

India Country Co-ordinating Mechanism – 79th Meeting

Subject: Minutes of 79th meeting of India CCM

Date (dd.mm.yy)	28-07-2020
Venue of the Meeting	Room no. 155-A ,1 st Floor Committee Room, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Meeting started	4.00 PM
Meeting adjourned	5.00 PM
Meeting Chaired by	Secretary (H)/Chair, ICCM
Total number of participants	30
Did the meeting attain quorum?	Yes
Did the meeting have any conflict of interest	No, Adequate measures to mitigate Conflict of Interest were taken during the meeting.
Meeting attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Member: 9 (Physically present-1 and Virtually present-8)▪ Alternate member : 09(Physically present-1 and Virtually present-8)▪ Special Invitees : 12 (Physically present-10 and Virtually present-2)
Attendance list	Yes, Annexure-1

79th meeting of India CCM was conducted through video conference due to prevailing travel restrictions imposed within the country to contain the spread of COVID-19 outbreak. The meeting began with a brief round of introduction of the participants.

Agenda Item No.1 : Endorsement of minutes of 78th CCM meeting.

At the outset, **JS(Alok Saxena)** sought consent regarding the endorsement of minutes of 78th CCM meeting held on 26th June 2020.

Mr. Pratik Raval raised his concerns whether the minor changes suggested have been included in the minutes of the meeting of the 78th CCM Meeting or not. Focal Point, India CCM communicated that the minutes of the meeting have already been shared with all the CCM Members previously. **Dr. Shyamala Natraj** raised her concern whether the minutes with the changes incorporated in them have been shared with all CCM members or not. **Chair, India CCM** suggested that since the minutes of the meeting have already been

shared, the same may be forwarded and shared again with all the CCM members and which may be considered endorsed.

Agenda Item 2: Update on Malaria Funding Request Proposal for period 2021-24 and endorsement by India CCM for submission to the Global Fund by 31st July 2020

JS(NVBDCP), Ms. Rekha Shukla gave an introduction and salient points of the Malaria Funding Request proposal for the grant period 2021-24. She said that previously major focus was only on the 7 North Eastern states of India. This time 3 more states have been added namely Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. She also said that previously the major focus was on the procurement of commodities like LLINs. Initially procurement of LLINs was by Global Fund support which have now shifted to domestic budget also and have proved to be a major game changer in the field of malaria elimination. Apart from LLINs newer components like Monitoring & Evaluation, Entomological surveillance, data management, BCC/IEC, setting up of entomological surveillance and training units in the upcoming grant will prove to be a last mile push in the direction of malaria elimination in the country. She also appraised the members that apart from the government PR (NVBDCP), there will be another Non government PR, (Transport Corporation of India –TCI Foundation) in the upcoming grant. She also said that previously there were only 2 SRs for the states of Meghalaya and Mizoram, but in the current grant 5 SRs have been proposed—2 existing SRs, 2 for the states of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh and another SR responsible for IEC and BCC activities pan India.

Director, NVBDCP, Dr. Neeraj Dhingra then made a presentation highlighting the major points of the Malaria Funding Request Proposal for grant period 2021-24.

At the outset, he thanked Chair, India CCM for her commitment and continued support to Malaria Programme.

- He appraised that the grant allocation for the current grant is same as the last grant i.e 65 million USD

Grant Allocation (April 2021-March 2024):

- Out of the total 500 M USD, 65 Million USD has been allocated to malaria elimination program.
- The total 65 Million USD being allocated to Malaria elimination programme is further divided among the Government Principal recipients and Non-Government Principal Recipients (NGPRs). The Government PR (NVBDCP) will receive 52.17 Million USD(80%) and the NGPR [TCI Foundation] will get 12.83 Million USD (20%) .

Salient points of the presentation are as follows:

- Malaria disease burden declined significantly. Between 2000 and 2019: Cases declined from 2.03 million to 0.33 million (83.3%).

Deaths declined from 932 to 77 (91.7%).

