

**Minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism Sri Lanka held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009, at 2.00pm, in the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.**

**Present:**

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman /CCMSL)
Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions/ CFPA (Vice Chairman / CCMSL)
Dr. R. R. Abeyasinghe	- Project Director, GFATM Projects MOH/Focal Point
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / NSACP
Dr. AKSB De Alwis	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. S. Deniyage	- Director/ AMC
Dr. F.R Mehta	- WHO Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Mr. Gamini Wanasekara	- The Family Planning Association
Ms. Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Ms. Princy Mangalika	- Lanka Plus

**Observers:**

Dr. Supriya Warusavithana	- WHO
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Dr N. Punchihewa	- SLMA
Dr. G. Weerasinghe	- Collage of Venereologists
Dr. G. Galappaththy	- AMC
Dr. Panduka Wijyaratne	- TEDHA
Dr Susie Perera	- MDPU/MoH

Dr. K. Buddhakorala	- Collage of Venereologists
Mr. H S P Ranaweera	- Project Accountant / GFATM
Mr. Sherman De Rose	- Companions on Journey
Ms. Shanika Tharangani	- CNAPT
Ms. R Dharmaratne	- CNAPT

**Excused:**

Dr. Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr P.G. Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
Dr. Kapila Sooriyarachchi	- CNAPT
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Dr. (Mrs.) K. Navarathne	- World Bank Mission

**Absent:**

Ms. Hiranthi Ratnayake	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Moazzem Hossain	- UNICEF

**Proceedings**

The meeting was initially chaired by Mr Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCMSL and subsequently by Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage, Chairman CCMSL. Mr. Tissera welcomed Dr F.R. Mehta, WHO Representative for Sri Lanka and Dr. S Deniyage, as new members to the meeting.

**2. Confirmation of the Minutes of 68<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Dr. S Jayasuriya and seconded by Dr. AKSB De Alwis, subject to the changes discussed.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

Dr. AKSB De Alwis, D/NPTCCD stated that the motorcycle issue has been resolved.

Dr N. Punchihewa, representing the SLMA explained the progress of the R6 TB activity stating that 3 seminars has been done and 2 seminars were scheduled to be done this month.

12. Dr. Edirisinghe explained that the decision of the CCMSL to recommend US \$ 7000 to the Education Ministry at the last CCM meeting will be not necessary as the NSACP will be implementing this activity.

13. D/NPTCCD to expedite the release of funds to the SRs for Round 1 TB grant.

14.5- Dr Nimal Edirisinghe said that he has discussed this with FPM and verbal approval was obtained, awaiting formal written approval.

#### **4. Membership of the CCMSL**

- **Dr. F.R. Mehta WHO Representative for Sri Lanka**

Mr Shirley Tissera informed that Dr F.R. Mehta, the new WHO Representative for Sri Lanka has been invited as a member of CCMSL. It was noted that Dr. Mehta brings considerable experience to the CCMSL as he was previously the Vice Chair of CCM Indonesia.

- **AIDS Foundation (Observer)**

Dr. R R Abeyasinghe tabled a letter from the AIDS Foundation requesting to participate as an Observer at CCMSL meetings. Dr. Abeyasinghe read out the profile of the foundation and after discussion the members approved the participation of AIDS Foundation as an Observer at CCM meetings.

#### **5. Main Item**

##### **A. I. Presentation of the Round 9 HIV Country Proposal**

Dr R R Abeyasinghe stated that although in Round 8 we could not prepare a HIV proposal we are ready for submit a HIV proposal for Round 9. He also explained that the subcommittee of HIV proposal development has prepared a technically sound proposal which had been acknowledged as such by the MOCK TRP in New Delhi. Dr Edirisinghe presented the country proposal to the members. Dr Abeyasinghe mentioned that the Hon. Minister of Healthcare & Nutrition had raised some concerns regarding the proposal. These concerns had also been addressed in the proposal submitted to the CCM for endorsement. Dr Lalith Chandradasa noted

that any changes should be incorporated to future proposals before sending for MOK TRP review. The Chairman CCMSL agreed to convey these views to the Hon. Minister.

## **A. II. Selection of PRs – Round 9**

Dr R R Abeyasinghe tabled the sub committee report on selection of PRs for Round 9 HIV grant, according to the report the following recommendation was made by the CCM Subcommittee;

The round 9 HIV grant proposal to have dual track financing with PRs from both government and non governmental sectors. The Subcommittee recommended the following PRs for the two sectors were

PR1 (government) - Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition

PR2 (non government) - Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya

The subcommittee further recommended that at least two of the three main sub recipients identified in the proposal should be developed as future principle recipients and accordingly recommended that these be Alliance Lanka and Community Strength Development Foundation (CSDF).

However the CCM members discussed this recommendation at length and decided that the CCMSL will recommend dual track financing for the round 9 HIV grant and approved the recommendation of the subcommittee as

PR1 (government) - Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition

PR2 (non government) - Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya

The members of the CCM also acknowledged the need to develop two major sub recipients as future PRs, but requested the nominated PR to carry out a transparent process for the selection of these two major SRs and the proposed third major SR. The CCM members also requested that a similar process be adopted by the PR for selection of all SSRs. It was stressed that in keeping with Global Fund requirements all such selections (for SR & SSR) should be done from among parties that have submitted expressions of interest in response to the calls for proposals by the CCM.

