

**Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism of Sri Lanka held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008, at 2.00pm, in the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.**

**Present:**

Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe	- Project Director, GFATM Projects, MOH
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Dr. Chandra Sarukkali	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / NSACP
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Ms Princy Mangalika	- Lanka Plus
Ms Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation

**Observers:**

Dr Supriya Warusavithana	- WHO
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Dr V. I. Jayasuriya	- CNAPT
Dr Iyanthi Abeyewickrame	- SLMA
Ms Kusum De Silva	- The Family Planning Association
Mr Revantha Dharmarajah	- UNAIDS
Mr A G S Kumara	- Accountant GFATM
Mr Milinda Rajapaksha	- UNDP

**Excused:**

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman/CCM)
Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions/ CFPA (Vice Chairman / CCM)
Dr P.G Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Mr. Gamini Wanasekara	- The Family Planning Association
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation

**Absent:**

Dr (Mrs.) K. Navaratne	- World Bank Mission
Dr. Agostino Borra	- WHO Representative
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Ms Hiranthi Ratnayake	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)

**Proceedings**

As proposed by Dr RR Abeyasinghe and seconded by Dr Sydney Jayasuriya, the meeting was chaired by Prof Carlo Fonseka, due to absence of Chairman / CCM and Vice Chair CCM

**1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Dr Sydney Jayasuriya and seconded by Dr V.I. Jayasuriya.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes**

Dr R R Abeyasinghe stated that there should be corrections in minute no 3 under sub committees, the names of Dr. Supriya Warusavithana & Mr. S. Tissera were omitted accidentally and this omission was corrected.

**Page No 4; Round 1 TB** – Ms Hiranthi Ratnayake corrected the figure which should read as US \$ 300,000 and not US \$ 3 Million as stated to be available with the treasury.

Dr V I Jayasuriya and Dr SLG Jayasuriya, criticized the delay in releasing funding for their organizations after implementing activities. He further said he had submitted all the relevant documents to get funds released. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained the need to release funds as per the govt. circulars and said the issue had already been discussed with the Global Fund and with Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition. Dr. C. Sarukkali D/NPTCCD also explained the delays in implementing activities by these two organizations and recommended the release of funds. The matter was discussed by the CCM and it was decided to recommend the release of funds to CNAPT & IMPA for settlement of expenses borne and to carry out the agreed programme of work even though the amounts exceed rates specified in government circulars.

### **3. Round 8 Proposals**

#### **Expressions of Interest – Newspaper announcement**

Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained that as announcement by CCM in the local newspapers on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007 for calling Expressions of Interest for Round 8, there are 48 responses received to the Secretariat and some of them are interested participate in one or more respective disease control programmes. He also mentioned that following the Delhi meeting of the GFATM on 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> December 2007, a 1<sup>st</sup> step to encourage the private sector to join in the the implementation of GF related activities will be promoted at a meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

#### **Workshop – fixing a date**

Dr RR Abeyasinghe said that, Ms Malavika Rao, Fund Portfolio Manager, South and West Asia is to visit Sri Lanka and she will address the proposed meeting with parties who have submitted EOIs. Therefore the workshop to explain gaps in the national programmes and to facilitate proposal development will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008.

### **4. Round 6 Grants**

#### **HIV Grant**

The Accountant GFATM was asked to check with the Treasury.

Dr Nimal Edirisinghe said that coordinators had been identified and that they had already started work.

#### **TB Grant**

Dr R R Abeyasinghe said PR2 has received funds but PR 1 still not received. Dr Sarukkali mentioned that World TB day is on 24<sup>th</sup> March. She said that already submitted a proposal to the MoH for approval.

### **5. Private Sector Meeting**

Dr Chris Nonis, Chairman / Mackwoods thanked to the CCM for giving opportunity to Private Sector Organizations to come on board to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria with the public sector.

## **6. Funding of CCM – Approval for requesting funds from GF**

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that Global Fund had recently decided to fund CCM activities on an annual basis recognizing the important role played by the CCM at country level. Therefore CCMs can request funding of CCM administration costs through a direct line application to the GFATM Secretariat. Dr Abeyasinghe proposed that the CCM Sri Lanka also apply for funding. This suggestion was unanimously agreed to upon by the members of the CCM. Dr Abeyasinghe further explained that the CCM would have to endorse the application and that the completed application will be presented to the next meeting for signature.

## **7. Sub Committee Meetings**

### **Amendments to the Constitution of the CCM Sri Lanka**

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that several points which needed change in the existing constitution were discussed at the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2008. He said that a draft of the revised constitution will be made available to members in due course.

### **Sarvodaya Issue**

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that this item was not discussed as the relevant subcommittee could not meet. A meeting will be held as early as possible.

## **8. Other matters**

### **Reprogramming of savings from Round 1 Malaria Grant**

For Technical Support Group (TSG) activities/meetings – A TSG for malaria control has been established on the instructions of Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition.

For MOH training – It is planned to conduct a training programme for medical Officers of Health on organization and implementation of malaria control activities.

### **Project Procurement Committee**

Dr Chandra Sarukkali inquired regarding the appointment of the Project Procurement Committee. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that the appointment of a representative from the Treasury was awaited.

### **Motor cycles for TB Control**

Dr. Sarukkali stated that she requested for the purchase of Motorbikes in early 2006, and the Ministry Procurement Committee has awarded it in 2007. However the Technical Officer had rejected the supplied item as it did not conform to specifications.

### **CCM Case Study Report**

Dr Abeyasinghe tabled the final report of the CCM case study done by Ms Sally Wellesley. He asked the members, especially those who had met Ms. Wellesley to give a feed back on the report as early as possible.

### **9. 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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