

Minutes of the 73rd meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism Sri Lanka held on 25th January 2010, at 2.30pm, 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/CCMSL)
Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe	- Project Director/GFATM Projects MOH, Focal Point/CCMSL
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / NSACP
Dr. S. Deniyage	- Director/ AMC
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Dr. F.R Mehta	- WHO Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Mr. Gamini Wanasekara	- The Family Planning Association
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Ms. Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Ms. Sherin Rodrigo	- Lanka Plus

Observers :

Dr. N. Punchihewa	- SLMA
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Dr. S. Gopalan	- World Bank
Dr. G. Weerasinghe	- Collage of Venereologists
Dr. Panduka Wijayaratne	- TEDHA
Mr. Channa Manoharan	- PWC
Mr. Saman Kalupahana	- Sarvodaya
Ms. Meenu Gunaratne	- Sarvodaya
Ms. Chamila Seneviratna	- Sarvodaya
Mr. Chanaka Walawwatte	- Programme Officer /CCMSL

Excused:

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman /CCMSL)
Dr. (Mrs.) K. Navarathne	- World Bank Mission
Dr. AKSB De Alwis	- Director / NPTCCD
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Ms. W. Prasadika	- Central Chest Clinic

Absent:

Dr. Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr P.G. Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. Moazzem Hossain	- UNICEF
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Supriya Warusavithana	- WHO

Proceedings

The meeting was chaired by Mr Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCMSL. He welcomed all the participants on behalf of the CCMSL. He stated that the 1st meeting of the year and wished for the New Year 2010

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of 72nd Meeting

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Mr David Bridger and seconded by Dr. S.L.G. Jayasuriya subject to the changes discussed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes**Page 2, Presentation of grant performance**

Dr. Abeyasinghe said that presentation of Round 4 Malaria and R6 TB MoH grant performance will not be done due time constraints as the meeting has to finish early to allow members to go home in view of the presidential elections scheduled for the next day. He said that these presentations could be done at a future meeting.

Page 3, 5. Round 8 Malaria

Dr R R Abeyasinghe tabled a letter from Dr Chandradasa, Sarvodaya regarding BCC printing works to be handled by the Sarvodaya Community Health Unit. He explained and requested permission from the CCMSL to do the above printing job at no extra cost. The Community Health Unit has agreed to do the printing at no extra cost. Members agreed.

Page 4, 6. Briefing of Regional Meeting in Hyderabad

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that the appointment of an Oversight Committee and the appointment of a Finance Committee have already being identified in the draft CCMSL governance manual which already circulated to the members.

Page 4, 7 Launching of CCMSL Web

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that he will obtain a date from Hon. Minister to launch the website and the launching of the malaria elimination project.

4. Farewell for Chairman CCMSL

Dr Abeyasinghe said that today is the last date of official duty for Dr Athula Kahandaliyanage, Secretary MoH and Chairman CCMSL prior to retirement. The CCMSL decided to acknowledge the services rendered by Dr. Kahandaliyanage. The Mr Shirley Tissera, Dr. Sydney Jayasuriya and Dr. F. R. Mehta expressed their views appreciating the service rendered by Dr. Kahandaliyanage.

5. Approval for Grant Funding- CCMSL Budget for 2010/11

Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that since CCM Sri Lanka established in 2003, various partner organizations such as World Bank, UNICEF, UNAIDS, WHO has given financial support to functioning of CCM Sri Lanka. But following a Board decision of GF, CCMs have been funded by separate pool of funds since 2008. CCM Sri Lanka also received USD 36,790 in March 2009. Dr Abeyasinghe said that for the year 2010/11 the GF has increased the value which can be request from USD 43,000 to USD 50,000. Dr Abeyasinghe presented the draft budget for CCMSL for the year 2010/11 which has total request of USD 49,310.

He further explained that GF has advised to send the request form with the budget on or before 31st Jan. 2010. He explained that endorsement of the CCMSL budget by members is necessary for effective functioning of the CCM and other oversight activities of the GF funded projects in Sri Lanka. Following discussion and perusal of the proposed budget the members unanimously endorsed the budget.

6. Presentation of draft CCMSL Governance Manual.

Dr Abeyasinghe tabled the draft CCMSL Governance Manual which already been circulated to members. He described the contents. He stated that it was planned to produce the manual to GF auditors who will be here later this month. Members were requested to peruse the document and make any suggestions pertaining to revisions required.

7. Presentation of draft Project Implementation Manual (PIM)

Dr. Abeyasinghe said that the proposed PIM should define activities as per each PR representing the different sectors. He promised to circulate the draft PIM pertaining to govt. sector organizations in due course.

