

**Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Country Coordinating Mechanism, Sri Lanka held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014, at 2.30 pm, at the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.**

**Present:**

**Members.**

Dr. Palitha Abeykoon	- AIDS Foundation of Lanka (Vice Chairman/CCMSL)
Dr. P.G. Mahipala	- Director General of Health Service, Ministry of Health
Dr. Sisira Liyanage	- Director / NSACP
Dr. K.N.G. Seneviratna	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. F.R Mehta	- WR WHO
Dr. S.E. Majeed	- UNICEF
Dr. Indira Hettiarachchi	- ILO
Dr. Dayanath Ranatunga	- UNAIDS
Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions
Prof. Sanath Lamabadusuriya	- Sri Lanka Medical Association
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Mrs Thushara Agus	- Family Planning Association
Mrs. Muriel Nilaweera	- Women in Action
Mr. D.A.D.N.C. Wimalaratne	- Rural & Community Development Association
Mr. H.A Lakshman	- CSDF
Ms. Priyanthi Kumari	- PLDW

**Alternate Members.**

Dr. Risintha Premaratne	- Deputy Director, AMC
Dr. N. Janakan	- WHO

**Observers.**

Ms. Sylwia Murray	- FPM, The Global Fund
Ms. Lauren Voss	- Legal consultant, Legal Grant Management Team of The Global Fund
Mr. Shailendra Haruray	- Consultant, Alliance SA Hub
Dr. Pandu Wijerathna	- TEDHA
Dr. Buddika Hapuarachchi	- Sarvodaya
Dr. M.A. Iffthikar	- PM/HSS Project
Mr. Saman Algoda	- Sarvodaya
Mr. Channa Manoharan	- LFA
Mr. C. Sangarakumaran	- LFA

**CCMSL Secretariat**

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

**Excused:**

Dr. Y.D. Nihal Jayathilaka	- Chair /CCMSL (S/H, Ministry of Health)
Mr. Chamika Rasintha De Silva	- KAP

**Absent:**

Dr. Sarath Amunugama	- DDGPHS, Ministry of Health
Dr. N.C. Amarasinghe	- Ministry of Labour and Labour Relations
Mrs. Chandrika Senanayake	- Ministry of Finance & Planning
Ms. Renuka Pieris	- Ministry of Education
Mr. Pubudu Sumanasekara	- Alcohol & Drug Information Centre

### **Proceedings:**

The meeting started at 2.30 pm chaired by Dr. Palitha Abeykoon, Vice Chair / CCM Sri Lanka, in the absence of the Chair. He welcomed GF officials, Mr. Shailendra Consultant from Alliance SA hub and all the participants and the observers.

**1. Excuses:** Dr. Palitha Abeykoon mentioned the names of the members who had sent excuses.

### **2. Confirmation of the Minutes of 97<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013:**

The Minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013, which had been circulated were taken up for adoption and adopted as the correct record without any correction.

The minutes were adopted - proposed by Ms. Thushara Agus and seconded by Dr. Indira Hettiarachchi.

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

#### **Page 3 – 5: CCMSL Member Renewal 2014/16**

Dr. Palitha Abeykoon said that a series of steps have been taken on line with the recommendations mentioned at the last CCMSL meeting. Dr. Indira Hettiarachchi, one of the members of the election committee was requested to present an update. Dr. Indira explained that the Secretariat has received 33 Expression of Interest as response to the newspaper announcements made to calling for Expressions of Interest on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014. She further mentioned that another 2 EOIs received electronically; however, 2 organizations each have sent 2 EOIs and both been duplicates. Therefore total numbers of effective EOIs were 33. Dr. Indira further explained that 18 EOIs out of 33 received from NGO, 3 from PLWD, 2 from Private Sector, 1 from Faith Based Organisation, and one from Academia. Therefore on behalf of the Election Committee she recommended, CCMSL to have election for NGO constituency and PLWD constituency and no need to have election for Faith Based Organisation, Private Sector, KAP and Academia constituencies because the number of EOIs is same as the number of membership available.

Dr. F. R. Mehta (WHO) informed that it is necessary the Chair of CCMSL write to ML/BL partners and the Government constituencies to nominate their representatives to the CCMSL and he stressed that it should be discussed about selecting the membership of ML/BL partners and Government constituencies about adding or dropping any current member organization.

Dr. Palitha Mahipala responded by saying that the Governance Manual of the CCM SL was prepared and endorsed after having a series of discussions and therefore the CCM SL need to adhere to the Governance Manual and the organizations representing the Government Members should not be changed and the members agreed to that.

After a brief discussion the members decided to hold the Members Selection election on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for the 5 members from NGO constituency and 1 member from PLWD constituency.

