

Minutes of the 72nd meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism Sri Lanka held on 2nd December 2009, at 3.00, 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/CCMSL
Dr P.G. Mahipala	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / NSACP
Dr. AKSB De Alwis	- Director / NPTCCD
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Dr. F.R Mehta	- WHO Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Ms. Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Ms. Sherin Rodrigo	- Lanka Plus

Observers :

Dr. N. Punchihewa	- SLMA
Dr. Supriya Warusavithana	- WHO
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Dr. S. Gopalan	- World Bank
Dr. Kapila Sooriyarachchi	- CNAPT
Dr. G. Weerasinghe	- Collage of Venereologists
Dr. K. Buddakorala	- Collage of Venereologists
Ms. Malsha Piyasena	- Sarvodaya PR 2
Ms. Meenu Gunasekara	- Sarvodaya PR 2
Mr. Chanaka Walawwatte	- Programme Officer /CCMSL
Ms. Hirusha Alwis	- DEO / CCMSL

Excused:

Dr. Athula Kahandaliyanage	- Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (Chairman /CCMSL)
Dr. Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. (Mrs.) K. Navarathne	- World Bank Mission
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Mr. Gamini Wanasekara	- The Family Planning Association
Mr. M.I.M. Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation

Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake - Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Dr. Panduka Wijayaratne - TEDHA

Absent:

Dr. S. Deniyage - Director/ AMC
Dr. Moazzem Hossain - UNICEF
Prof. Carlo Fonseka - University Grants Commission
Ms. Hiranthi Ratnayake - Local Fund Agency (PWC)

Proceedings

The meeting was chaired by Mr Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCMSL. He welcomed all the participants on behalf of the CCMSL.

Dr S. Gopalan introduced himself and stated that he is representing Dr Kumari Navarathne at the meeting.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of 71st Meeting

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Dr. Edirisinghe and seconded by Ms. Swarna Kodagoda subject to the changes discussed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Page 3, 6. Presentation of grant performance

Dr. Abeyasinghe said that presentation of Round 4 Malaria and R6 TB MoH grant performance will be done at the next CCMSL meeting.

Page 5, 7. Reprogramming of Funds – HIV Round 6

Dr Nimal Edirisinghe, Director HIV AIDS said that he had indicated at a previous CCM meeting that the school programmes will be conducted only in two districts; Ratnapura and Kegalle (covering all schools)(previous 10 districts) instead of selected schools in ten districts. He explained that this was discussed with the FPM Ms. Malavika and that she had granted verbal approval. He requested that this decision be documented in the CCM minutes. As Dr. Edirisinghe explained that this changed had been agreed with the FPM the CCM decided to retrospectively agree to this request.

Page 6, 10. Other matters

Mr. Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair CCMSL stated that as decided at the last CCM meeting he and Dr Lalith Chandradasa had a discussion with Secretary MoH/Chairman CCM regarding attendance of Ministry officials at important overseas meetings organized by the Global Fund. He said that a letter was submitted to the Hon. Minister of Healthcare & Nutrition regarding this. Dr Abeyasinghe requested that a copy of this letter be made available to the CCM Secretariat.

4. Round 9 Grants.

Dr R.R. Abeyasinghe congratulated the CCMSL & the proposal development committee regarding the successful proposal submitted and announced that the GF had approved recently at its Board meeting the Round 9 HIV and HSS proposal submitted by CCMSL for funding in 2010. He further explained that we are in 2b category with US\$ 12M for HIV, US\$ 22M for HSS. He also informed that the GFATM was arranging a meeting for successful applicants in round 9 to be held from 9 – 11th December 2009 in New Delhi. Representatives from both PRs and the CCM were nominated to attend this meeting and it was decided that a response to the TRP comments and grant negotiations will commence after the meeting.

Mr. Shirley Tissera, Vice Chair thanked Dr. PG Mahipala and the team for developing a successful HIV proposal for the round nine

The CCMSL also appreciated the efforts of the Collage of Venereology in developing Round 9 HIV proposal.

Dr. Abeyasinghe also requested Dr. Alwis Director NPTCCD on behalf of the CCMSL to begin already the process necessary to submit a round 10 TB/HSS proposal. Dr. Alwis stated that he will require Technical Assistance for proposal development and the WHO agreed to consider this request favorably. Mr. Tissera thanked those who contributed to making the round 9 HIV/HSS proposal a reality and commended Dr. Mahipala for the leadership provided in this regard.

