

Proceedings of the Twenty Second Meeting
of the India Country Coordinating Mechanism
for the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

The Twenty-Second Meeting of the India Country Coordinating Mechanism (India-CCM) for the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) was held on 25th September 2006 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. A list of India-CCM members and invitees present at the meeting is enclosed.

Shri Prasanna Kumar Hota, Secretary, Health & Family welfare, MoH&FW, GoI and Chair of the India-CCM presided over the meeting. The Joint Secretary, Ms Rita Teotia, MoH&FW, GoI welcomed the participants and introduced the agenda items.

Agenda Item No. 1

Presentation of Phase I Progress and Phase II Proposal of the Round IV TB grant for assessment and endorsement of the India CCM for submitting the request to GFATM for continued funding for Phase II:

- ?? Deputy Director General (Tuberculosis), Dr L S Chauhan made a brief presentation on the status of the Round 1 and Round 2 GFATM Tuberculosis grant and a detailed presentation on the performance of the service delivery and outcome indicators; the financial disbursement and utilization till the end of the 15th month (June 2006) of the Round 4 GFATM Tuberculosis Grant followed by the project implementation plan and budget for the Phase II of the grant. A copy of the presentation is attached.
- ?? Following the presentation the members of the India-CCM deliberated on the performance and the proposed implementation plan.
- ?? The following issues were clarified by Dr Chauhan on the request of the members:
 - Detailed review and plan for expediting activities have been taken with the Health Secretary and State Tuberculosis Officer of Orissa state where the performance is lagging.
 - The specific factors that impacted on the utilization of GFATM grants during the process of transition of the support to RNTCP in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa by DFID and DANIDA respectively to the GFATM Grant. These were mainly the involvement of the programme management staff in the procedures for closure of these projects and the necessity of full utilization of the leftover funds from these projects.

- The revised budget proposed for Phase II covers the envisaged expansion of the programme to address all aspects of service delivery related to MDR TB and HIV-Tuberculosis co-infection in both these states and the relevant systems strengthening and capacity enhancement required at the Central and state levels.
 - Based on the expenditure experience during Phase I of the grant and the resultant forecasts, it has become evident that even after enhancement of the targets originally agreed upon with GFATM, the full original allocation cannot be utilized and hence an appropriate reduction in the budget has been proposed.
- ?? The following suggestions were offered by the members to enhance the future performance of the Grant:
- Review of the mechanisms currently made available by the RNTCP for the involvement of not-for-profit and for-profit non-governmental service providers in the programme with the view to identify the design issues that are limiting the scope of involvement leading to recommendations that would enhance collaborations at different levels – including district and sub-district levels. The Chair requested Additional Secretary Mr Deepak Gupta to facilitate this review.
 - Dr C N Deivanayagam suggested that the programme should be able to support treatment to different categories of tuberculosis patients. The Chair requested Dr C N Deivanayagam to draft and submit a detailed and focussed paper on this issue for consideration by the RNTCP.
 - Special focus on addressing diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis for the beneficiaries of the targeted interventions of NACO on a pilot basis to lead to the relevant programmatic changes after the accumulation of evidence. The Chair requested Additional Secretary and Director General NACO Ms Sujatha Rao to lead the proposed pilot interventions.
- ?? After further deliberation, the members formally rated the Phase I of the project and unanimously gave a rating of “A – Expected and exceeding expectations” for the overall performance and for the specific elements related to disbursements from the Principal Recipients to the Sub Recipients, achievements of intended results, and information to the CCM on the progress of the grant.
- ?? The Vice-Chair expressed the view that the role of the CCM Secretariat in monitoring and evaluating the performance of GFATM grants needs to be strengthened to facilitate the mandated grant oversight function of the CCM.
- ?? The programme division was requested to provide feedback to the CCM on the financial utilization of the grant especially in Orissa.
- ?? The CCM was informed that a Joint Assessment Mission of the RNTCP is to be undertaken in October 2006, the key findings of which as they relate to the GFATM grants will be shared with the CCM.

Agenda Item No. 2

Briefing on Status of the Selection Process of Non-Governmental Representatives and Regional Government Representatives of the CCM for the next two-year term (for information and endorsement):

