

**Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism Sri Lanka held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009, 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/ 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. F.R Mehta	- WHO Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Dr. (Mrs.) K. Navarathne	- World Bank Mission
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka

**Observers :**

Dr. Supriya Warusavithana	- WHO
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Dr N. Punchihewa	- SLMA
Dr. Panduka Wijayaratne	- TEDHA
Dr. Kapila Sooriyarachchi	- CNAPT
Mr. Yadu Kanagasabei	- PWC-LFA
Mr. S. Jayawarman	- TEDHA
Ms. Nilakshi Fonseka	- PWC SL
Ms. Gill Sivyer	- PWC Geneva
Mr. Kamolidin Diyarov	- PWC Geneva
Ms.Tsovinar Sakanyan	- TGF Geneva
Ms. Yasintha Ratnayake	- Alliance Lanka
Ms. Malsha Piyasena	- Sarvodaya PR 2
Mr. Saman Ranatunga	- Research Coordinator/NPTCCD

Mr. I. Satheish Kumar	- Accountant/ GFATM
Ms. Ureka Witharana	- Accountant/ GFATM
Ms. Hirusha Alwis	- DEO / CCMSL
Mr. Chanaka Walawwatte	- Programme Officer /CCMSL

**Excused:**

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman /CCMSL)
Dr P.G. Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. S. Deniyage	- Director/ AMC
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Ms. Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation
Dr. G. Weerasinghe	- Collage of Venereologists
Ms. Hiranthi Ratnayake	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)

**Absent:**

Dr. Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. Moazzem Hossain	- UNICEF
Mr. Gamini Wanasekara	- The Family Planning Association
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- University Grants Commission
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 CCMSL. Mr Tissera introduced Ms. Tsovinar Sakanyan from the Global Fund Secretariat and representatives from PWC Geneva to the

members and welcomed them on behalf of the CCMSL. He also congratulated Dr. Mehta on his new appointment as the WHO Country Representative Sri Lanka.

Dr R R Abeyasinghe mentioned that AIDS Foundation has been invited as a observer and was absent today.

## **2. Confirmation of the Minutes of 69<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Dr. S Jayasuriya and seconded by Dr. F.R. Mehta, subject to the changes discussed.

## **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

5. A III. Dr Abeyasinghe said clarifications sought on the HSS & HIV proposals for round 9 had been provided. Dr Chandradasa proposed that the NGO & Private sector should be invited for the implementation of the proposed HSS activities. The CCM agreed with this suggestion.

7. c. Dr. De Alwis stated that this activity should be removed from last minute and it has been included to today's reprogramming activity list.

g. Dr. De Alwis mentioned that under activity 4.11.6.4 reprogrammed estimated expenditure should be US \$ 50,000. Also he mentioned that he requested approval for 8 no. three wheelers not 3 no. three wheelers as earlier proposed. CCM agreed to these changes.

8. Dr Abeyasinghe explained that he had a discussion with Ministry Legal Division in this regard and clarified many of the queries posed. Subsequently the Legal Division has informed they are seeking further instructions from AGs Department regarding registration.

9. Dr Abeyasinghe said that due to unavoidable circumstances the proposed field visit had been postponed.

11.1 Ms Tsovinar Sakanyan from TGF explained that the GF secretariat was awaiting documents for revision of performance framework in relation to the TB and HIV co infection indicators in the round 6 TB framework. Dr De Alwis to send the revised target to the GF with the concurrence of the LFA as soon as possible.

#### **4. Continued Funding- TB R6, HIV R6, TB R6 Sarvodaya**

Dr Abeyasinghe stated that the GF has officially informed the Chairman on the need to apply for continued funding for TB R6, HIV R6, TB R6 Sarvodaya grants. He tabled the related documents and said that the Chairman CCMSL had requested the meeting to discuss the application for continued funding for the round 6 grants. He explained that phase 1 performance of the grants will be assessed on performance up to month 18 and eligibility for total funds available for phase 2 will be dependent on this performance. In addition he pointed out that as per the GF Board decision a 10% mandatory cut on eligible budgets will be done due to the financial crisis.

Highlighting the problems the country had faced during the past two years especially due to the intensification of the conflict situation and more recently due to the large scale displacement of people in the war affected districts Dr. Chandradasa proposed a six month extension on this phase to provide an opportunity for the grants to improve performance. All the CCM members unanimously endorsed this request and Ms. Sakanyan from the GF said she will present this extraordinary request to the FPM and Team Leader.

Dr. Abeyasinghe cautioned the members on the need to work with the detailed workplans and performance frameworks for the round 6 grants pending the outcome of this request. The members of the CCM decided to unanimously support the application for continued funding of the round 6 grants.

#### **5. Electrical Repair – HIV Reference Laboratory**

Dr Abeyasinghe tabled a letter from the Director/ NSACP regarding restoring the electricity supply for the reference laboratory of the NSACP. Dr Edirisinghe, D/NSACP explained that due to the financial crisis of the MoH, it was difficult to repair this as an urgent requirement and he requested to reprogram savings of Round 6 HIV grant for this activity, and sought CCMSL approval for this reprogramming amounting to Rs. 315,215/=. Dr. Lalith Chandradasa objected to this reprogramming and requested that the said repair be carried out with grant funds, but that it should be reimbursed by the Ministry in due course. Following discussion the CCM decided to adopt this stand and advance money for this urgent repair to be reimbursed when MOH funds become available.

