

Minutes of the 64th meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism of Sri Lanka held on 28th March 2008, 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
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Dr. Chandra Sarukkali	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / NSACP
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
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Ms Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation

Observers:

Dr Supriya Warusavithana	- WHO
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Mr Revantha Dharmarajah	- UNAIDS
Dr N. Punchihewa	- SLMA
Ms Hiranthi Ratnayake	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)

Excused:

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman/CCM)
Dr P.G Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr V. I. Jayasuriya	- CNAPT

Absent:

Dr Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Dr (Mrs.) K. Navarathne	- World Bank Mission
Dr. Agostino Borra	- WHO Representative
Ms Princy Mangalika	- Lanka Plus
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society

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 63rd Meeting

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Mr David Bridger and seconded by Dr Sydney Jayasuriya.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Dr R R Abeyasinghe said , that the decision to recommend release of funds to CNAPT & IMPA had inadvertently not been mentioned in the draft minutes circulated, but after this was pointed out by Dr V I Jayasuriya it has been corrected in the minutes accordingly and was circulated today's meeting.

Dr Abeyasinghe stated that Ms Malavika Rao, Fund Portfolio Manager has also been informed regarding the decision to release funds. The representatives of CNAPT & IMPA to provide details to D./NPTCCD for release of funds.

Round 8 Proposals

Following the CCM call for expressions of interest Dr Abeyasinghe explained that 53 EOI regarding HIV, 15 EOIs regarding malaria and 8 EOIs regarding Tuberculosis were received by the CCM secretariat.

Dr Chandra Sarukkali, Director/NPTCCD said MoH is not interested in submitting a TB Proposal because no representative from the NPTCCD was nominated to participate in Jakarta meeting recently and because of the Round 6 grant received recently.

Dr Nimal Edirisinghe Director/ NSACP also expressed the same opinion and requested it to be noted in the minutes that the Officers who attended the meeting in Jakarta be temporarily attached to NSACP for the development of the round 8 proposal.

Dr Abeyasinghe said Jakarta meeting was arranged by SEARO and the Vice Chair / CCM also suggested that Programme Directors should be allowed to attend such meetings. Mr David Bridger also expressed the same idea. After much discussion the CCM decided to write to the Hon. Minister of Healthcare & Nutrition regarding the importance of representatives from the programmes attending training workshops conducted by the GFATM.

Finally Dr Sarukkali stated that she is not going to submit a Proposal for Round 8. The CCM decided that it will not be submitting a TB proposal for round 8.

At this time Dr RR Abeyasinghe reminded that there was very poor participation by the CCM members at the workshop held on 22nd February for formulation of Round 8 Proposals and urged the members to attend CCM activities.

Round 6 HIV

Director /NSACP said the PR had received funds

TB

Director / NPTCCD said world TB day function was very successful it was held at SLFI last 24th. Vice Chair CCM congratulated

Dr Abeyasinghe Director / AMC said that it is World Malaria Day on 25th April and he invited to all members to participate at the Press Conference arranged for the purpose.

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Director/ NPTCCD said no progress yet. Secretary appointed TEC again. Ms Hiranthi Ratnayake informed money has to be used before 31st August.

3. Round 8 Proposals

Sub Committees

Regarding the composition of CCM subcommittees for the development of Proposals for round 8 Dr. Abeyasinghe pointed out that the Chairmen of subcommittees were free to include others including specialists in the relevant fields as required into the subcommittees. Dr Nimal Edirisinghe said he will obtain the help of UNAIDS to write HIV Proposal Round 8, but that he could not be responsible for the proposal.

Dr R R Abeyasinghe tabled the ToR which was circulated among members earlier, prepared by UNAIDS. CCM approval was granted to the ToR for HIV Sub Committee. After a round of discussions Dr Edirisinghe requested that the two medical officers trained in Jakarta be included in the subcommittee for HIV/AIDS.

Sub Committee for selection of PR

The CCM appointed the following subcommittee for the selection of PRs for the Round 8 grants;

Prof. Carlo Fonseka

Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe

Dr. N. Edirisinghe

Dr. C. Sarukkali

Mr Gamini Wanasekara

Mr David Bridger

Dr R R Abeyasinghe stated that no SRs will be selected until a decision regarding the grants are known. It is depending of the outcome of the proposal that SRs will be selected from among those whose project proposals had been included in the proposal.

Malaria Sub Committee

Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained that there were few subcommittee meetings had for formulation of Malaria Proposal. He further said they have identified the gaps in the national programme and planned to address these while soliciting support for phased malaria elimination from Sri Lanka in the round 8 proposal.

Dr R R Abeyasinghe stated though it is not going to submit a proposal for Round 8 training regarding proposal development will be useful for the future.

Sarvodaya Issue

Dr R R Abeyasinghe explained that the appointed subcommittee met on 26th March 2008 to discuss the above matter. He said that apart from the committee members 3 members from the Lions Club and Dr Lalith Chandradasa from Sarvodaya were also invited to the meeting.

He explained that the subcommittee inquired separately from both parties. And subcommittee could sort it out as the both parties accepted there is no issue. Dr Abeyasinghe further mentioned that situation like this is not healthy for CCM and GF as well and should be avoided. In the circumstances the subcommittee decided to recommend to the CCM that there was no real issue at hand. However since the phase 1 grant was over, it was suggested that if Sarvodaya signs any phase 2 agreement with the Lions, it should be signed by the incumbent Governor. Sarvodaya agreed to this suggestion. Vice Chair CCM thanked the Sub Committee.

4. Feed back on CCM Case study

Dr Abeyasinghe informed a few members has responded to the request made by him last meeting. And he said he will inform the CCM Team in Geneva to publish the report.

5. Funding of CCM – Endorsement of application

Dr Abeyasinghe tabled the application form and the budget for seeking CCM approval. Members went through the application and unanimously approved the application for funding.

6. Extension of the service of the Programme officer CCM

The CCM decided to extend the services of CCM Project Officer Mr. Chanaka A. Walawwatte by a further one year from 1st April 2008, with provision for further extensions.

7. Other Matters

- Letter from Sarvodaya regarding travel of Dr Deepika Fernando for Malaria Training

Dr Lalith Chandradasa stated that the request is not for a training but to make a presentation and sought CCM approval.

Dr R R Abeyasinghe said training will be more useful rather than a presentation from a country perspective. Members requested her to come and present the summary report at the next CCM before a decision is made

- Purchase of LLINs

Dr Abeyasinghe said that 500,000 LLINs will be arriving shortly for distribution in malarious areas.

8. Any Other matters

- Round 6 HIV SR

Dr Nimal Edirisinghe Director / NSACP proposed the recruitment of an SR for implementation of the Plantation Sector activities of the Round 6 grant. Dr Lalith Chandradasa suggested that a transparent process for selection of an SR should be followed. Therefore members agreed to call for applications in the newspapers and a subcommittee comprising Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe, Dr. N. Edirisinghe & Dr. S. Warusavithana were appointed to evaluate and recommend a Sub Recipient. Dr Abeyasinghe said secretariat will advertise for selection SR for Round 6 in next week.

Summary in Sinhala

Dr Abeyasinghe summarized the 64th meeting in Sinhala.

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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