

**Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Country Coordinating Mechanism Sri Lanka held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012, at 2.00pm, at the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.**

**Present:**

**Members.**

Dr. P.G. Mahipala	- Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Health
Mrs. Thushara Agus	- The Family Planning Association (Vice Chairman/CCMSL)
Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions
Dr. Sudath Samaraweera	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. S. Deniyage	- Director/ AMC
Ms. Renuka Peiris	- Ministry of Education
Dr. N.C. Amarasinghe	- Ministry of Labour and Labour Relations
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Dr. Indira Hettiarachchi	- ILO
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Mr. H.A. Laxman	- Community Strength Development Foundation
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Dr. Palitha Abeykoon	- AIDS Foundation of Lanka
Mr. Pubudu Sumanasekara	- Alcohol & Drug Information Centre
Ms. Priyanthi Kumari	- PLDW
Mr. Chamika Rasintha De Silva	- KAP

**Alternate Members.**

Dr. K. Buddakorala	- NSACP
Dr. Nishamane Yashoda Karawila	- UNICEF
Dr. G.N.L. Galapaththy	- MoH
Dr. N. Janakan	- WHO

**Observers.**

Mr. Channa Manoharan	- PWC
Mr. Chanaka Walawwatte	- Programme Officer /CCMSL
Ms. Hirusha Alwis	- DEO/CCMSL

**Excused:**

Dr. Ajith Mendis	- Ministry of Health
Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / NSACP
Dr. F.R Mehta	- WHO Country Representative for Sri Lanka
Mr. Reza Hossaini	- UNICEF

**Absent:**

Mr. Lal Ratnaweera	- Ministry of Social Services
Ms. Chandani Wijewardana	- Ministry of Finance & Planning
Prof. Sanath Lamabadusuriya	- Sri Lanka Medical Association
Mrs. Muriel Nilaweera	- Women in Action

**Proceedings**

The meeting was chaired by, Dr. P.G. Mahipala, Additional Secretary/MOH. He stated that he is representing the new Secretary MoH. He welcomed all the participants on behalf of CCMSL.

Dr Mahipala mentioned that the agenda items 2,3and 4 of the 86<sup>th</sup> CCMSL meeting will be taken up, as they were left out at the last meeting due to time constraints.

**2. Confirmation of the Minutes**

Both 86<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> CCMSL meeting minutes were proposed as being in order by Dr. Palitha Abeykoon and seconded by Mr David Bridger subject to the changes discussed.

**3. Matters arising from minutes.****a) 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**

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**3. Matters arising from minutes - Page 4-reallocation of funds**

Mrs. Kodagoda referring to the discussion at the last CCM meeting, pointed out that the request from the Director NSACP to reallocate funds for the KAP survey was questionable as there were funds already allocated for it in the original budget. Dr Mahipala said that this discussion had been postponed from the last meeting to the current meeting but the outcome is the same since Dr Edirisinghe is not present at this meeting too. However Dr Buddhakorala, the alternate to Dr Edirisinghe, who joined the meeting a little later was asked to clarify on that, but Dr Buddhakorala stated that the ideal person to respond to the question is Dr Edirisinghe, and refrained from giving any feedback. However, Mrs Kodagoda said that this should not happen at the CCM level, and if important matters are not resolved on a timely manner, increased costs may occur due to duplication of cost allocations. She reiterated that when a question is raised that wanted a clarification it should be provided without delay. The members then decided to write to Dr Edirisinghe to provide clarifications on same.

**b). 87<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012.****Page 3. Agenda 6- Important matters – way forward****a) CCMSL Governance manual**

Mr. Shirley Tissera suggested a change to clause 37 of page no 7 of the Governance Manual, on CCM oversight Committee. His suggestion was to permit the inclusion of PRs, who are not

directly involved in project activities. Dr Palitha Abeykoon said that the CCM can agree to this since this is justifiable in our country, yet needed compliance with the global fund guidelines. Mr Tissera said that this can be sorted out with the global fund. Dr Mahipala suggested that to write to the global fund seeking approval for this. Members agreed to change the clause accordingly, subject to approval from Global Fund.

#### **4. Appointment of CCMSL Subcommittees**

Dr Mahipala called for nominations for CCML sub-committees to be appointed in keeping with the governance manual. In response, following members were nominated and seconded for respective subcommittees.