8. Performance Evaluation – Remuneration of CCMSL Staff

The members requested the CCM Focal Point to carry out the performance appraisal of CCMSL staff and implement payment of increments with retrospective effect from 2009.

9. Reprogramming of Funds

HIV Round 6

Dr Edirisinghe requested the reprogramming of funds to carry out essential urgent repairs to an electronic pipette at the NSACP Central Laboratory.

Procurement micropipette for the CD4 count at the NSACP Laboratory; Cost 2200 USD. These requests were approved by the CCMSL.

TB-MoH Round 6

Dr Abeyasinghe tabled a request letter from Dr. Sunil De Alwis, Director NPTCCD to get permission to carry out the following reprogramming of funds. Dr Abeyasinghe explained that this reprogramming will not affect achievement of agreed targets and would contribute to better utilization of funds. D/NPTCCD had requested reprogramming of the following activities to which the CCM granted concurrence;

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for sponsorship for the 10th South East Asian Regional Scientific meeting – Estimated expenditure US\$ 9091

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for refurbishment of district chest clinic-Puttalum – Estimated expenditure US\$ 14983

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for payment of the consultancy fee for the CECB - Estimated expenditure US\$ 890

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for refurbishment of district chest clinic-Rathnapura – Estimated expenditure US\$ 7801

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for participation for the foreign training on 'hospital DOTS'-Indonesia – Estimated expenditure US\$ 14305

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for fixing of former directors photographs to the NPTCCD – Estimated expenditure US\$ 204

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for refurbishment of the district chest clinic-Kaluthara – Estimated expenditure US\$ 2764

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for procurement of surgical items to the chest hospital-Welisara – Estimated expenditure US\$ 17874

Refurbishment of MDR TB ward-Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) to be reprogrammed for participation for the foreign consultation meeting on the strengthening of technical assistance-Geneva – Estimated expenditure US\$ 1347

Establishment of Links with Supranational lab (Activity No. 1.1.1) to be reprogrammed for procurement of face masks to the chest hospital-Welisara – Estimated expenditure US\$ 407

Establishment of Links with Supranational lab (Activity No. 1.1.1) to be reprogrammed for conduction of the awareness programmes for the public-Badulla District – Estimated expenditure US\$ 3677

Advocacy meeting at provincial and district levels for all the stakeholders (Activity No. 4.11.3) to be reprogrammed for conducting advocacy meeting – Estimated expenditure US\$ 193

Production of electronic IEC material (Activity No. 4.11.6.2) to be reprogrammed for media seminar for media personnel – Estimated expenditure US\$ 1116

Participation of the programme manager and the senior consultants in international congress on TB control (Activity No. 1.4.11) to be reprogrammed for production of set of posters – Estimated expenditure US\$ 4124

Quarterly review meeting at District Level (Activity No. 5.13.4) to be reprogrammed for procurement of office equipments to the district chest clinics (Hambanthota, Batticaloa) – Estimated expenditure US\$ 259

Quarterly review meeting at District Level (Activity No. 5.13.4) to be reprogrammed for procurement of Digital Duplicator to the NPTCCD – Estimated expenditure US\$ 1684

Quarterly review meeting at District Level (Activity No. 5.13.4) to be reprogrammed for procurement of office equipments to the district chest clinic-Kurunegala – Estimated expenditure US\$ 677

Strengthening of culture and drug sensitivity testing (Activity No. 1.1.4) to be reprogrammed for production of posters – Estimated expenditure US\$ 2171

Production of performance of street dramas (Activity No. 4.11.6.4) to be reprogrammed for assets the Management System – Estimated expenditure US\$ 1127

Production of performance of street dramas (Activity No. 4.11.6.4) to be reprogrammed for In-service training for PHTS – Estimated expenditure US\$ 749

Production of performance of street dramas (Activity No. 4.11.6.4) to be reprogrammed for minor civil works at NRL - Estimated expenditure US\$ 2431

Production of performance of street dramas (Activity No. 4.11.6.4) to be reprogrammed for production of leaflets - Estimated expenditure US\$ 2121

Production of performance of street dramas (Activity No. 4.11.6.4) to be reprogrammed for Installation of air conditioners to the districts - Estimated expenditure US\$ 1151

Programme Management at District Level (Activity No. 1.4.14.5) to be reprogrammed for broadcasting of behavioral change communication materials - Estimated expenditure US\$ 12427

Address waste management issues at the district chest clinics (Activity No. 1.5.11) to be reprogrammed for Procurement of furniture to the NPTCCD - Estimated expenditure US\$ 1387

