

Minutes of the 62nd meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism of Sri Lanka held on 27th November 2007, at 2.00pm, in the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.

Present:

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| Mr. Shirley Tissera | - Congress of Religions/ CFP (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 |
| Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe | - Director / NSACP |
| 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 |

Observers:

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

Excused:

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| Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage | - Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman/CCM) |
| Dr. Agostino Borra | - WHO Representative |
| Mr. David Bridger | - UNAIDS |
| Ms. Swarna Kodagoda | - Alliance Lanka |
| Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal | - Sewa Lanka Foundation |

Absent:

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
Dr Iyanthi Abeyewickrame	- SLMA
Ms. W A M Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation

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 61st Meeting

The minutes were proposed as in order by Prof. Carlo Fonseka and seconded by Dr SLG Jayasuriya.

2. Matters arising from the minutes**Reprogramming of funds – TB Round 1 grant**

Dr Chandra Sarukkali, Director NPTCCD said Ms Malavika Fund Portfolio Manager did not reply in this regard.

With regard to the setting up of an incinerator Dr. Sarukkali explained that the proposal submitted to GFATM had been referred to WHO for expert advise and that WHO had not recommended incinerating clinical waste but had recommended autoclaving such waste. This view was confirmed by Dr Warusavithana. In the circumstances it was understood that no funding for incinerator would be approved by the Global Fund. CCM requested Dr Sarukkali to consider the establishment of autoclaving facilities instead of the proposed incinerator.

3. Round 7 Proposals

Dr. R R Abeyasinghe said that none of the three proposals which were submitted by the CCM Sri Lanka had been accepted for funding by the Board of the Global Fund. The Global

Fund had requested the CCM to appeal against the decision not to fund the malaria proposal and no right of appeal was granted for the other two proposals. Although the decision on the malaria proposal could have been appealed following consultation with the WHO and the experts from the Global Malaria Programme it was decided not to appeal against the decision of the Board not to fund the malaria proposal. The CCM decided to take into consideration the comments of the TRP and submit a fresh proposal for the Round 8.

The CCM discussed the issue of not being able to secure funding from Round 7 and it was decided that the CCM should appoint subcommittees for each of the three diseases. Accordingly the following subcommittees were appointed by the CCM,

HIV-	Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe Mr Shirley Tissera Dr Chris Nonis David Bridger Dr. I Abeyewickrame Dr. SDP Warusavithana
TB-	Dr. C. Sarukkali Dr LP Chandradasa Dr. VI Jayasuriya Dr. S. Jayasuriya Dr. SDP Warusavithana
Malaria	Dr. RR Abeyasinghe Mr Shirley Tissera Dr Chris Nonis Dr LP Chandradasa Dr. SDP Warusavithana

4. Round 6 HIV Grant

Dr Nimal Edirisinghe, Director, HIV/ AIDS stated that he has submitted all the necessary documents for funding and hopes to commence activities from 1st December 2007. However he stated that the necessary key appointments should be finalised before activities commence.

5. TB Grants Round 1 and Round 6

Round 6. - Dr Chandra Sarukkali stated that Disbursement Request for the first disbursement has already been done for Round 6.

Round 1. – Dr Sarukkali stated that fund utilization has been delayed due to delays in the Treasury releasing funds. Dr Abeyasinghe explained there was a cash flow problem to the Project and this has now been corrected. Ms Hiranthi Ratnayake (PWC) said there is a US \$ 300,000 cash balance with the Treasury.

Dr Sarukkali explained that approximately 3.8 M USD has to be spent during the next year under to two TB control grants. Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained that he had already brought this to the attention of the Secretary and that the Secretary had approved the appointment of a Project Procurement Committee to expedite purchases. Nomination from the treasury is awaited for the Project Procurement Committee to commence activities.

6. Capacity Building workshops for Project Partners- by Vice Chair CCM

Mr Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCM tabled a draft proposal and budget for capacity building workshops for project partners. He explained the need for having such programmes following the first field visit by the CCM members to Polonnaruwa. Dr Chandradasa questioned how the CCM was going to implement such a programme. Dr Abeyasinghe explained that such an activity could be carried out using savings from grants with CCM & GF concurrence or the CCM could seek external funding for such activities. Dr Chandradasa queried the ability of the CCM to conduct such programmes. It was decided to further consider this proposal and also to explore the possibility of raising funds for such a programme.

7. Amendments to the Constitution of the CCM Sri Lanka

Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained the difficulties faced in the process of proposal submission. He stated that some of members could not be contacted. Therefore he suggested to have alternate members for each sectors of the CCM so he proposed to amend the constitution of the CCM. Dr Chandradasa disagreed and stated that there is no need for alternative members. The members decided to let the Subcommittee appointed to

amend the constitution consider this and also requested Dr. V I Jayasuriya to explore the possibility of such a move within the existing constitution.

8. Report of the first field visit done by the CCM members – Polonnaruwa District

Dr R R Abeyasinghe invited to Mr Shirley Tissera , Vice Chair to present the report of the visit. Mr Tissera tabled the report which was circulated earlier among the members and briefly summarized the first field visit of the CCM to Polonnaruwa.

9. Field Visit in December

The CCM decided that no field visit will take place in December.

10. Approval for purchase of a PC for the CCM Secretariat

Dr Abeyasinghe explained the need of a new PC for the CCM Secretariat as the Programme Officer was using an PC which was nearly five years old. The CCM granted approval for the purchase of a PC using funds received from the WHO.

11. Other Matters

a). Dr Chandradasa tabled a letter proposing some changes to following activities and seek approval of the CCM, that is improving the knowledge & skills of medical practitioners in project districts on diagnostic and treatment of Malaria by distant learning education programmes to be carried out by the IMPA.

b). Dr Chandradasa brought to the attention of CCM members the circulation of malicious emails from Mr Rupert of the Lions Club. After discussion on a suggestion from Dr. Mahipala it was decided that a subcommittee inquire in to these allegations. The following Sub committee was appointed to inquire in to this matter,

Dr PG Mahipala

Dr R R Abeyasinghe

Dr Sydney Jayasuriya

Dr Supriya Warusawithana

c). Dr SLG Jayasuriya said that they have problems with funds. Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained the situation he suggested to write to GF.

12. The Next CCM meeting

The date for the next meeting will be notified to the members in due course.



Dr R R Abeyasinghe

Focal Point CCM

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