

Minutes of the 75th meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism Sri Lanka held on 5th April 2010, at 2.30pm, in the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.

Present:

Dr. Nihal Jayathilake	- Acting Secretary / MoH
Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions / CFP (Vice Chairman/CCMSL)
Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe	- Project Director/GFATM Projects MOH, Focal Point/CCMSL
Dr P.G. Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. AKSB De Alwis	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / NSACP
Dr. S. Deniyage	- Director/ AMC
Dr. F.R Mehta	- WHO Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Dr. Moazzem Hossain	- UNICEF
Dr. (Mrs.) K. Navarathne	- World Bank Mission
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Ms. Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation
Ms. Sherin Rodrigo	- Lanka Plus

Observers :

Dr. Panduka Wijayarathne	- TEDHA
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Dr. Supriya Warusavithana	- WHO
Ms. Kaushalya Navarathne	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Dr. N. Punchihewa	- SLMA
Ms. Meenu Gunaratne	- Sarvodaya
Mr. Y. Kanagasabai	- PWC
Ms Nilakshi Fonseka	- PWC
Ms. Nilani Swarnamali	- CNAPT
Ms. Ranila Dangalla	- CNAPT
Dr Sarojanee Perera	- AIDS Foundation of Sri Lanka
Mr. Chanaka Walawatte	- Programme Officer /CCMSL
Ms. Hirusha Alwis	- DEO/CCMSL

Excused:

Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Dr. G. Weerasinghe	- Collage of Venereologists
Dr K. Buddhakorala	- Collage of Venereologists

Absent:

Dr. Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Mr. Gamini Wanasekara	- The Family Planning Association
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Ms. W. Prasadika	- Central Chest Clinic

Proceedings

The meeting was chaired by Mr Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCM and attended by Dr. Nihal Jayathilake, Acting Secretary MoH.

Mr Tissera welcomed all the participants on behalf of the CCMSL. He stated that a CCM meeting was held on 25th March 2010 to debrief members on the findings of the Country Audit performed by the Global Fund.

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that due to the time constraints it was not taken up few agenda items at 74th CCMSL meeting which will be discussed today.

2.1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 73rd Meeting

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe and seconded by Dr. S. Deniyage subject to the changes discussed.

2.2. Confirmation of the Minutes of 74th Meeting

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe and seconded by Dr. Lalith Chandradasa subject to the changes discussed.

3.1 Matters arising from the 73rd minutes**Page 3, 9. Reprogramming of Funds – HIV Round 6**

Dr. Edirisinghe said that although he has requested for some more reprogramming activities and got CCMSL approval it has not minuted. Appropriate changes were made to the draft minute.

3.2 Matters arising from the 73rd minutes

Page 2, Main Item – Debriefing of the country audit.

Dr Chandradasa explained that he is not pleased the way the country audit was conducted. During those 5 weeks the staff was compelled to deal with audit matters and the implementation of PB activities. He proposed that a committee be formed to make appropriate suggestions to the GFATM. Mr Shirley Tissera, Vice chair agreed to that suggestion. Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to appoint the following committee (composed of members who were not audited) as follows;

Mr. S. Tissera (Chairman)

Dr F.R. Mehta

Prof Carlo Fonseka

Page 8, Other matters

Dr Mehta inquired regarding alternate member to the Board representing the SEAR constituency. Mr. Tissera said that the meeting is scheduled for 28th April 2010, and that it will be Sri Lanka's turn to be the alternate Board Member. Dr Abeyasinghe explained that this membership is for 2 years as alternate member and after 2 years Sri Lanka will become the board member representing SEAR constituency.

4. Presentation of the TB Round 6 Phase II Proposal

Dr Chandradasa, PR2 read out the responses to the 5 issues raised by the GF in annex 1. Members were discussed the contents in detail, and agreed to submit the response to the secretariat.

5. Endorsement of the TB Round 6 Phase II Proposal

Members unanimously endorsed the TB Round 6 Phase II Proposal to be send to GF secretariat before the deadline of 13th April 2010.