- He said that although the disease burden of Malaria has come down drastically, still high endemic states such as the 7 North East States, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha continue to contribute to malaria burden.
- **Chair, India CCM** further stated that the number of cases reported is on a decline in many states. She also informed that in spite of the prevailing Covid-19 situation in the country, there has been continued distribution of LLINs across the country.
- He informed that in the current grant for the grant period, there will be two principal recipients (PRs)

Principal Recipient (PR)	Amount (million USD)
PR-1: NVBDCP	52.17 (80%)
PR-2: TCI Foundation	12.83 (20%)
Total	65 million

- He informed that further, under PAAR (prioritized above allocation request), an amount of above 81 million have been earmarked for procurement of LLINs for NE states and Odisha.

Key activities and proposed budget:

1. **Program Management:** Interventions include Grant Management and Coordination & management of national disease control programme – **18.16 million USD**
2. **Vector Control:** Interventions include LLINs universal mass campaign and IEC/BCC in the field of vector control.—**35.19 million USD**
3. **RSSH: Community Systems Strengthening:** which includes community based monitoring – **3.38 million USD**
4. **RSSH: Human resources for health, including community health workers** which includes interventions such as In-service training (excluding community health workers) and remuneration & deployment of existing/new staff (excluding community health workers)—**5.65 million USD**
5. **RSSH: Health management information systems and M&E** which includes interventions such as programme management and data quality, routine reporting and surveys—**2.62 million USD.**

Discussions related to Malaria funding Request:

- **Dr. Shyamala Natraj** expressed her concerns regarding why no non government PRs were involved, some blank columns in the funding request and regarding enough budget for BCC material for BCC campaign of Malaria programme.
- **Dr. Avdhesh Kumar (Addl Director, NVBDCP)** responded that there is a non government PR namely TCI Foundation
- **JS(NVBDCP)** responded that all the relevant columns have already been filled and the blank columns are not relevant and will be marked “not applicable”. She also responded that IEC/BCC have been given much importance in the new grant. She informed that there will be one full fledged SR working in the field of IEC/BCC operating in a Pan-India level.
- Since there were no more comments or suggestions from any members, **Focal Point, India CCM** expressed that the Malaria Proposal may now be considered “Endorsed”.

Chair, India CCM expressed that this would be her last CCM Meeting. She thanked everybody for their dedication and hard work for the control and elimination of HIV, TB and Malaria.

Vice Chair, India CCM expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the immense and unconditional support of Chair, ICCM/Secretary {Health}, MoHFW .She on behalf of Civil Societies and Key Populations thanked the Chair and expressed that she had been very encouraging to the cause of CSOs and key populations.

Focal Point, India CCM also conveyed his gratitude to The Chair for her undying support and encouragement.

Agenda item no. 3 Update on India Funding Request Proposal for COVID-19 Response Mechanism

- India CCM Focal Point made a presentation on update of India Funding Request Proposal for COVID-19 Response Mechanism.
- He informed the house that India’s Funding Request Proposal for COVID-19 Response Mechanism for an amount of USD 50 M has been submitted to the Global Fund on 30th May 2020. The Global Fund had assured an allocation of USD 16.25 M as Priority 1 and rest if additional funds are available.
- He also informed that in response, Global Fund has approved USD **20 million** for running of 100 CSCs, procurement of multi disease diagnostic platforms (159 machines) and PPEs for both HIV and TB programmes. An additional 2.11M USD have been

allocated to Malaria Programme for the procurement of Long Lasting Insecticide treated Nets [LLINs].

- He further informed that Global Fund Country Team has indicated **USD 10 Million** additional funding for Covid 19 response may be available to utilize for remaining already approved activities from Priority 2 such as: procurement of PPE kits, procurement of Bio-safety Cabinets class A 2 for 700 medical colleges/district hospital labs and medicines/commodities & counseling for HIV patients.
- He said that this is just for the information of India CCM for which concurrence may be sought if Global Fund agrees eventually.