##### **a) Oversight Committee**

Dr. Palitha Mahipala - Chairman

Mr. Shirley Tissera - Vice Chair

Dr. F. R Mehta - Member

Dr. Palitha Abeykoon - Member

Mrs. Swarna Kodagoda- Member

Dr. S. Gopalan - Member

##### **b) Proposal Development Committee**

Dr. S. L Deniyage - Chairman

Dr. Indira Hettiarachchi- Vice Chair

Dr. G.N.L.Galapaththy- Member

Ms. Renuka Pieris - Member

Mr. Pubudu Samarasekara- Member

Ms. Priyanthi Kumari - Member

##### **c) Finance Committee**

Dr. Kishu Gomes - Chairman

Mr. P.A. Pathiratne - Vice Chair

Dr. Sudath Samaraweera- Member

Mr. Sathiesh Kumar - Member

Mrs. Swarna Kodagoda- Member

Mr. H.A. Laxman - Member

Members decided to keep chairmanship of each TSGs to Directors of the national programmes and few names for membership were nominated. According to that following members were appointed for TSGs

**d) HIV/AIDS Technical Support Group**

Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe - Chairman  
Dr. Yakandawala - Vice Chair  
Mr. David Bridger - Member  
Mr. Reza Hossaini - Member

**e) Malaria Technical Support Group**

Dr. S.L Deniyage - Chairman  
Dr. Pandu Wijeratne - Vice Chair  
Dr. G.N.L.Galapaththy - Member

**f) TB Technical Support Group**

Dr. Sudath Samaraweera - Chairman  
Dr. N. Janakan - Vice Chair

Respective Directors of each Disease control programme were asked to fill up the group membership up to a maximum of 6, with relevant technical experts including at least one member from civil society and forward the names at next CCMSL meeting.

**5. Applying for continued funding – HIV/AIDS -Round 9 Phase 2**

Dr. Mahipala tabled a letter of invitation from global fund to submit CCM Request for Renewal of SRL-911-G13-H and SRL-911-G14-H. He stated that the CCMSL needs to decide to apply for continued funding. Members gave approval for applying for the same and subsequently Dr. Buddhakorala was asked to describe the current situation. Dr. Buddhakorala explained the current situation. Mrs. Thushara Agus, Vice Chair/CCMSL said that deadline for submission of proposal is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2012 and date for next CCMSL meeting scheduled to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September need to be revised, in view of the pending proposal. Members suggested having the next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Dr Palitha Abeykoon suggested to

prepare both PR1 and PR2 proposals at least 2 weeks before deadline, and requested the Secretariat to circulate to all members for their views.

Dr Buddhakorala was asked to inform Dr Nimal Edirisinghe, Director NSACP to coordinate the development of proposal.

Dr G.N.L. Galappaththy, former focal point stated that she is willing to help the CCMSL Secretariat to complete the CCM section of the application.

## **6. Dates for, i. Field Visits (Eastern Province & Central Province)**

### **ii. CCMSL Retreat & Training Workshop**

At this time Mr. Shirley Tissera stated that the fund portfolio manager will be visiting Sri Lanka during 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012. He stated that during his visit Mr. Manab and the team will visit Global fund projects in Northern Province and Colombo. He read out the tentative schedule prepared by respective parties. Members suggested some changes to the schedule due to various logistical concerns.

#### **i. Field Visits (Eastern Province & Central Province)**

It was decided to seek recommendations from the oversight committee and inform members

#### **ii. CCMSL Retreat & Training workshop**

Mr Tissera said that we already had an orientation programme. Mrs.Thushara said that it was held for new members as an induction, yet suggested a retreat/orientation proper, to be held in keeping with the budget/activity item of CCMSL calendar for which an allocation of 1544+858 USD has been made. Members then decided to have the retreat for all CCMSL members and alternate members on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012. Vice Chair/CCMSL was requested to organize the programme.

## **7. Reallocation of funds.**

### **a). Round 9 HIV PR2- Escorting MARP to STD Clinics**

Mrs Thushara tabled a letter from Dr Yakandawala requesting to change indicator 1.3 as no.of FSWs escorted/referred by peer educators for STI and STD clinics. He has requested that "Escorted" to be replaced by Escorted/Referred. He has further justified that all FSW s and other MARP who are escorted or referred to the STD clinics can be counted.

Approval granted.