- a. Online enrolment of Civil Society and Private Foundation Constituency and Polling for selection of candidates
- ?? *Following the endorsement of the recommendations of the CCM Subcommittee on this issue by the India-CCM, the Vice-Chair (representing the PLWD constituency) offered the CCM Secretariat assistance with the online enrolment and polling process as an additional contribution to the CCM from the PLWD constituency over and above the facilitation provided to the CCM Secretariat towards the hosting and maintenance of the India-CCM website. At the request of the Vice-Chair, the organization which is hosting and maintaining the India-CCM website (**Centre for Sustainable Health and Development (CSHD), Pune**) on behalf of the PLWD Constituency agreed to assist the CCM Secretariat in the development and deployment of the online enrolment and polling tool for the Civil Society Sector and the Private Foundations Sector.*
 - ?? *Dr R Samuel of the CCM Secretariat briefed the members on the process undertaken so far.*
 - o *CSHD and its partners developed a fully online process for enrolment (including submission of documentary proof of eligibility) and polling as per the requirements and ongoing feedback provided by the CCM Secretariat. After the tool was tested and found to be optimal by the CCM Secretariat, the tool was hosted at the India CCM-website and made functional from 30th August 2006.*
 - o *Prior to this an online announcement was posted regarding the enrolment process at the CCM website on 23rd August and at the websites of the MoH&FW, RNTCP, NVBDCP and NACO by 1st October. A copy of the text of the announcement was also sent by email to all CCM members requesting them to communicate the same to their Civil Society and Private Foundation partners and associated networks and to post to the announcement on their websites if possible with a link to the India-CCM website. CSHD had also communicated the announcement to some of the relevant email groups and list servers.*
 - o *A short version of the announcement was also issued through the Department of Audio Visual Publicity (DAVP), Government of India at the request of NACO in English in all the editions of the Hindustan Times and The Hindu and in Hindi in all the editions of Dainik Baskar nationwide on 7th September 2006. Unfortunately the newspapers committed typographical errors in the India-CCM website address which was noticed immediately by the CCM Secretariat and the newspapers were requested to publish the necessary corrigenda at the earliest through NACO and DAVP. The newspapers published the corrigenda only on 13th September 2006. Hence the two-week online enrolment process, which was scheduled to end on 12th September 2006 was extended till 17th September 2006.*
 - o *About 265 Civil Society organizations and about 15 Private Foundations have enrolled themselves through the online process. Scrutiny of documentary proof submitted online by these organizations is being undertaken from 25th to 30th September. The selection of the eligible organizations as part of the electorate and as candidates for election from*

among those who have self nominated themselves based on the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria as endorsed by the India-CCM would be verified by members of the India-CCM sub committee which was constituted for recommending the selection processes and eligibility criteria earlier. Only members of the sub committee who have no potential conflicts of interest would be take part in the verification process to be facilitated by the CCM Secretariat.

- *The online polling process would commence after the eligible electorate and the eligible candidates are informed by email. The rules of the polling process would also be communicated in the email and hosted at the India-CCM website as part of the polling tool deployed. It is expected that the polling would be completed and the winners for each sub sector declared online at the India-CCM website by 7th October 2006.*
- *The declared winners in each sub sector (top two in the HIV/AIDS sector and the top candidate in the Tuberculosis, Malaria, Gender expertise, Child Development & Rights sub-sectors and the Private Foundation Sector) would be formally invited by the Chair of the India-CCM to be represent their respective sector/sub-sector at the India-CCM for a two-year term commencing from the 1st India-CCM meeting held in October 2006.*

b. Selection of representatives of other non-governmental sectors:

- (i) Multilateral Development Partners / United Nation Agencies: -
?? Joint letter from the UN Resident Coordinator on behalf of the multilateral development partners in India endorsing the agencies/programmes (WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA & UNAIDS) that are representing the constituency (including the World Bank) needs to be received by the CCM Chair by 15th of October 2006.
- (ii) Bilateral Development Partners: -
?? Joint letter from the Bilateral Development Partners endorsing the representation of their constituency by USAID and DFID needs to be received by the CCM Chair by 15th of October 2006.
- (iii) Private Business: -
?? As per the sub committee recommendations endorsed by the CCM, one of the three current members namely ASSOCHAM, CII & FICCI would be representing this constituency at the CCM. A joint letter of endorsement of the association selected on a consensus basis as their representative and fulfilling the eligibility criteria endorsed by the CCM for such representative needs to be received by the CCM Chair by 15th of October 2006.
- (iv) Academic/Research Sector & Association of Medical Professionals:
?? As per the decision of the CCM at its 18th meeting, the CCM is requested to endorse a Search Committee consisting of the following members to draft the eligibility criteria and complete the process of selection of academic/research institutions (2 biomedical academic/research institutions; one public health institution; and one Association of management institutions or schools of social work by rotation) to represent this constituency.

?? *The committee will be assisted by the CCM Secretariat to complete the process by 15th of October 2006.*

- Search Committee Membership
Director General ICMR – Chair
Public Health Administrator, WHO India – Member
Deputy Director General (Medical), DGHS – Member Secretary

?? *The Member – Secretary of Search Committee is also requested to liaise with the leadership of the different associations of medical professionals such as the IAM, IAP, IAPH etc to get them to mutually endorse one of their associations as their representative to the CCM on rotation basis for each two-year term of the CCM.*

c. **Nomination of regional government representatives: -**

?? *A letter from the CCM Chair to the states next in line alphabetically in each of the five regions with copies marked to all the states in these five regions to be sent requesting the states to convey their nominee for representation of the region at the CCM by 15th of October 2006.*

?? ***For all the above representatives, the respective constituencies are kindly requested to mention the name and designation of the Principal Representative and the Alternate from each of the endorsed organizations in the letter that is submitted to the CCM Chair. In order to assure gender balance in representation as stated in the Terms of Reference of the India-CCM, it would be appreciated if either the Principal Representative or the Alternate of each organization is a woman.***

The Vice-Chair concluded the meeting after thanking the participants and especially expressing appreciation of the services of those members whose tenure at the CCM is ending with this meeting.

