

**Subject: Minutes of 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of India CCM**

Date	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Venue of the Meeting	155-A, Nirman Bhawan 1st Floor Committee Room, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Meeting started	12:00 PM
Meeting adjourned	14:00 PM
Meeting Chaired by	Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (Health)/ Chair, India CCM
Total Number of Participants	<b>38</b>
Did the meeting attained 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	Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Member: 17 (Physically Present: 10) and Virtually Present: 07) ▪ Alternate member: 12 (Physically Present: 05 and Virtually Present: 07) ▪ Special Invitees: 06 (Physically Present: 02 and Virtually Present: 04) Country Coordinating Mechanism Secretariat: 3 (Physically Present: 3)
Attendance list	Yes <b>Annexure-I</b>

87<sup>th</sup> meeting of India CCM was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 12:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (HFW)/Chair India CCM in Room No. 155-A, Nirman Bhawan.

Translation of key discussion points and decisions was provided in Hindi for the benefit of the civil society, community and persons living with disease constituency members.

**Introduction of new members of India CCM for term 2022-2025:**

India CCM for term 2022-2025 was reconstituted in November 2022. Since the 87<sup>th</sup> India CCM meeting was the first CCM meeting after the reconstitution, Dr. Shobini Rajan, Focal Point, India CCM started the meeting with a round of introduction of all members and alternates and welcomed them aboard the India CCM for term 2022-2025.

## **Agenda Item No. 1: Endorsement of minutes of 86<sup>th</sup> India CCM meeting.**

It was informed by Dr Shobini Rajan – Focal point (India CCM) that there were no inputs received upon circulating the minutes right after the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting or again prior to 87<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The action taken points for the 86<sup>th</sup> India CCM meeting were appraised as below:

1. Two seats of PLWD-HIV (Ms. Anandi Yuvaraj and Ms. Celind D'Costa) and two seats for PLWD and KP in Malaria (Ms. Poonam Kandari and Dr. Ravi Kumar) have been filled up after due recommendations by the Election Committee.
2. Extension of term of present Oversight Committee of India CCM term till December 2023.
  - As discussed during the Debrief meeting of the Oversight Committee (OC) dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023, out of the total 15 OC members, 4 OC members who have not been regularly attending the Oversight Committee meetings/Review meetings and Oversight visits were asked to indicate their availability and interest in further continuing in the Oversight Committee as a member.
  - One OC member (Finance expert stepped down due to personal reasons)
  - Out of the 5, replacement emails for 2 members have been received. 3 seats are vacant in the OC which will be open for filling from reconstituted CCM.
3. CCM Evolution:
  - With the approval of competent authority, a CCM Evolution Task Force has been established and as a part of the threshold phase, key informant interviews are underway.
  - Chair ICCM directed that the Threshold phase to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

The minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> India CCM Meeting were unanimously endorsed by India CCM. (Final minutes enclosed at **Annexure II**)

## **Agenda Item No. 2: Selection of Vice-Chair, India CCM for term 2022-2025.**

### **Selection procedure of Vice Chair India CCM for term 2022-2025:**

- Self nominations were invited from Members who do not represent Government, Bilateral or Multi lateral constituencies on over mail from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 till 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.
- India CCM Secretariat 2 self nomination till the last date i.e 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023. (Out of the two received, one nominee, Dr. Matin Ahmad Khan withdrew his nomination. So effectively there was one self nomination of Ms. Anandi Yuvaraj.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Mr. Sudeshwar Singh, Member, PLWD-TB Constituency, Mr. Shridhar Pandey,

Member, CSO-TB Constituency and Mr. Bhakta Bihari Mishra, CSO Malaria constituency proposed the name of Dr. Raghavan Gopa Kumar, Member KP-TB Constituency for Vice Chair, India CCM

- Chair, India CCM responded that the open and transparent process of self nomination for Vice Chair, India CCM is already over.
- Dr. Raghavan Gopa Kumar, Mr. Sudeshwar and Mr. Shridhar Pandey expressed their concerns regarding the process of process of self nomination and also regarding Vice Chair, India CCM usually being from the HIV Constituency, TB Constituency should also get an opportunity.
- Chair, India CCM remarked that if there had been any objections or suggestions ,regarding the process, or in case self nomination was not acceptable, it should have been immediately responded over email. Had there been prior intimation to India CCM Secretariat, it would have warranted consideration during the meeting. Since it was not the case, the process of selection of Vice Chair India CCM should proceed as such.
- Dr. Matin Ahmed Khan, Alt Member CSO-TB constituency expressed confusion regarding the self nomination process and also opined that raise of hand voting is not a desirable selection process rather consensus should be sought for selection.
- Mr. Pallav Patankar, Member KP HIV Constituency said that due, consensual process was followed and that he supported the process. He further said that the selection was based on eligibility and experience and not on the basis of the constituency. It was also seconded by Mr. Vijay Nair,Alt Member CSO-HIV Constituency, Simran Sheikh, Alt Member KP-HIV and Dr. Anju Soni , Alt Member, Private Constituency, who said that the Vice Chair is not disease specific but should work for the cause of HIV, TB and Malaria as a whole.