6. Reprogramming of Funds

Round 8 Malaria PR3 –

SDA 5.1. HSS: Prevention

Dr Chandradasa made request for asking CCMSL approval to hand over the IEC/BCC campaigns to a public relations (Communication) company after following the usual procurement procedures, which was granted CCM approval.

Produce Posters containing health messages in order to improve health seeking behavior of fever patients in risk areas (Activity No. 5.1.1.) handed over to the Public relation (Communication) Companies for the flowing purposes

Produce Posters containing health messages in order to improve health seeking behavior of fever patients in risk areas, Development of Poster, Printing of 1000 posters, Distribution of 1000 posters - Estimated expenditure US\$ 6990

Produce leaflets containing health messages in order to improve health seeking behavior of fever patients in risk areas (Activity No. 5.1.2.) handed over to the Public relation (Communication) Companies for the following purposes

Produce leaflets containing health messages in order to improve health seeking behavior of fever patients in risk areas, Development of leaflet, Printing of 4000 leaflets, Distribution of 4000 leaflets - Estimated expenditure US\$ 8990

Produce of hoardings at entry points of risk areas regarding chemoprophylaxis and protective methods (Activity No. 5.1.3.) handed over to the Public relation (Communication) Companies for the following purposes - Put up 10 hoardings at entry points of risk areas regarding chemoprophylaxis and protective methods, Development of hoardings, Production of hoardings - Estimated expenditure US\$ 35360

Production & distribution of calendars and exercise books with malaria elimination messages (Activity No. 5.11.1.) handed over to the Public relation (Communication) Companies for the following purposes
Production & distribution of 3,500 calendars and 75,000 exercise books with malaria elimination messages, Designing of calendar/exercise book, Production & distribution of exercise book, Printing & distribution of calendar - Estimated expenditure US\$ 69150

Production of 250 T-shirts for volunteers (Activity 5.21.6.) handed over to the Public relation (Communication) Companies for production & distribution of T-Shirts - Estimated expenditure US\$ 1700

Produce of hoardings at entry points of risk areas regarding chemoprophylaxis and protective methods (Activity No. 5.1.3.) handed over to the Public relation (Communication) Companies for the following purposes

Put up 5 hoardings at entry points of risk areas regarding chemoprophylaxis and protective methods, Development of hoardings, Production of hoardings - Estimated expenditure US\$ 17680

Produce & distribution of calendars and exercise books with malaria elimination messages (Activity No. 5.11.1.) handed over to the Public relation (Communication) Companies for the following purposes
Production & distribution of 3,500 calendars and 75,000 exercise books with malaria elimination messages, designing of calendar/exercise book, Production & distribution of exercise book, Printing & distribution of calendar - Estimated expenditure US\$ 69150

7. Discussion on current grant performance

Dr. Abeyasinghe stated that for round 6 and round 8 grants have to have a mechanism to oversee the implementation of grants through disease specific subcommittees. He urged programme managers to activate the disease specific subcommittees (Technical Support Groups) and report.

8. Other Matters.

a. Round 9 HIV/ AIDS Component PR2- Appointment of Committee to select SRs

Dr Chandradasa tabled a letter indicating the composition of the selection committee to select SRs by the PR2.

The letter further indicated that the committee

1. Formulate a point scheme for the selection of the SRs based on a clearly defined criteria.
2. Select the tentative SRs based on the above Point scheme.

The selection committee nominated by PR2 comprised the following and was approved by the CCMSL.

1. Dr. Chandra Sarukkali, Consultant TB to PR2 Round 6 (Chairperson)
2. Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe as Director NACCP or his representative
3. Dr. C.D. Wickramasuriya- President of the College of Venereologists Sri Lanka.
4. Dr. L.P. Chandradasa, Director PR 2 will function as the secretary to the selection committee.

b. GF Round 6 Grants HIV- Plantation Project.

Ms Swarna Kodagoda made a request for approval of the CCMSL to appoint Alliance Lanka as a potential PR for phase II of round 6 and thereafter for round 9 drug user component.