List of Members present in the meeting

- 1) Shri P. K. Hota – Secretary, Health & Family Welfare - MoH&FW, GoI, India-CCM Chair
- 2) Shri K.K.Abraham – President – INP+, India-CCM Vice-Chair
- 3) Ms. K Sujatha Rao – AS & DG (NACO) - MoH&FW, Govt. of India
- 4) Ms. Rita Teaotia – Joint Secretary – MoH&FW, Govt. of India
- 5) Mr. P.A. Sawant – Director (IFD) - MoH&FW, Govt. of India on behalf of Mr. Raghuvir Singh, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor
- 6) Mr. Rajeev P. Singh – Director – Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Govt. of India on behalf of Shri Madhusudan Prasad, Joint Secretary (FB)
- 7) Dr. (Major) K.N. Sahai – State TB Officer – Government of Bihar on behalf of Shri Deepak Kumar, Secretary (Health & Family Welfare)
- 8) Dr. J.P. Kapoor – Project Director – Govt. of Delhi on behalf of Mr. D.S. Negi, Principal Secretary (Health)
- 9) Ms. Kamini Walia – Senior Research Officer – ICMR, MoH&FW, Govt. of India on behalf of Dr. N.K. Ganguly, Director General
- 10) Dr. Salim J. Habayeb - WHO Representative to India
- 11) Mr. Venkatesh Srinivasan – Assistant Resident Representative – UNFPA on behalf of Ms. Sharareh Amir Khalili, Country Representative
- 12) Dr. Vidya R. Ganesh – Chief HIV/AIDS Section – UNICEF on behalf of Mr. Cecilio Adorna, Country Representative
- 13) Ms. Nandini Kapoor – National Programme Officer – UNAIDS on behalf of Dr. Denis Broun, Country Coordinator
- 14) Ms. Suneeta Singh – Sr. Public Health Specialist – World Bank
- 15) Ms. Joanna Reid – Senior Health Adviser – DFID
- 16) Mr Robert Clay, Director- Health, USAID on behalf of Mr George Deikun - Mission Director - USAID
- 17) Ms. Gina Dallabetta – Senior Programme Officer – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on behalf of Mr. Ashok Alexander, Director
- 18) Ms. Shefali Chaturvedi – Director – CII on behalf of Shri R. Seshasayee, President
- 19) Mr. M.K. Garg – Senior Advisor (HR) – ASSOCHAM on behalf of Shri Anil K. Agarwal, President
- 20) Shri S.C. Goyal – Secretary General – TB Association of India
- 21) Fr. Tommy Kariyilakulam – Administrator – Bel Air Hospital
- 22) Dr. Debjani Banerjee – Incharge Care & Support Division – DMSC on behalf of Mr. Mrinal Kranti Dutta, Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Samiti
- 23) Dr. C.N. Deivanayagam – Health India Foundation, Chennai
- 24) Mr. Kumar Iyer – Programme Manager – SAHARA on the behalf of Mr. Neville Selhore, Director

List of Members not present in the meeting

- 1) Mr. R.K. Srivastava – Director General of Health Services, MoH&FW, Govt. of India
- 2) Mr. J.C. Goswami – Principal Secretary (Health), Govt. of Assam
- 3) Shri I.V. Subba Rao - Principal Secretary (Health), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Dr. Amarjit Singh – Commissioner cum Secretary (Health and Family Welfare), Govt. of Gujarat
- 5) Surgeon Vice Admiral V.K. Singh - Director General - Armed Forces Medical Services, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India
- 6) Dr. P. Venugopal - Director - All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
- 7) Mr Saroj K. Poddar – President – FICCI, New Delhi
- 8) Dr. P. Krishnamurthy – Director – APAC, Chennai
- 9) Dr. Vanlalmuana - Director – SHALOM, Mizoram

List of Invitees

Permanent Invitees present in the meeting

- 1) Dr. L.S. Chauhan – DDG (TB), DGHS, MoH&FW, Govt. of India
- 2) Dr. P.L. Joshi - Director - Directorate of National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme, MoH&FW, Govt. of India

Permanent Invitees not present in the meeting

- 1) Dr. Maxine Olson – UN Resident Coordinator in India
- 2) Dr. Jotna Sohkey– Additional Project Director – NACO, MoH&FW, Govt. of India
- 3) Mr. Ramesh Chandra – Country Coordinator – UNOPS, Local Fund Agent

Special Invitees present in the meeting

- 1) Mr. Deepak Gupta – Additional Secretary – MoH&FW, Govt. of India
- 2) Dr. Mary Varghese - Project Director – Population Foundation of India – on behalf of Mr. A.R.Nanda, Executive Director

Special Invitees not present in the meeting

- 1) Mr. S. Suresh Kumar– Director Finance – NACO, MoH&FW, Govt. of India

Additional Participants

- 1) Mr. Billy Stewart – Health Adviser – DFID
- 2) Mr. Sanjeev K. Jindal – Under Secretary – Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Govt. of India
- 3) Dr. P.P. Mandal – Chief Medical Officer (NFSG), CTD, DGHS, MoH&FW, Govt. of India