**Decision Point:**

- Ms. Anandi Yuvaraj, Member (PLWD-HIV Constituency) has been unanimously selected Vice-Chair, India CCM for period 2022-2025.
- The Vice Chair would represent the collective interest of the CCM rather than as specific disease verticals.
- Ms. Anandi Yuvaraj expressed her thanks to Chair, India CCM along with members who have selected her as Vice Chair, India CCM for the current term. She reiterated that the she would remain neutral and represent and work for the benefit of HIV, TB and Malaria communities in totality.
- (detailed PPT enclosed at [Annexure III](#)).

**Agenda Item No. 3: Endorsement of Costed Work Plan for Year 1 for India CCM**

Focal Point, India CCM appraised the following regarding the costed work plan for India for Year -1:

- The CCM Secretariat receives grant from the CCM Hub for activities of India CCM Secretariat like organizing CCM meetings, positioning, Oversight Committee visits, Community Engagement (Orientation, Stakeholders' meeting etc)
- Global Fund signs Funding Agreements with CCM, India in three year cycles—the

last one being 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020-31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

- The new Funding Agreement for CCM India (IND-CFUND-2307) will cover the period of 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026 and will allocate a maximum amount of USD 270,000 (USD 90,000 per year).
- Previously endorsement of the costed work plan for India CCM was done by Chair/Vice Chair/CSO Representative, India CCM.
- This time, the CCM Hub has sought endorsement of the Costed Work Plan for India CCM for Year 1 (1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024) *by all CCM members*.
- (detailed PPT enclosed at **Annexure IV**).

She further apprised that the front sheet and the detailed break-up of the costed work plan had been shared with the full CCM on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 over mail and that the Secretariat has not received any comments till date and thus requested the CCM to endorse the same.

#### **Discussion points:**

- Many CCM members and alternates raised concerns regarding delay in TA/DA payment. Focal Point, India CCM responded that it was due to a lean India CCM Secretariat structure and submission of incomplete documents which delays the process.
- Chair India CCM directed the India CCM Secretariat to develop a one-page checklist with support from IFD, enumerating the required documents to be submitted along with claims to be developed and shared with all the members/alternates to expedite the reimbursement process
- Mr. Sudeshwar Singh suggested that there should be a fixed timeline for the same.
- The House was also apprised of the Performance Framework of the CCM Secretariat based on self appraisal which needed to be submitted along side the costed work plan to be endorsed by Chair, India.

#### **Decision Points:**

- The Costed Work Plan for Year 1 ( for **1,16,775 USD**) may be considered **“Endorsed”**.
- The Chair directed that the timeline would be “within one month of submission of complete documents”.
- Chair India CCM said that the Performance Framework Matrix of India CCM based on self appraisal is approved based on the conditionality that the indices be fine tuned in accordance to CCM Evolution report.
- India CCM Secretariat to develop an SOP along with a one-page checklist with support from IFD, enumerating the key documents to be submitted along with claims be developed and shared with all the members/alternates to expedite the reimbursement process within 15 days and circulate the same with full CCM.
- Regarding the TA/DA claims, India CCM Secretariat to ensure all TA DA claims are reimbursed within 1 month of receipt of complete documents.