Publishing quarterly news letter (Activity No. 4.11.12) to be reprogrammed for Procurement media seminar for media personnel at HEB - Estimated expenditure US\$ 165

Central Unit of the NPTCCD (Maintenance, Replacement of Furniture/Equipment (Activity No. 1.5.5) to be reprogrammed for procurement of furniture and equipments to the chest clinic Kaluthara - Estimated expenditure US\$ 2809

AMC- Recruitment of a second PHI on contract basis to carry out essential duties at AMC /Headquarters (currently two vacant posts) and facilitate BCC related project activities. Funds previously identified for the extension of services of the Store Keeper will be used for this purpose as the SK has been granted a service extension by the Ministry of Health.

Sarvodaya – Malaria Round 8

Dr Abeyasinghe tabled a request letter from Dr Lalith Chandradasa, Director/ Sarvodaya GFATM Projects requesting reprogramming of the following activities to which the CCM granted concurrence;

Activity no. 5.4.3 PCR screening of 1% sample of blood bank samples – on a request by Anti Malaria Campaign to utilize these funds to establish this capacity at AMC on a permanent basis the CCMSL decided to transfer this activity for implementation to AMC and PR3 will report on its progress.

Produce Posters containing health messages in order to improve health seeking behavior of fever patients in risk areas (Activity No. 5.1.1) to be handed over to CHU Sarvodaya for the development of Poster – Estimated expenditure US\$ 120

Produce leaflets containing health messages in order to improve health seeking behavior of fever patients in risk areas (Activity No. 5.1.2) to be handed over to CHU Sarvodaya for the development of leaflet – Estimated expenditure US\$ 120

Put up 10 hoardings at entry points of risk areas regarding chemoprophylaxis and protective methods (Activity No. 5.1.3) to be handed over to CHU Sarvodaya for the development of hoardings – Estimated expenditure US\$ 360

Translation advocacy instruments into Tamil language under the activity no. 5.1.4 to be handed over to CHU Sarvodaya – Estimated expenditure US\$ 200

Displaying flow charts with malaria diagnosis & treatment at hospital OPD and medical clinics (Activity No. 5.5.3) to be handed over to CHU Sarvodaya for One workshop for development of flow chart - Estimated expenditure US\$ 662.50

Development of an interactive CD ROM for medical & paramedical staff (Activity no. 5.5.4) to be handed over to CHU Sarvodaya for Development of contents 4 FGDs - Estimated expenditure US\$ 800

Distribution of “desk tops” with malaria treatment guideline to hospitals (Activity no. 5.5.5) to be handed over to CHU Sarvodaya for Development of “desk tops” (resource fee) - Estimated expenditure US\$ 200

Production & distribution of calendars and exercise books with malaria elimination messages (Activity No. 5.11.1) to be handed over to CHU Sarvodaya for designing of calendar/exercise book - - Estimated expenditure US\$ 270

Sarvodaya – Malaria Round 4

Dr. Chandrasa had requested that a saving of US \$ 64,783.23 available in the year 4 budget be used in year 5 for the following activities; Production of 30,000 exercise books for school children and local purchase of 7500 nos. LLINs. The CCMSL approved these requests.

10. CCMSL Retreat

Mr. David stated that the tentative dates are 26th-27th Feb 2010 at “Blue Water Hotel, Wadduwa”. This was discussed by the members. Few members stated that they are unable to participate due to previously assigned activities.

11. CCMSL Field Visit/ 5th February 2010 – Kurunegala.

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that as planned a field visit to oversee the project activities in Kurunegala district will be carried out on 5th February 2010. Members were requested to confirm participation in advance.

12. Other Matters.

- The CCMSL discussed the up coming 10th South Asia Regional Scientific Meeting of the International Epidemiological Association and a request for support from the organizing committee. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that it would be a occasion to highlight the success of the malaria control programme in Sri Lanka to an international audience and to also obtain the necessary political commitment and policy level support from stakeholders. Accordingly it was proposed to fund a symposium on Malaria in Sri Lanka jointly by the Anti Malaria Campaign and Sarvodaya. The expected expenditure was US \$ 10,000/=. Following discussion it was agreed that funding will be identified from the round 4 grants for this purpose by both PRs. The CCMSL approved this suggestion.
- Dr Mehta expressed his concern regarding the request of FPM on HIV/TB co-infection. He suggested that this clarification should be sent through CCMSL. This view was supported by

Mr. David Bridger of UNAIDS also. Accordingly it was decided that the CCM Vice Chair & Focal Point would write to the FPM clarifying this issue.

13. The Next CCM meeting

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



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