

Minutes of the 84th meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism Sri Lanka held on 05th December 2011, at 09.00 am, at the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.

Present:

Dr. Ravindra Ruberu	- Secretary / MoH (Chairman/CCMSL)
Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions / CFPA (Vice Chairman/CCMSL)
Dr. P.G. Mahipala	- Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Health
Dr. G.N.L Galappaththy	- Project Director/GFATM Project (Actg Focal Point/CCMSL)
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / NSACP
Dr. S. Deniyage	- Director/ AMC
Dr. S. Gopalan	- World Bank
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Dr. F.R Mehta	- WHO Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Dr. Moazzem Hossain	- UNICEF
Dr. L. P. Chandradasa	- Sarvodaya
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Ms. Thushara Agus	- The Family Planning Association
Ms. Kusum Wasala	- Wason Foundation
Ms. W. Prasadika	- Central Chest Clinic

Observers :

Dr. Panduka Wijeratne	- TEDHA
Dr. Palitha Abeykoon	- AIDS Foundation
Dr. S.L.G. Jayasuriya	- IMPA
Prof. Jennifer Perera	- SLMA
Mr. Saman Kumara	- PWC
Mr. Chanaka Walawwatte	- Programme Officer /CCMSL
Ms. Hirusha Alwis	- DEO/CCMSL

Excused:

Dr. A.K.S.B. De Alwis	- Director / NPTCCD
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Absent:

Dr. Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Health
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
Ms. Kaushalya Navaratne	- Sewa Lanka Foundation
Mr. B. Jayasiri	- Lanka Plus
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association

Proceedings

The meeting was chaired by Dr Ravindra Ruberu, Chairman/CCMSL, Secretary/MOH. He welcomed all the participants to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes were proposed as being in order by Mr. David Bridger and seconded by Mr. Shirley Tissera subjected to the changes discussed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

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Page 3, Page 5/Item 8 subcommittee report- R6 Issue

Mrs. Kodagoda tabled a letter regarding GFATM Round 6 HIV SR plantation sector funds pending from MoH (PR) 2008-2010. Mrs. Kodagoda pointed out that AL financial issue is still not solved completely. She said that some of the matters had not been minuted. She pointed out the reasons for not release the funds from MoH as follows.

1. That matter had dragged on for 18 months without settlement and she didn't want to waste any more valuable time of the CCM members.
 2. That she knows very well that a certain ministry official will never allow this payment due to a personal grudge which I am prepared to talk in public if necessary with clear evidence of proof. Although higher officials in the ministry were informed of this matter, it is surprising that no action has been taken to date for reasons not know to her.
- She further told that at a meeting held in Dr. Maheepala's office Health Ministry offered Alliance Lanka to commence the phase 2 activities of the project with details of fund allocations, but Alliance Lanka refused to discuss about phase 2 without phase 1 funds due to them being settled.
 - She also said that, she remembered that at the CCM meeting when the decision was taken to allow the Ministry of Health to continue phase two activities of the plantation sector HIV project, Dr. Mehta, referring to a document that detailed pending payments, said that those should be settled.
 - Any intelligent person may understand that the ministry has no right to hold on to their funds which is their hard earned money kept as a bank guarantee and funds due for services provided in relation to the project.

Mrs Kodagoda was informed by the CCM members that emotions cannot be reflected in minutes. However Ms. Kodagoda said that it was through thorough disappointment and being helpless that she said that she does not need any money from MOH. Dr Gopalan explained that if the work had been carried out and funds available a decision can be made for payment. Dr.

Galappaththy tabled financial report with settlements carried out after the last meeting with AL. Dr Ruberu suggested to have another meeting with MoH and AL. Dr Galappaththy, Project Director stated about consulting the ministry accountant and his view was that payment could be made if Director NSACP recommended. This is also missing from the minutes.

At this point Dr Palitha Abeykoon requested to advance the Agenda No 7 as he was one of the member of the committee to facilitate the selection procedure of CCM members since he has to go abroad in the evening.

Agenda 7 - CCMSL Membership Renewal – updates and procedure

Dr. Galappaththy explained that as per the decision taken at the last CCMSL meeting, committee to facilitate the selection of CSO had met three times. She stated that Ms Mangala Gunaratna represented the NGO secretariat as requested by the CCMSL in addition to Dr FR Mehta, Dr S Gopalan, Dr Sunil De Alwis, Dr Palitha Abeyakoon.

Dr Galappaththy tabled the summary report of the progress. Dr Mahipala explained that the committee met three times and has long discussions taking into account GMS recommendations to CCMSL. Subsequently a newspaper announcement for calling Eols was published on 4th November 2011. At this stage GMS has informed through several e mails to CCMSL that PR/SR/SSR can be CCM members contradicting the initial recommendation by them. Therefore, the committee decided to publish an amendment which appeared on 22nd November 2011 with the closing date of 6th December 2011 and so far 50 EOIs were received.