## b). TB Round 6 Phase 2

Dr Sudath Samaraweera tabled some reallocated activities to be cancelled due to savings from the original activities. CCM approval were given for cancellation of following activities

Year	Activity	Reprogrammed Activity	Original Activity	Amount USD	Presented CCM	Presented Date	Phase	Ex.rate	Amount Rs.
2009	Procurement of First-line drugs	1.2.3	1.2.1	72,000	69	18/05/209	p1	110	7,920,000
2009	Establishment of the Dicom Digital Diagnostic X ray System to the chest clinic Colombo	1.4.3	1.5.3	26,829	72	2/12/2009	p1	115	3,085,345
2009	Foreign consultancy to revise the TB guidelines for Sri Lanka	1.4.13	1.4.13	925	72	2/12/2009	p1	115	106,375
2009	Mass media Communication-Broadcasting of TB advertisements	1.4.14.5	4.11.7	10,773	72	2/12/2009	p1	115	1,238,863
2010	Procurement of 26 Autoclaves to DCCs	1.1.2	1.5.11	35,219	78	20/09/2010	p1	115	4,050,185
2010	Refurbishment of Microscopic center at Ashraff memorial hospital Kalmunai	1.4.14.6	1.5.3	16,491	78	20/09/2010	P2	114	1,879,974
2010	Commemoration of world TB day 2010(Refreshment)	1.4.13	4.11.11	3,154	74	24/03/2010	p1	115	362,710
2010	Programme Management at district level	1.4.14.6	1.4.14.5	13,684	78	20/09/2010	p2	114	1,559,976
2010	Procurement of Furniture -CC Batticaloa	1.4.14.7	1.5.3	8,509	78	20/09/2010	p2	114	970,026
2010	Construction of name board Chest clinic Batticaloa	1.4.14.7	1.5.3	959	78	20/09/2010	p2	114	109,326
2010	Installation Chargers of the generator/NRL	1.4.13	1.5.2	6,261	79	15/11/2010	p2	113	707,500
2010	Broadcasting of behavioral change communication materials on TB	1.4.14.5	4.11.7	12,427	73	25/01/2010	p1	115	1,429,105
2010	procurement of sputum cups with lids	1.5.13	1.5.3	5,430	79	15/11/2010	p2	113	613,600
2010	Procurement of 02 no's of Rotary Microtomes	1.4.13	1.5.2	12,036	80	17/12/2010	p2	113	1,360,040
2010	Procurement of Fluorescent Microscope-CL	5.13.8	1.1.3	15,132	78	20/09/2010	p1	114	1,725,048
2010	Procurement of refregirator CL Welisara	5.13.8	1.5.2	11,404	78	20/09/2010	p1	114	1,300,056
2011	Establishment of MC - Maligawaththa/Colombo	1.5.13	1.5.3	1,195	81	1/6/2011	p2	113	135,000
2011	Procurement of automatic film processor to Chest hospital Welisara	1.5.13	1.5.3	4,628	83	12/9/2011	p2	110	509,115
2011	Procurement o Auroscopes(15 nos)PAL implementation	1.5.11	1.3.10	4778.76	81	1/6/2011	P2	113	540,000
2011	Installation of tri language software	1.4.13	5.13.1	752	84	5/12/2011	p2	113	85,000

## Reallocation of funds- TB Component-Round 06-Phase 2/2012

Dr Sudath Samaraweera presented following items and requested concurrence to re-allocate funds. Also he stated that they have huge issues in delays in disbursements of funds from global funds so have to stop/postponed so many activities even have problem in pay the salary for staffs. Dr Galappaththy also express her views in this regard confirming the situation. Dr. Galapaththy explained the difference between reallocation and reprogramming of funds and further said that during his last visit Mr Manab, had promised to take off the need for GF concurrence for reallocation. However, we are yet to receive that in writing. Members were of the opinion that we should write to Global Fund asking the ceiling for the CCM concurrence for reallocation. In view of that following requests were not approved by the CCM.

Original activity	Activity to be implemented	Activity No(Reprogrammed under this activity)	Amount(Rs)	Amount(USD)
1.4.14.6	Payments for the existing TB Assistants- 81 no's (July-Dec 2012)	1.1.2 (Procurements of reagents and other items needed for microscopy and culture facilities)	5,500,000.00	43307.09
		1.5.8 (Fuel and maintenance cost for vehicles at district level and central)	4,653,710.00	36643.39
1.5.3	Procurement of X ray film processors 02 no's(CC/Kegalle and CC/Matara)	1.5.9(Improved networking between districts for transfer of patients/ exchange of information (Postal & Telefax)	600,000.00	4724.41
		1.5.2(Refurbishment/Minor civil works of the NRL)	600,000.00	4724.41

### Reprogramming of activities. HSS

Dr Galappaththy requested for following activities to be re-programmed under HSS, but did not receive approval by the CCM, on the same note.