After discussion the CCMSL decided that a TB/HSS proposal will be submitted to round 10 when it is announced by the GFATM.

5. Selection of SRs for Round 8 Malaria grant – Sarvodaya (PR3)

Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that PD Sarvodaya had informed that they had carried out a transparent process for the selection of SRs after calling for expressions in the national media. The PR had explained that preference had been given to organizations that had originally submitted EOI at the proposal development stage. Following a documented transparent process the PR had selected the following six Sub Recipients;

1. Sewa Lanka foundation
2. Independent Medical Practitioners Association
3. Sarvodaya Community Health Unit
4. MG Consultants (Pvt) Ltd
5. Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
6. Genetech Research Institute

After discussion the CCMSL decided to accept the procedure adopted by the PR and to recommend the selected sub recipients to the global fund.

6. Briefing of Regional Meeting in Hyderabad

The Vice Chair briefed the members about the CCM Regional Meeting held in Hyderabad during October. He stated that the program was very intensive and useful discussions had taken place during the meeting. He stated that Dr. Chris Nonis made a good presentation on the Private Sector.

He recommended that as per the discussions at this conference that the following be implemented,

- 1) The appointment of an oversight committee,
- 2) The appointment of a Finance Committee
- 3) That the CCM works towards being more independent. He also handed over a CD of the meeting and requested the Secretariat to make available copies to members."

7. Launching of CCMSL Web

Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that the CCM web is being completed and will be in all three languages. He stated that a formal launch will be conducted with the official launching of the malaria elimination project, possibly in December 2009.

Dr. Abeyasinghe requested that members submit their individual profiles and web links to their organizations to be included in the website.

8. CCM Funding

Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that CCM funding period will be expired on 31st December 2009. He said that CCMSL has received US \$ 36,790 in March 2009 but effective for 1st January 2009 to 31st December 2009. The GF has informed to submit financial statement and the new budget for 2010 but he said there were adequate funds till end February 2010. Dr. Abeyasinghe suggested that the CCMSL request permission to use already available funds till end February 2010 as the current funding was used only from March 2009. Accordingly Dr. Abeyasinghe proposed that the CCMSL apply for funding from March 2010. The CCMSL agreed to this suggestion and it was decided to convey this decision to the GFATM Secretariat.

9. Reimbursement of Programme Officer Salaries and other CCM expenses form June 2008 – March 2009

Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that before CCMSL received funds form GF, Secretariat functioning their expenses fulfill by ML/BL, Organization such as WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, World Bank until June 2008 but after that period it was difficult to find financial support even from WHO Country Budget savings.

Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that there were outstanding expenses for the period June 2008 to 28th February 2009 amounting to Rs. 416,448.42. If CCMSL agreed it was proposed that a request be made from the GF Secretariat to reimburse this amount from CCMSL funds allocated for 2009. Dr. Abeyasinghe explained that the remaining funds would be adequate for funding CCMSL activities till end March 2010. Accordingly he suggested utilizing the savings from the following activities to reimburse this expenditure;

Workshops on Round 9 (Activity No. 3.3) US \$ 875.00/=, Subcommittee meetings for three diseases (Activity No. 4.3) 1,312.00/= , allocation for CCM Meeting Venue and refreshments (Activity No. 3.1) 450/= and advocacy activities (Activity No. 2.10) 1,016.00

Total Estimated Expenditure US \$ 3,653.00

The CCMSL agreed to this suggestion and decided to obtain approval from the GF for this reimbursement.

10. Remuneration of CCMSL Staff

The need for payment of annual increments in keeping with public sector practices for CCM staff was discussed by the members of the CCMSL and it was decided to make payments after an annual performance evaluation in keeping with public sector practices. It was decided that such payments should be effective from 1st January 2009. Performance evaluation forms to be developed in keeping with public sector practices for CCMSL staff.