At this time Dr Lalith Chandradasa stated that he is strongly opposing this process and said that civil society should be selected/ elected by their own constituency. He also mentioned that government cannot decide on the CSO selection procedure. Dr Mahipala explained that GMS made this misinterpretation and he mentioned that this was categorically questioned by him at the very first day from the GF consultants as pointed out by Dr Chandradasa.

Dr Palitha Mahipala and Dr Gopalan collectively mentioned that this was not the selection and this was only a facilitation committee for the selection/election and this committee was appointed as per the previous CCMSL decision.

Dr Chandradasa questioned as to how this could function without civil society representation. Dr Galappaththy said that CCM members themselves wanted to keep out CSO members from this committee. Ms Kodagoda from AL and Ms Thushara from FPA accepted that they agreed on this at the last CCMSL.

Dr Gopalan stated that this should be a facilitating committee for the selection of members. And stated that he will withdraw from the committee and suggested to set up another committee. Dr Palitha Abeyakoon also stated that he will withdraw from the committee.

After round of discussions members agreed to dissolve the committee and to summon an extra ordinary CCM meeting to discuss the future steps regarding the selection of CSOs.

Matters arising Continued.

Agenda Item 6 - Appointment of new Focal Point /CCMSL also discussed

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Page 4.Item 4 Process of appointment of Focal Point /CCMSL.

Dr Mahipala stated that interviews for selection of Focal Point was held on 2nd December 2011 at the office of the Secretary, MoH by the oversight committee. He said that as per the advertisement published on 3 local newspapers calling for application for the post of Focal Point CCMSL, 6 applications were received and all were called for the interview but only 4 responded. He further said that according to the pre identified marking scheme by the oversight committee, Dr Sudath Samaraweera got the highest marks at the interview. Dr Mahipala further said that Dr Samaraweera requested for more than Rs. 100,000 per month as remuneration, since his current salary is over Rs.100,000 per month according to him. Dr Mahipala stated that CCMSL can allocate only about Rs. 70,000/= with the existing budget. Dr Mehta pointed out that CCMSL has to apply for the salary of focal point for the next funding application in 2012 as previous focal points performed their duties without any remuneration. Dr Chandrasa said that he cannot agree with the age limit for the focal point vacancy notice. Dr Galappaththy said that this draft advertisement was circulated among the members and got their comments but nobody has commented on the age limit. Dr Gopalan queried on what basis Dr. Galappaththy worked as FP during her period. Dr Galappaththy said that she and Dr Abeyasinghe worked on a volunteer basis.

After round of discussion members decided to ask Dr Sudath Samaraweera to meet Secretary MoH for a negotiation as soon as possible.

Dr. Galappaththy stated that she wanted to step down from the FP immediately due to personal reasons. The CCMSL then requested Mr Shirley Tissera to Act as Focal Point, Mr Tissera said that he was prepared to volunteer to perform these duties until the new FP is appointed, but said he could visit the Secretariat only 2 to 3 times a week, the members agreed to this.

4. Briefing of Global Fund 25th Board decisions and cancellation of R11 proposals

Mr. Shirley Tissera, Vice chair CCMSL summarized the decisions taken at the 25th board meeting of the GF held on 21-23 , Ghana. He pointed out that the Board has decided to cancel the grants

for Round 11. Even for phase 2 grants GF will consider disbursement requests on yearly basis depending on availability of funds.

5. Current status of disbursement request of TB, HSS and Malaria

Dr Galappaththy explained that Round 8 Malaria Phase 1 was completed on the 30th September 2011, and no cost extension was granted until 31st December 2011.

Dr Galappaththy said that PR1 has not received any funds for the last disbursement request. Therefore, AMC has to delay in payments to many activities already started (eg renovation of stores, refurbishment of AMC building etc) and this in turn has affected malaria elimination activities in the country. She further stated that to pay December 2011 salary to all the staff recruited under GFATM funds will be a problem due to non-availability of funds. She announced that as the last step she will be compelled to get funds from another grant. The CCM members have given their consent to this move.

Dr Galappaththy also stated that NPTCCD has submitted their training plan in June 2011 to LFA and GF but still not receive any response from GF. She also stated that tenders were called to purchase 11 numbers of double cabs for NPTCCD and AMC according to the government rules and regulations. But the LFA has suggested a different brand contradicting the TEC report. This contradiction has delayed in purchasing vehicles for 3 months. The members pointed out that this could not be a business of LFA. And this delay will impact the performance. Dr Mahipala said that it is not necessary to recommend/purchase cheapest goods. Mr. Saman from PWC was asked to explain and he said that he is only an observer and need to get explanation from the top management.