#### **Page 7- KAP/PLWD engagement in NFM**

b). Mr. Lakshman was requested to explain the progress. Mr. Lakshman said that they have set up the subcommittee including KAP and PLWD members of the CCM and few non CCM members, and the committee met twice during last two months and prepared a work plan and a budget. He also explained each budget items. The members of CCMSL accepted the work plan and endorsed it to implement. Ms. Sylwia informed members that the GF is going to have a contract with **7 sisters** nominated by CCMSL. This organization will facilitate and provide assistance in the development/fine-tuning of the pilot project work plan to enhance KAP/PLWD engagement in NFM.

## **Agenda Item**

### **4. Feedback from the last Oversight Committee Meeting**

Dr. Palitha Abeykoon informed that the oversight meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014 chaired by Dr. Mahipala and all the members of committee participated at the meeting along with a few invitees. Mr. Tissera was requested to summarize matters discussed and the recommendations made at the meeting.

He mentioned that as usual the meeting was started with the presentation of PRs and the first presentation was made by Ms Thushara Agus represented FPA – PR2 for HIV/AIDS on the progress they have made. Oversight Committee congratulated FPA for their achievement; rating B1 from earlier C and later Dr. Iffthikar Project Manager/HSS - PR from MoH made the presentation. He presented the current situation of the project and the constraints /issues faced by them. However Chairman OSC instructed him to summon an immediate meeting to solve the issues.

Mr. Tissera further said that they re-discussed the Alliance Lanka-MoH issue since the recommended actions were not carried out by the PMU. At this time Mrs. Kodagoda tabled a letter written by Alliance Lanka requesting the CCM to take appropriate action to make immediate release of total amount fund recommended by the GF/PWC assessment team and Dr. Mahipala requested the CCM to write to the Secretary /MOH to sort this out.

Mr. Tissera also mentioned the decision taken and recommended to the CCM regarding recruitment of a full time Focal Point to CCMSL. The Oversight Committee recommended to the CCM to advertise and employ a full time focal point with a transparent and documented process. The CCM accepted and discussed deeply and agreed to keep the salary allocation with the budget ceiling of Rs. 150,000 per month.

Mr. Tissera also mentioned that the Oversight Committee decided to visit Eastern province as oversight visit by the CCM by end of March.

### **5. CCM Sri Lanka Diagnostic Study to meet Eligibility Requirement and Minimum Standard of GFATM's NFM and Self Assessment**

Mr. Shailendra Haruray who will be conducting the diagnostic workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute was requested to make a brief presentation on the objectives of the workshop. He stated that there are requirements to be fulfilled by each CCM to be eligible for the NFM and this workshop is to identify the gaps in the requirements in the CCM SL.

He said that the full assessment will be started in April. The CCM SL secretariat informed the CCM additional funds required have been requested from the GIZ for the full assessment and the requested amount is UD \$ 17,440. Ms. Sylwia also stressed the urgency of concept note submission under NFM since 3 grants will close in September 2014 and requested all members to participate the workshop.

### **6. Presentation by Ms. Sylwia Murray FPM**

Ms. Sylwia made a presentation on NFM; she explained the process of NFM, Country Dialog, National Strategic Plan development, Concept Note Development and Submission, TRP etc. She mentioned that **they are working closely with the National Programs, partners and other stakeholders.**

### **7. Concept note submission – Malaria grant**

Dr. Risintha Premaratne, Acting Director /AMC explained the need to get money for the Control of Malaria in his presentation. He pointed out how in the past we missed a same situation like today and just in 5 years the case load increased up to 400,000. He further said that again now we have an opportunity to eliminate

Malaria from the country and the last case of endogenous Malaria reported in October 2012. Dr. Risintha announced that he is planning to submit a Concept Note for Malaria by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The new National Strategic Plan for Malaria is preliminarily drafted and will effect from 2014-18. This was done with the help of TSG appointed by MoH and he further said that discussions are going on with the current PRs and other stakeholders. He said that the completed Concept Note will be submitted to the CCM for endorsement by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

#### **8. Reprogramming/Reallocation**

Due to time constraints members decided to discuss the reprogramming/reallocations later. Ms. Sylwia informed that GF will review the requests for reprogramming reallocation first and if these requests are significant, GF will ask the PR to have it discussed at the CCM and have the CCM endorsement.

#### **9. Extension of CCMSL Staff.**

The CCM has given approval to extend the service with 10% percent salary increments of the CCMSL staff as following.

Focal Point – Dr. S. Yoganathan, contract extended by another one year on part time basis w.e. f. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014

Programme Officer – Mr. Chanaka Walawwatte- contract extended by another one year w.e. f. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

Data Entry Operator - Ms Hirusha Alwis- Contract extended by another one year w.e. f 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014.

#### **10.Date for Next meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014**



Dr. Palitha Abeykoon  
Vice Chair/CCM Sri Lanka