11. Reprogramming of Funds

AIDS

Dr Nimal Edirisinghe, Director/ NSACP requested permission to carry out the following reprogramming of funds

World AIDS day activities (Activity no. 2.1.3.4) to be reprogrammed for purchase of computer printer -Estimated expenditure US \$ 161

Conducting awareness program at school level on reproductive health and HIV by the trained teachers (Activity No. 2.1.3.3) to be reprogrammed for Purchase of 10 computers for 10 schools – Estimated expenditure US \$ 7,130

Conducting awareness program at school level on reproductive health and HIV by the trained teachers (Activity No. 2.1.3.3) to be reprogrammed for Youth awareness seminar on World AIDS Day – Estimated expenditure US \$ 2,367

TB

Dr. Sunil 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;

Supervisory visits from NRL to districts (Activity No. 1.1.7) to be reprogrammed for

Advocacy workshop for political and senior officials in Sabaragamuwa province (US \$ 1,524.09),

Improved networking between districts (monthly payment for the USB modems of districts) (US \$ 893.45),

Minor civil works at National Reference Laboratory (US\$ 4,150.03),

Supply and fixing of furniture to the chest clinic-Nuwara Eliya (US \$ 2,227.27),

Refurbishment of the drug stores of the chest clinic-Nuwara Eliya (1,227.27)

Awareness programme & sputum examination for suspected TB patients of estate population-Kalutara district (2,475.95) - Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 12,498.06

Training abroad of chest physicians & senior level program officers (Activity No. 1.4.3) to be reprogrammed for

Establishment of the Dicom Digital Diagnostic X ray System to the chest clinic Colombo - Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 26,829.09

Strengthening of culture and drug sensitivity testing (Activity No. 1.1.4) to be reprogrammed for

Minor civil works of the chest clinic in Gampaha (US \$ 812.47),

Procurement of 200 mattresses to the patients beds too chest hospital-Welisara (US \$ 3,618.18),

Procurement of disposable face masks and Minor civil works at NPTCCD (8,754.54) - Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 13,412.46

Procurement of second line drugs (Activity No. 1.2.3) to be reprogrammed for

Salaries of TB Assistants(from September –December 2009 (US \$ 28,909.09),

Refurbishment of TB wards of teaching hospital Kandy (US \$ 56,762.61),

Refurbishment of reception area of the Public Health Complex (US \$ 6,147.42)-,

Procurement of medical equipments to the chest clinic in Rathnapura (US \$ 19,414.24) - Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 111,233.36

Participation of the program manager and senior consultants in international congress (Activity No. 1.4.11) to be reprogrammed for

Sensitization on TB for consultant physicians(SLMA) (US \$ 1,152.27)

Conducting sensitization programme for consultants and MOs on management of TB (US \$ 3,772.71) - Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 4,924.98

Minor civil works at national reference laboratory (Activity no.1.5.2) to be reprogrammed for

Minor civil works in chest clinic-Colombo (US \$ 1,363.64),

Refurbishment of the site to install an X Ray machine in Welikada Prison (US \$ 25,124.64),

Refurbishment of the peripheral microscopy centers at Kitulgala and Karawanella (US \$ 4,909.09)

Procurement of garbage bags to the National Reference Laboratory (US \$ 15,780.16) - Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 47,177.53

Waste Management at district level (Activity no. 1.5.11) to be reprogrammed for

Research on development of a work plan for management of TB during disasters (US \$ 4,550.91),

Refurbishment of the district chest clinic in Colombo-Borella (US \$ 21,293.27),

IMPA programmes-Sensitization of medical officers (US \$ 8,309.09)

Procurement of furniture and equipments to the chest clinic in Rathnapura (US \$ 36,854.54) - Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 71,007.81

Participation at national level exhibition (Activity No. 4.11.9) to be reprogrammed for

Refurbishment of TB ward at base hospital Cheddikulum, Vavuniya - Estimated expenditure US \$27,136.36

Production of brochures (Activity no. 4.11.6.1) to be reprogrammed for

Procurement of medical equipments to the chest clinic, Rathnapura - Estimated expenditure US \$ 13,359.46

Procurement of second line drugs and supervisory visits from central level to districts (Activity No. 1.2.3 & 5.13.3) to be reprogrammed for

Procurement of medical equipments to the chest clinic, Rathnapura - Estimated expenditure US \$ 18,949.30

Production of printed IEC materials (Activity No. 4.11.6.3) to be reprogrammed for