Dr Galappaththy tabled a request letter from Chairperson/ national Dangerous Drug Control Board, requesting to become a SR in Drug Users component for PR2 Round 9 HIV grant. Dr Mehta queried on their capacity of doing this, members were opinion that they have lots of experience in this regard. Members agreed to get them as SR for the above component.

6. Appointment of new Focal Point /CCMSL

This has already discussed.

7. CCMSL Membership Renewal – updates and procedure

This has already discussed.

8. GMS 3rd Visit

Members agreed to cancel their 3rd visit to Sri Lanka.

9. Reprogramming of Funds.

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Description in the Original Work Plan		Description to be implemented		Amount (USD)
Activity No.	Description	Activity No.	Description	
1.5.11	Waste Management	1.1.2	Procurement of reagent for blood Gas analyser-CH Welisara	7,688.99
1.2.2	Waste Management	1.5.5	Procurement of printer toners -NPTCCD	309.73
4.11.7	Telecasting, broadcasting and publishing the IEC material through electronic and print media	1.5.4	Procurement of autoclaves Culture Laboratory/ Rathnapura	2,557.52
1.4.14.8	Salary for project Drivers	5.14	Interview for selection of Programme planning officer/IT	304.20
4.11.9	Participating at national level exhibitions	4.12.3	Health Education awareness Screening	339.82
1.5.13	Strengthening of TB control activities among IDP's.	1.5.10	Procurement of desk top monitor	146.02
1.4.13	External technical assistance	5.13.1	Installation of tri language software	752.21
1.5.13	Strengthening of TB control activities among IDP's.	1.5.3	Procurement of Printer toner-CC Kandy	101.77
5.13.11	Prevalence of Tuberculosis among diabetics	1.4.3	Participation for the Training on Project management -Malaysia	5,140.00
1.4.11	Participation of the programme manager and the senior consultants in international congress and meetings related to TB control	1.4.3	Participation for the Training on Project management -Malaysia	4,107.00
1.5.7	Procurement of vehicles	5.14	Common cost for GFATM Finance Unit-(Water/ telephone/salaries/Stationery/repairs/refreshments-Aug 2011)	1,299.23
1.5.8	Supplementary maintenance/fuel costs for vehicles	5.14	Common cost for GFATM Finance Unit- (Water/ telephone/salaries/Stationery/repairs/refreshments-oct/Sep)	2,042.00
4.11.9	Participating at national level exhibitions	1.5.5	Procurement of Stationery /NPTCCD	265.49
4.11.7	Telecasting, broadcasting and publishing the IEC material through electronic and print media	1.5.4	Laboratory equipments to culture laboratory/Rathnapura Horizontal Shaker	6,702.39
4.11.7	Telecasting, broadcasting and publishing the IEC material through electronic and print media	4.11.11	Participation for the GFATM Annual PSM workshop in Bangkok	
1.5.14	Renovation of the Chest clinics at Mulative and Killinochchi	1.1.2	Procurement of 120,000 Sputum Mugs	8,495.58
1.5.14	Renovation of the Chest clinics at Mulative and Killinochchi	1.1.2	Procurement of 3000 cryo vials & vire loops	1,915.37
4.12.6	Providing smear microscopy services at National Hospitals	4.12.5	Awareness pro. Fornewly recruited jailors & welfare officers	615.71
4.11.6.2	Production of electronic IEC material	4.11.6.3	Production of posters/leaflets	1,055.75
1.5.14	Renovation of the Chest clinics at Mulative and Killinochchi	1.5.4	Procurement of 2 nos of centrifuges-cc Rathnapura & Kandy	5,309.73