Discussions related to Update on India Funding Request Proposal for COVID-19 Response Mechanism:

- **Dr. Shyamala Natraj requested** consideration for the support for social protection for key populations. She informed that an email had been sent to the Global Fund asking for key populations which have been affected adversely in the prevailing times of Covid-19. She informed that most of them are not able to access rations and cash transfers as most of them do not have ration cards and jan dhan accounts. She further expressed whether it would be possible to remove components such as procurement of PPEs or equipments and include social protection
- **Focal Point India CCM**, in response, informed that Global Fund has just indicated availability of the additional funding and they already have our proposal submitted earlier. He further informed that an email was sent to the Global Fund earlier conveying the issues raised by the Vice Chair and that their reply was already shared with the Vice Chair and all CCM Members.
- **JS (NVBDGP)** in response to Dr. Shyamala Natraj's request clarified that the additional funding by Global Fund is only for the disruption of health services under the pressing times of Covid-19 and mitigation of its effects of the three disease programmes which may include components like procurement of PPEs for health workers and bio-safety cabinets. Socio economic funding aspects may not be considered by the Global Fund.
- **Dr. Shyamala Natraj expressed** that we may reconsider and write to the Global Fund expressing the concerns of the affected key populations again.
- **JS(Alok Saxena)** suggested that all the suggestions made by Dr. Shyamala may be minuted and that we may further proceed as per the decisions of the new Chair.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the entire CCM for endorsing the proposal by India CCM Focal Point.

Decision Points of the 79th India CCM Meeting are as follows:

1. Funding Request for Malaria was endorsed by the CCM.

Annexure 1

List of Participants

CCM Members

Sl. No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Smt. Preeti Sudan	Secretary (HFW)/ Chair, I-CCM	Yes
			Virtually Connected
2		Office of Secretary (H)Tamil Nadu	Yes
3	Dr. Shyamala Nataraj	Executive Director, SIAAP/Vice Chair, I-CCM	Yes
4	Prof.Ramila Bisht	Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, JNU	
5	Mr.Shridhar Pandey	Secretary & Chief Executive Officer,GBJS	Yes
6	Mr.Bhakta Bihari Mishra	Secretary, NIHIDA	Yes
7	Mr.Pratik Raval	Assistant Director, GIPA	Yes
8	Mr.Sudeshwar Kumar Singh	Secretary, TB Muktvahini	Yes
9	Ms.Nisha Gulur	President, NNSW	Yes

Alternate Members

Sl.No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Sh.Alok Saxena	JS, GFATM	Yes
			Virtually Connected

2	Dr.K.Senthil Raj	MD (NHM), Tamilnadu	Yes
3	Rajeev Sridhar	Under Secretary (FB)	Yes
4	Md.Hashmat Rabbani	Secretary, Gramin Samaj Kalyan Vikas Manch	Yes
5	Mr.Moses Zofaka Pachuau	President, IDUF	Yes
6	Dr.Ranjani Ramachandran	National Professional Officer (Labs)	Yes
7	Dr.Raghavan Gopa Kumar	Touched by TB	Yes
8	Dr.Melissa Nyendak	Director-CDC, Global Health	Yes
9	Ms.Nandini Kapoor Dhingra	Senior Technical Advisor, UNAIDS	Yes

Special Invitees

Sl. No.	Name	Designation/Organisation	Physically Connected
1	Ms. Rekha Shukla	JS (VBD)	Yes
2	Dr.Sunil Kumar	OSD (DGHS)	Yes
3	Dr.Neeraj Dhingra	Director, NVBDCP	Yes
4	Dr.Avdhesh Kumar	Addl.Director, NVBDCP	Yes
5	Dr.K.S.Sachdeva	DDG (TB)/Focal Point, ICCM	Yes
6	CA Vartika Singhal	Consultant, NVBDCP	Yes
7	Dr. Benu Bhatia	M & E Manager, NPMU, NACO	Connected Virtually
8	Mr. Raman Sharma	PWC, LFA	Connected Virtually
9	Dr.Sandhya Gupta	Grant Manager (NPMU), CTD	Yes
10	Ms.Gitanjali Mohanty	Programme Officer, ICCM	Yes
11	Mr.Dinesh Kumar	Procurement Consultant (NPMU),CTD	Yes
12	Ms.Veena Chauhan	Admn.Asstt., ICCM	Yes