## **6. Presentation of Grant Performance**

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

Round 6 HIV Grant – Ms. Swarna Kodagoda, SR- Alliance Lanka

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

At this time Vice Chair CCMSL suggested that due to time constraints to reschedule the other presentations for the next meeting.

## **7. Reprogramming of funds TB round 6**

Dr. De Alwis 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 activities to which the CCM granted concurrence;

- A. Cost of Quarterly Review and External Review meetings(Activity No. 5.13.4 & 5.13.8) to reprogrammed for Procurement of Lab Equipments for Central Laboratory - Estimated expenditure US \$ 58,575.00
- B. Production of Printed IEC Materials (Activity No. 4.11.6.3) to reprogrammed for procurement of Mobile X-ray units - Estimated expenditure US \$ 30,000.00
- C. Procurement of reagents and other items (Activity No. 1.1.2) to reprogrammed for procurement of Generator for Central Laboratory - Estimated expenditure US \$ 31,818.18
- D. Strengthening of culture and drug sensitivity testing (US \$ 18,181.82) (Activity No. 1.1.4), Improved default tracing activity (US \$ 18,181.82) (Activity No. 1.3.2), Updating training module (US \$ 9,090.91) (Activity No. 1.4.8), Address waste management (US \$ 90,909.00) (Activity No. 1.5.11), Production of Broacher (US \$ 9,090.91) (Activity No. 4.11.6.1) and Production of printed IEC materials (US \$ 36,363.64) to be reprogrammed for refurbishment of the NRL (Negative Pressure) - Estimated expenditure US \$ 181,818.18
- E. Supplementary Maintenance & Fuel cost for vehicles (Activity No. 1.5.8) to reprogrammed for procurement of vehicles (1 cab – LKR 8.0 million, 1 Van – LKR 3.0 million & 1 bus – LKR 7.0 million) - Estimated expenditure US \$ 163,636.36.

## **8. Reprogramming of Funds – Malaria Round 4**

Dr Abeyasinghe explained the need to strengthen microscopic diagnostic facilities in the IDP Camps at Cheddikulam and requested permission for the employment of a retired microscopist on contract basis for one year at the monthly rate of Rs. 30,000/=, to be obtained from savings in the R4 mobile clinic allocation. In addition he requested reprogramming of savings from the mobile clinic and entomological survey activities for the procurement of a laptop type computer for Director, AMC and a desk top type computer for the new medical officer attached to AMC headquarters. The CCM agreed to these requests.

## **9. Membership of CCMSL- Inclusion of a new membership- TEDHA**

Dr Abeyasinghe said that TEDHA should be invited as a full member of the CCM and sought approval for inclusion of a representative of TEDHA as a member of CCMSL. Dr Chandradasa explained that according to the rules and regulations of the CCMSL, the membership of TEDHA will have to be proposed by the sector they represent. Accordingly it was decided that although TEDHA was going to be a PR it should function as an observer at the CCMSL until formally elected.

## **10. Field Visit by the CCMSL Members.**

Dr. Abeyasinghe said that date for the CCMSL field visit will be decided at the next CCMSL meeting. He also reminded that the CCMSL retreat proposed by Mr. David Bridger will be discussed after his return to the country.

## **11. Recruitment of 2 Project Accountants.**

Dr. Abeyasinghe said that two accountants were recruited and that their duties were formally identified. Dr. Abeyasinghe introduced the new accountant Ms. Ureka Witharna to the members of the CCMSL.

## **12. Development of CCMSL Website**

Dr Abeyasinghe mentioned that development of CCMSL web site was initiated and members were requested to provide their profiles to CCMSL secretariat within 2 weeks.

## **13. Other Maters.**

Ms. Tsovinar made an invitation to CCMSL members to participate in the Regional meeting of CCMs from 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in Hyderabad, India.

Dr. Alwis proposed establish disease specific subcommittee to monitor each project activities. Dr Abeyasinghe said that already CCMSL has that kind of subcommittee which is not functioning. Dr Mehta described the structure of CCM Indonesia regarding above, members agreed to Dr Mehta's suggestions

Mr. Shirley Tissera queried regarding membership ID of CCMSL, Dr Abeyasinghe said that those who had submitted the requested details would receive ID cards soon. Mr. Walawwatte, PO/CCMSL said that ID cards will be ready in the next week.

TB Drugs- Dr Alwis stated that there could possibly be a shortage of drugs and requested for solution. A direct disbursement of funds was discussed and agreed upon to expedite delivery times. Ms Tsovinar Sakanyan requested that an official request for direct disbursement to be sent by the PR with CCM & LFA concurrence. The CCM decided to approve this request.

Dr Chandrasa highlighted the fact that due to a shortage of funds arising from delays in disbursements many activities of the SRs were being delayed or not commenced. This situation he explained as affecting performance especially in the round 6 grants. Ms Tsovinar Sakanyan promised to identify the reasons for delay in disbursements and to facilitate an early disbursement.

## **14. The Next CCM meeting**

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



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