Minor civil works Borella - Estimated expenditure US \$ 987.97

External technical assistance and supervisory visits from central level to districts (Activity No. 1.4.13 & 5.13.3) to be reprogrammed for

Foreign consultancy to revise the TB guidelines for Sri Lanka - Estimated expenditure US \$7,925.13

Salary for the project coordinator (Activity No. 1.4.14.1) to be reprogrammed for

Salaries for the Project Assistants (5)-Aug to Dec 2009- Estimated expenditure US \$ 4,090.90

Program management at district level (Activity No. 1.4.14.5) to be reprogrammed for

Salaries for the Data Entry Operators (35) for the month of Dec. 2009 (US \$ 5,727.27),

Mass media Communication-Broadcasting of TB advertisements (US \$ 10,772.72)

Procurement of 12 UPS to the NPTCCD (US \$ 454.51) - Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 16,954.50

Development of specific TB related information and PLWHA (Activity No. 2.7.1) to be reprogrammed for

Training of nurses, PHIs at chest clinics - Estimated expenditure US \$ 304.36

Production and performance of street drama (Activity No. 4.11.6.4) to be reprogrammed for

Installation of Air conditioners - Estimated expenditure US \$ 3,322.99

Production and performance of street dramas (Activity No. 4.11.6.3) to be reprogrammed for

Procurement of 70 C Freezer (balance money)(US \$ 4,332.75)

Participation of foreign training on Mass media communication (US \$ 10,165.09)- Total Estimated expenditure US \$ 14,497.84

Updating training modules for MOOs ,DTCOs and DOT providers (Activity No. 1.4.8)to be reprogrammed for

In-service training for nurses and PHIs, In-service training for nurses and PHIs - Estimated expenditure US \$ 1,587.89

Members agreed to extend the services of 53 TB Assistant's services in all chest clinics, for the period of September 2009 to December 2009

Dr. Mahipala stated that extension of TB assistant is a very good suggestion as the new recruitments for PHLT will take approximately two years.

Malaria

Dr Abeyasinghe, tabled a request letter from Director AMC to get permission to carry out the following reprogramming of funds

Twenty entomological teams carrying out 14 additional entomological days (9 members in a team) by each (Activity no. 1.9.5) to be reprogrammed for strengthening district level supervision of all field malaria control activities by RMOO (5 days a month), PHII (3 days a month – one PHI per RMO region) – Estimated annual expenditure US \$ 8,500

Recruitment and remuneration of Procurement specialist (Activity No. 3.1.3) to be reprogrammed for recruitment of Stores Officer on contract basis to the main Insecticide Storage Complex - Estimated annual expenditure US \$ 2,500 and payment of resource person fee for district level clerical staffs (2 days a month) – Estimated expenditure US \$ 2,100

CCM approved this reprogramming.

TEDHA request for reprogramming

A request for reprogramming of funds to make urgent necessary procurements of health products for TEDHA was submitted and discussed. The CCMSL decided to recommend this application to the Global Fund for approval.

12. CCM Retreat

The need for strengthening of CCM activities was discussed and it was decided that a Governance Manual and a programme Implementation Manual be developed for the CCMSL. It was decided to discuss drafts of these documents at the proposed retreat now to be rescheduled for early January after the holiday season. Dr. Mehta agreed to provide necessary assistance in this respect for the development of the manuals.

13. CCM Field Visit

Dr Abeyasinghe stated that the CCMSL must carry out a field visit as early as possible and requested as many members as possible to participate in the field visit. Dr Mehta requested Dr Abeyasinghe to share tentative dates with the members and the membership agreed to this suggestion.

14. Distribution and discussion of GF publication –*Scaling up for Impact Results Report*

This publication was distributed to all members of the CCMSL and its contents were discussed taking into consideration the recommendation of the GF to scale up project activities to ensure maximizing impact as discussed at the recent Regional Meeting in Hyderabad.

15 Other matters.

15.1. A request from the Standard Chartered Bank- representing the Business Coalition against AIDS requesting for membership of the CCM was discussed by the membership and it was decided that they should not be included as members or observers of the CCM. However it was agreed that they be included in the disease specific subcommittee of the CCM and this decision was agreed to by the Director NSACP who was in attendance.

Dr Abeyasinghe explained the meeting summary in Sinhala.

16. The Next CCM meeting

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



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