out the language issue and the need to conduct CCM meetings in both Sinhalese & English languages as a minimum. He proposed the use of dual language for future meetings. Members accepted the proposal.

Dr Supriya Warusawithana suggested that it was better to start the dual language from this meeting itself. The CCM members supported this view and said that it is better to start immediately. Then Vice Chair invited to Dr Abeyasinghe to summarise the days proceedings in Sinhalese. Dr Abeyasinghe briefly described the matters what were discussed.

▣ **First Field visit by the CCM members**

Dr R R Abeyasinghe said, D/ NPTCCD has planned to have a field visit at Polonnaruwa 9th October, he invited members of the CCM who wish to join on a field trip to evaluate Global Fund sponsored activities with a view to fulfilling the oversight role of the CCM. It was proposed to travel to Polonnaruwa & Batticaloa districts for this purpose. Members wishing to participate were requested to inform the Secretariat in advance.

▣ **School Health Programme – Year 5**

Dr Abeyasinghe tabled a letter from Dr V I Jayasuriya seeking approval for an increase of the per diem rates in all categories in the SR activities of the TB Control grant. Dr Chandra Sarukkali said that this can be carried out by the SR themselves within the allocated budget.

10. Next CCM meeting

The date will be notified to the members



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