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1.3.6	Commencement of PAL pilots in 2 districts			6,522.12
1.5.8	Supplementary maintenance/fuel costs for vehicles	1.5.3	Consultancy fee CECB for Minor Civil works	321.75
1.5.8	Supplementary maintenance/fuel costs for vehicles	1.5.6	Consultancy fee CECB for Minor Civil works	240.20
1.5.8	Supplementary maintenance/fuel costs for vehicles	1.5.5	Consultancy fee CECB for Minor Civil works	342.05
1.5.8	Supplementary maintenance/fuel costs for vehicles	1.5.2	Consultancy fee CECB for Minor Civil works	233.20
4.11.11	Commemoration of the World TB Day	1.3.10	Procurement of nebulizers	3,539.82
4.11.6.2	Production of electronic IEC material	1.3.10	Procurement of nebulizers	1,734.51
1.5.8	Supplementary maintenance/fuel costs for vehicles	1.1.2	Procurement of reagent for Culture system-Central Lab Welisara	7,679.75
1.5.12	Establishment of the DOTS centers at Major Private Hospitals	1.5.3	Repair photocopy machine-DCC Pollonnaruwa	333.77
5.13.12	Factors associated with delayed sputum conversion	1.3.2	Implementation of death notification system	106.19
5.13.11	Prevalence of Tuberculosis among diabetics	1.3.2	Implementation of death notification system	92.04
4.11.6.4	Production & performance of street dramas	1.5.3	CECB consultancy fee for refurbishment of Mullariyawa Chest ward	4,944.59
4.11.6.4	Production & performance of street dramas	1.5.8	Overhauling of Caravan/NPTCCD	5,911.50
4.11.6.2	Production of electronic IEC material	1.5.8	Overhauling of Caravan/NPTCCD	4,424.78
4.11.12	Publishing quarterly news letter	1.5.8	Overhauling of Caravan/NPTCCD	1,557.52
4.11.11	Commemoration of the World TB Day	1.4.11	Workshop on SAARC regional training on leadership & strategic mgt	2,611.42
1.3.2	Improved default tracing	5.13.7	Annual Review meeting PDHS/RDHS/Accountant	1,061.95
1.5.8	Supplementary maintenance/fuel costs for vehicles	5.13.7	Annual Review meeting PDHS/RDHS/Accountant	1,557.57
4.11.7	Telecasting, broadcasting and publishing the IEC material through electronic and print media	1.4.11	Participate in National TB control programme managers & partners -Bangkok Thailand	600.00
4.11.7	Telecasting, broadcasting and publishing the IEC material through electronic and print media	5.143	Publication advertisement- Revision National Strategic plan	556.33
1.3.8	Development of operational PAL guidelines, training materials and preparation of plans for phased expansion	1.3.10	Publication of procurement notice PAL equipments	600.35
4.11.7	Telecasting, broadcasting and publishing the IEC material through electronic and print media	5.13.4	Annual district Review meeting /Anuradapura	1,535.18
5.13.3	Supervisory visits from central unit to districts and from district to peripheral facilities	5.13.13	Research on safety & benefit of adjunctive systemic cortico steroid therephy in management of pulmonary TB.	869.17
1.2.3	Procurement of second line drugs	1.2.1	Procurement of first line drugs-amended cost	8,850.00

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	from GLC			
5.13.13	Characterization of mycobacterium in Sri Lanka	1.2.1	Procurement of first line drugs-amended cost	5,701.29
1.5.11	Waste Management	1.5.5	Repair a photo copy machine/NPTCCD	48.30
1.5.11	Waste Management	1.5.5	Repair a computer printer/NPTCCD	169.76
4.11.9	Participating at national level exhibitions	4.12.5	Health education and screening programme /Elkaduwa Estate, Matale	275.66
4.11.6.4	Production of electronic IEC material	1.5.3	Payment for the consultancy fee for refurbishment works to the CECB	8,356.25
1.5.1	Savings of Refurbishment of MDR TB ward/Welisara	1.5.3	Refurbishment of TB ward/Mullariyawa/ BH	53,097.35
1.5.6	Savings of Refurbishment of Central Drug Stores/Welisara	1.5.3	Refurbishment of TB ward/Mullariyawa/ BH	44,247.79
				217,270.68

Cancelled Activities

US \$18,823.47 taken from activity no. 1.1.2 to procurement 1st line drugs – Presented at 83rd CCM Meeting

US \$ 8131.18 to be cancelled as part of the amount of total reprogrammed amount for this activity.

US \$17,699.12 taken from activity no. 4.11.6.4 to Procurement of 4 WD vehicle to the NPTCCD – Presented at 81st CCM Meeting

This activity has been cancelled.

US \$6,401.55 taken from activity no. 1.5.11 to Procurement of 4 WD vehicle to the NPTCCD – Presented at 81st CCM Meeting

This activity has been cancelled.

10. Approval for applying of expanded funding CCMSL for 2012/14

CCMSL Secretariat staff was asked to prepare the expanded funding application and make necessary action.

11. Any other business.

- Nomination for CCMs of the Global Fund Workshop - HIV/AIDS

Two names were unanimously nominated for this workshop

Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe , D/NSACP PR1

Dr. Harishchandra Yakandawala from PR2

- Approval for the proposal for modification of the CCMSL website

Mr. Chanaka Walawwatte, PO/CCMSL tabled CCMSL proposal for additional interactive features for CCM Sri Lanka web site. He was advised to circulate completed proposal to members and present it at the next CCMSL meeting.

12. CCMSL Field visit.

Dr Galappaththy said that the secretariat had a discussion with D/NPTCCD regarding a field visit and D/NPTCCD agreed to visit GF projects in Matara. She asked from other Programme Directors and members regarding their availability on this date.

Finally Chair, CCMSL and members collectively thanked and appreciated the volunteer service rendered by Dr Gawrie Galappaththy as the focal point.

13. Next CCMSL Meeting

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



Shirley Tissera
Vice Chair/Acting Focal Point, CCMSL
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