Dr Abeyasinghe said that this had been discussed with Sarvodaya as the PR for R9 and as grant consolidation was planned Sarvodaya had expressed willingness to have AL as a sub recipient for the R6 phase 2 component at no cost.

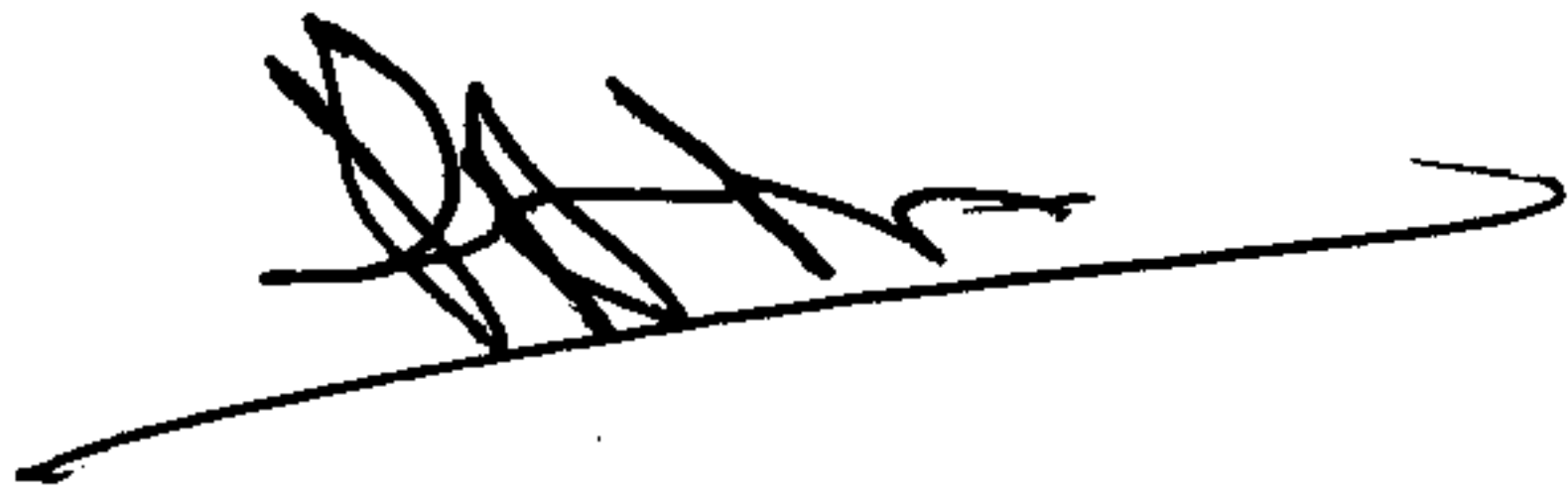
Dr Edirisinghe stated that the plantation sector activities have come to a standstill as the AL implementing this program under the ministry of Health needs to hire two vehicles for the BCC activities and the government financial regulations are blocking this. Therefore he emphasized there should be a solution to this deadlock and if not the plantation sector programme will become a failure and proposed to transfer the remaining funds allocated for the plantation sector to the non governmental PR. Dr. K. Navarathne stated that the World Bank projects also faced similar problems in the past and they have taken up those issues with the treasury and got resolved. Similarly if the GFATM takes up this matter with the treasury she volunteered to assist.

Dr Alwis said that not only HIV but also in TB fund flow issues occurred sometimes. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that this was due to delays in disbursements on the TB and HIV grants. He explained that both grants were funded for some months using malaria funds due to this reason. The CCMSL

expressed concern regarding this, but Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that this situation had now been resolved. He also explained that it is necessary to resolve the bottlenecks to facilitate smooth and efficient grant implementation. Dr Navarathne stated that she will help to solve this issue with Dr Abeyasinghe by having discussion with treasury relevant officials. A formal decision regarding a change in the position of AL as an SR was not made but the need for strengthening capacity of current SRs to become future PRs is recognized by the CCMSL and this has been included in the R9 HIV grant.

13. The Next CCM meeting

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



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