### **A. III. Round 9 - HSS Component**

Dr Abeyasinghe explained that the Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition had identified an urgent need for Health System Strengthening (HSS) in the recently liberated Post Conflict Areas of the Northern Province. This need was also identified and supported by the WHO Country Office and SEARO. Accordingly a decision had been made to include a stand alone HSS component under the 4B category in the Round 9 country proposal. This decision had been conveyed to all CCM members via email and consent obtained. Accordingly a call for Expressions of Interest for HSS in the Round 9 was placed in the national newspapers on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 with short notice. However no EOIs were received by the close of call on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Dr R R Abeyasinghe presenting the HSS proposal prepared by the Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition in consultation with key stakeholders, the WHO Country Office and SEARO said that the proposal contains four objectives for restoration of health services in the Post Conflict Areas of the Northern Province to ensure adequate control of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria. Following discussion of the proposed HSS proposal the CCM decided to endorse this proposal with the Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition as the Principle Recipient. However the CCM decided as recommended by Dr. Chandradasa that in the implementation the corporation of the NGO sector/ Private Sector would be obtained through a call for implementation of activities.

### **A. IV. Endorsement of the Round 9 HIV and HSS Country Proposals by the CCMSL Members**

Following discussions and clarifications Dr Abeyasinghe requested members to endorse the proposed round 9 HIV proposal and the HSS proposal. Full electronic version of the proposal will be made available to members for perusal upon request. The members of CCM unanimously endorsed the HIV Country Proposal and the Round 9 HSS Country Proposal to be sent to the GFATM Round 9 for funding. The Chairman thanked the members for endorsing the proposal.

### **B I. Presentation of the South Asia MSM Regional Proposal**

Mr. Sherman De Rose representing Companion on a Journey (NGO) presented the South Asia MSM Regional Proposal. And he thanked CCMSL to giving this opportunity to present this proposal and he requested the CCMSL to endorse the proposal. Dr. Edirisinghe explained that

there was no duplication in the activities proposed in the Regional Proposal and with the ongoing grants. In addition he stressed that the proposed activities in the Regional Proposal are in accordance with the national strategy.

## **B II. Endorsement of the South Asia MSM Regional Proposal**

CCM members unanimously endorsed the Round 9 South Asia MSM Regional Proposal for submission to the Global Fund for Round 9 funding.

### **6. Presentation of Grant Profiles**

As per a decision arrived at earlier by the CCM the following presentations were made on grant performance and progress by;

Round 6 TB Grant – Dr. Sunil De Alwis, Director, NPTCCD

Round 4 Malaria Grant – Dr. G. N. L. Galappaththy, CCP/AMC

Round 6 HIV Grant – Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe, Director, NSACP

Round 4 Malaria, Round 6 TB – Dr. Lalith Chandradasa, Project Director, Sarvodaya.

The members discussed the progress and issues relating to the respective grants. All the members thanked the respective presenters for the information provided.

### **7. Reprogramming of funds TB round 6 PR1 & round 1 PR1**

Dr. Alwis has requested permission to carry out the following reprogramming of funds. He explained that this reprogramming will not affect achievement of agreed targets and would contribute to better utilization of funds. D/NPTCCD requested reprogramming of the following;

- a. Production of printed IEC materials (Activity no. 4.11.6.3) to be reprogrammed for refurbishment of MDR-TB ward at Chest Hospital Welisara (Activity No. 1.5.1) – estimated expenditure US \$ 45315.82 @ exchange rate Rs.110/= per 1US \$
- b. Production and performance of street dramas (Activity No. 4.11.6.4) to be reprogrammed for payment of salaries for TB Assistants from Sept 2009 to Dec 2009 – estimated expenditure US \$ 27,409.09

- c. Procurement of second line drugs from GLC (Activity No. 1.2.3) to be reprogrammed for procurement of first-line drugs from GDF (Activity 1.2.1) – estimated expenditure US \$ 72000.00
- d. Address waste management issues at district chest clinics (Activity 1.5.11) to be reprogrammed for conducting seminars for private practitioners through IMPA – estimated expenditure US \$ 30,000.00
- e. Training of nurses and PHIs at chest clinics, chest wards and staff of other health facilities in both public and unlinked public health sector (Activity No. 1.4.6) to be reprogrammed for conducting quality assurance and productivity improvement programmes at district level – estimated expenditure US \$ 22,727.27
- f. Production of street dramas (Activity No. 4.11.6.4) to be reprogrammed for the procurement of an X-ray machine for the Prisons Hospital – estimated expenditure US \$ 50,000.00

D/NPTCCD also explained that under the Round 1 TB grant the programme was expected to procure 50 nos. Motor Cycles. However only 40 nos. had been procured. He requested approval to procure eight nos. Three Wheelers (08) for the Chest Clinics utilizing the balance monies.

The CCM after discussion decided to approve these requests for reprogramming subject to concurrence from the FPM/GFATM as the suggested activities will contribute to enhanced control of tuberculosis in the country.

## **8. CCM Registration**

Dr. Abeyasinghe informed the members that he had been requested to meet officials from the Attorney Generals Department regarding the registration by the Ministry Legal Division. The meeting is scheduled for next week.

## **9. Field visit by CCM members**

Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that as per the workplan the CCM was expected to make two field visits during the year as part of its oversight responsibilities. He proposed that members join on a field visit on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009. He urged as many members as possible representing various sectors to join the field visit. A date for a UNAIDS sponsored one day retreat for CCM members will be decided at the next meeting.

## **10. Secretarial staff**

Dr. Abeyasinghe informed the members that as per the approved workplan a driver had been recruited for the CCM and the selection of a Data Entry Operator had been finalized. She will be assuming duties from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009. The CCM also decided to extend the services of Programme Officer Mr. Chanaka Walawwatte for another year.

## **11. Other matters**

11.1. Dr. Chandradasa brought to the attention of the members the necessity of having adequate funds available for achievements of targets under the performance based funding. However he stated that disbursements from the GFATM were delayed and in these circumstances performance to achieve targets was difficult. The CCM agreed with this and it was decided to bring this to the attention of the FPM for an early solution.

## **12. The Next CCM meeting**

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



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