**Original Activity.** 3.1 Re-furbishment of laboratory with provision of equipment- funds available 72,720.USD

**Proposed activity** – refurbishment of drug store in Mullaitivu

**Round 9 HIV-** D/NSACP was requested to resubmit the reallocation request under his signature.

## **8. Any other Business**

### **a). Appointment of Focal Point**

Dr Mahipala stated that we need to select a focal person to the CCMSL, hence he requested to suggest a skilled person who can work on a part time appointment. Dr Galappaththy nominated Dr Sulochana Yoganathan, a retired Doctor who has the capacity of doing this position. Since there were no objections on this suggestion, CCM decided to have an initial discussion with Dr Yoganathan and take her as the Focal Point of the CCMSL with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

### **b) Selection of external Auditors - Round 9 PR**

Mrs Thushara tabled a letter from Sarvodaya informing CCML that they have select SJMS Associates after a proper selection procedure, as their external Auditor for R9 PR2 HIV Programmes. CCMSL accepted the selection.

### **c) Selection of SR and SSR – Round 9 PR2**

Mrs Thushara read out a letter from Sarvodaya indicating that they have selected SRs for FSW,MSM,DU, SSR for BB to implement HIV R9 PR2 activities at grassroots level.

Selected organizations are as follows:

CSDF-for FSW –as SR

The family Planning Association for MSM – as SR

Alcohol and Drug Information Centre for DU component as SR

Organization of Environment and Children Rights Preservation for Beach Boys as SSR.

Members accepted the selection of SRs and conditionally approved the selected SSR and decided to write to Sarvodaya to get more information.

### **d) Commencement of TEDHA Kilinochchi activities**

TEDHA requested the concurrence of CCMSL to the proposed commencement of surveillance activities in Kilinochchi in July 2012 with a view to progress with the planned GF programme and meet the desired goals, objectives and targets of the National Programme. Approval granted.

**e)** Vice Chair CCMSL read out 3 request letters seeking concurrence from Dr Buddika Hapuarachchi, Sarvodaya. CCM agreed to give concurrence and decided to write to them informing that it is not required to get approval from the CCM on minor activities identified under the proposal.

Approval was given to the following,

1. Round 8- PR3 Malaria. Activity no. 5.10.4. filling of abandoned gem pits in Matale, Monaragala, Hambanthota and Ratnapura district.

PR3 requested to add Kandy District to existing 4 districts to continue with the above activity.



2. Round 8- PR3 Malaria. Activity no 5.21.9. follow up activity for trained COMBI personal sellers.
3. Round 8- PR3 Malaria. Activity no 5.21.1 District level inter school drama, essay, and poster competition on Malaria message in 15 selected districts.  
PR 3 requested to grant permission to postpone the above activity to year 4 of phase 2. Approval granted.

**f) Authorized Signatory – CCMSL account no. 6662865**

Mr. Tissera stated that he has been acting as the second signatory since the inception of CCML as the vice chair and he wanted to hand over this to Mrs. Thushara Agus the newly appointed vice chair. CCMSL members agreed to do that.

**g) SEAR CCMSL account.**

Dr Mahipala stated that Sri Lanka has been elected as Board Member for Global fund for 2012 /2014, and there is a necessity to accept funding for the SEAR constituency. We resolved that we open a separate account at the Bank of Ceylon, Narahenpita Branch under the title "CCMSL SEAR ACCOUNT" the signatories to this account shall be the CCMSL Accountant Mr. Illanko Sathiesh Kumar on the one hand and Dr Palitha Mahipala Board Member or Mr. Shirley Tissera Communications Focal Point for the SEA Region on the other hand.

CCMSL approval granted.

**h) Observers for CCMSL –** Mr Laxman proposed that it will be helpful to continue activities with non government PRs if we invite them to come to the CCMSL. Mr Tissera also expressed his views in favor of that. Members agreed to invite Sarvodaya and TEDHA to CCMSL meeting as observers.


Mr. David Bridger announced that this is his last CCM and thanked all members of the CCM. Dr Mahipala mentioned that we learnt a lot from Mr. David who is a highly technical person and appreciated his contribution in last 5 years to CCM and the MoH as well. He thanked Mr. David for his service on behalf of the CCMSL.

Mr Tissera stated that he wanted to thank the outgoing Chairman Dr Ravindra Ruberu who was a very helpful person and proposed an appreciation for services rendered by him to CCML. He also took this opportunity to invite the new Chairman to the next meeting.

At this time Dr Mahipala stated that Dr Nihal Jayathillake wanted to attend but, there were some trade union issues to be sorted out. Therefore he represented the new Secretary as Additional Secretary.

**9. Next CCMSL Meeting**

The next meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 02.00 pm.

  
Ms. Thushara Agus  
Vice Chair/ CCMSL

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