**Agenda item no. 4: Update on Non-Government Principal Recipient Selection process, priority areas and recommendations by Screening Committee for shortlisting of Non-Government Principal Recipients for upcoming Global Fund grant for grant period (2024-2027).**

- Focal Point, India CCM appraised regarding the Global Fund grant allocation for grant period 2024-27, w.r.t grant amounts, submission timelines and about the process adopted for Non-Government Principal Recipient Selection.
- The report of recommendations of the Screening Committee set up under Chairpersonship of DGHS was shared with the full CCM prior to the meeting. The ppt and the Screening Committee report is placed at **Annexure V and VI**
- The list of 9 organizations recommended by the Screening Committee to be Non government PRs for the grant period 2024-27 in the order of ranking are detailed below:

Organization	Disease Component	Ranking
Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT)	TB	1
Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)	TB, HIV	2
PLAN India	HIV, TB	3
The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)	HIV, TB	4
William J Clinton Foundation (WJCF)	TB, Malaria	5
YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRGCARE)	HIV	6
Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)	HIV, TB	7
India HIV AIDS Alliance (IHAA)	HIV	8
Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF)	Malaria, HIV, Combined	9

- Upon enquiry, it was informed that two organizations (HLFPPT and Piramal Swasthya) were not recommended despite eligibility due to marks below cut off of 60 .
- All existing NGPRs in the current grant (FIND, Plan India, The Union, WJCF, SAATHII, IHAA and TCIF) and 2 new organizations (KHPT and YRG Care) are recommended to be NGPRs for the next grant cycle.
- DGHS in his capacity as Chairperson of the Screening Committee reiterated that the whole process of selection of non government PRs has been done in an open and transparent process.
- Detailed presentations on Programme priority areas were done by NACO, CTD and NCVBDC which may be found enclosed at **Annexures- Va, Vb and Vc** respectively.
- Focal Point India CCM appraised that approval and endorsement of full CCM on the NGPRs selection for the next grant cycle as well as the Programme priority areas is needed.

### **Discussions:**

- DGHS suggested that NAT screening for HIV, HCV and Hepatitis-B and Laboratory strengthening for improving blood safety may be provisioned under NACO priority areas, that was supported by the Chair, India CCM in light of preventing multiple diseases through blood transfusion.
- Chair, India CCM suggested the following points for TB Programme:
  - i. Inclusion of TB patients who have recovered along with the family contacts of TB patients as the vulnerable population for TB who contribute for

- significantly for the spread of TB.
- ii. Comprehensive roll out of TB preventive regimen to remain a focus area.
- Mr. Vijay Nair opined that there should be strict monitoring to avoid duplication of activities between PRs in the field to ensure better fund utilization. He expressed his concerns regarding Sampoorna Suraksha Kendras, One Stop Centres and Targeted Interventions not fully being community-centric. He said that the Non Government PRs should not work in isolation without taking the community on board. He also expressed his concerns on the virtual intervention component of NACO which was previously with NGPR but has been now placed with the Govt PR. He also indicated that the priority areas should be finalized after incorporating community inputs broader consultation process.
  - Dr Gopa Kumar expressed his concerns regarding the 10mUSD eligibility criteria, that rendered many organizations ineligible to apply. The same concern was also raised by Ms. Celina D Costa, Alt Member PLWD-HIV Constituency. It was expressed that the performance assessment of existing PRs perhaps based on OC reports could have been considered prior to taking existing PRs on-board for the next grant period. The Chair pointed out that the Screening Committee has recommended the PRs on the basis of criteria set out in the Expression of Interest and The ICCM may accordingly consider the same for endorsement and not add additional criteria.
  - Simran Sheikh, representing the TG Community said that the Global Fund grant mechanism is the only international grant which is flexible and FCRA exempt and should be judiciously used for the betterment of communities.
  - Ms. Anandi Yuvaraj sought the rationale for keeping FCRA registration as an eligibility criteria for PR selection even though Global Fund grants are FCRA exempt. She also expressed her concerns regarding the use of LFA grant rating while ranking the existing NGPRs while such ranking does not exist for new organizations who have applied to be NGPRs.
  - Chair India CCM responded that in case, the requirement of FCRA registration as an eligibility criteria has to be dropped, it would have to be run past the Ministry of Home Affairs.
  - Focal Point, India CCM also responded that although the LFA grant rating was looked into but it was not the basis of allotting marks and ranking. The basis of ranking for NGPR selection was marks obtained as per Organizational strength (20 marks), Experience (30 marks) and Sample technical proposal (50 marks). She further said that the Screening Committee strongly recommended that mid-term evaluation of selected PRs be done in future so as to form a basis for their future continuance and selection.
  - Ms. Bharati Dey, Member KP-HIV Constituency suggested that Sampoorna Suraksha strengthening should be done especially in areas which are not covered by TIs and Global Fund grant may be effectively used for the same.

- Ms. Poonam Kandari, Alt Member, PLWD-Malaria Constituency laid emphasis on greater community engagement and also suggested continuation of existing PRs to which the Chair India CCM drew attention that 7 out of 9 recommended PRs are already existing PRs in the current grant.
- