

Minutes of the 65th meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism of Sri Lanka held on 23rd June 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/ CFP (Vice Chairman / CCM)
Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe	- Project Director, GFATM Projects, MOH
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
Dr P.G Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Ms Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation
Ms Princy Mangalika	- Lanka Plus

Observers:

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

Excused:

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman/CCM)
Dr Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition

Absent:

Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Dr (Mrs.) K. Navarathne	- World Bank Mission
Dr. Agostino Borra	- WHO Representative
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Dr N. Punchihewa	- SLMA

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 64th Meeting

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Dr Sydney Jayasuriya and seconded by Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal, subject to the changes discussed.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

- Dr N. Edirisinghe requested that the CCM write to Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition regarding the non participation of medical officers trained in Jakarta in the Round 8 HIV proposal development.
- Dr. C. Sarukkali explained that the motor cycle issue was not resolved as yet since the Procurement Committee was awaiting fresh recommendations from the TEC.
- Dr. R R Abeyasinghe explained that the CCM funding request was approved by the Global Fund, but the fund transfer was delayed due to the CCM Sri Lanka not being registered. It has been decided to register the CCM Sri Lanka as a not-for-profit company under the Companies Act for this purpose. Dr V I Jayasuriya is facilitating this process and explained the objectives of the CCM as included in the application.
- Dr Abeyasinghe explained that a total of 503,500 LLINs had been received in the country and were being distributed to the recipients.

- **Selection of SR for HIV round 6** – Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that Alliance Lanka had been selected as the SR for HIV Round 6 grant in a transparent manner as requested by the CCM following a Newspaper advertisement. The SR will be tasked with the implementation of the Plantation Sector activities under the grant.

Round 8 Proposals

Dr. Abeyasinghe tabled the report of the CCM Subcommittee appointed to select PRs for the Round 8 proposals. The CCM approved the recommendations of the subcommittee as follows;

HIV Proposal : PR1 – Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition

PR2 – Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya

PR3 – Employers Federation of Ceylon

Malaria Proposal: PR1 – Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition

PR2 – Tropical & Environmental Diseases & Health Associates

PR3 – Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya

Dr. Abeyasinghe then presented an outline of the malaria proposal which was discussed and endorsed by the CCM.

Dr. N. Edirisinghe stated that the HIV proposal was not completed as yet. Following a discussion regarding the proposal, the CCM decided to grant time till 16.00 hours on 25th June to complete the above proposal. The CCM decided that if the complete proposal cannot be submitted to the CCM by this time to submit only the malaria proposal for round 8 funding and to withhold the HIV proposal for Round 9. If the completed HIV proposal is received by 16.00 hours on 25th June at the CCM Secretariat, both proposals to be submitted for Round 8.

Round 8 Regional Proposal from SAARC TB & HIV/AIDS Centre

Following submissions by Dr. C. Sarukkali, D/NPTCCD and Dr. N. Edirisinghe, D/NSACP regarding the proposal submitted by the SAARC Centre, the CCM decided to endorse the Regional Proposal submitted by the SAARC TB & HIV/AIDS Centre.

Membership of the CCM

- Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that Dr. Aberra Bekele who represented UNICEF on the CCM had taken up appointment in another country. The CCM decided to write to the UNICEF Country Representative requesting for the appointment of a suitable officer to the CCM.
- A request received from the College of Venereologists Sri Lanka requesting membership of the CCM was discussed. The CCM decided that the College of Venereologists could attend CCM meetings as non voting observers and contribute to CCM discussions.

Calling for expressions of interest for Round 9 Proposals

Subsequent to the Global Fund decision to announce an additional Round 9 in October 2008 the CCM decided to call for expressions of interest for Round 9 proposals for control of HIV/AIDS after submission of the Round 8 proposals.

Recruitment of New Project Accountant

The CCM welcomed the new Project Accountant Mr. H. S. P. Ranaweera to the post of Accountant GFATM Project in the Project Office. Mr. Ranaweera succeeds Mr. A. G. S. Kumara, who has taken up appointment elsewhere. The CCM appreciated the contribution and services of Mr. Kumara, during his tenure as Project Accountant.

CCM Funding – current status

Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that the CCM application for funding has been accepted by the Global Fund. However till registration of the CCM is completed no fund transfer can be carried out. Therefore efforts are being made to expedite the registration of the CCM as outlined above.

Other matters

- Request by Sarvodaya to use savings of Round 1 Phase 2 for the following; Printing and distribution of a further 50,000 exercise books, increasing the number of books to be printed for school children from 2000 to 3500 and for the purchase of approximately 50,000 LLINs. This request was approved by the CCM.
- On a request from D/NPTCCD the CCM also decided to approve reprogramming of funds remaining from the Round 1 Phase 2 TB control project as appropriate and subject to subsequent approval by the CCM.
- The CCM also discussed the request of Dr. Mahipala to involve and strengthen the Health Education and Publicity Bureau in IEC related activities of the TB Control Project. D/NPTCCD stated that the funds have been identified to strengthen TB control activities and agreed to get the technical assistance from HEB in IEC activities.
- Dr. Abeyasinghe requested permission from the CCM to bring to the notice of the Fund Portfolio Manager the current inflation rate of approx. 26% and request for appropriate revision of targets in all the grants. The CCM agreed to this request.
- Mr. David Bridger brought it to the notice that updates on grant performance should be provided to members at CCM meetings by the Programme Managers, for the CCM to effectively fulfil its oversight functions. This request was agreed to.

Summary in Sinhala

Dr Abeyasinghe summarized the proceedings in Sinhala.

9. The Next CCM meeting


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



Dr Athula Kahandaliyanage
Chairman CCM



Shirley Tissera
Vice Chair CCM



Dr R R Abeyasinghe
Focal Point CCM

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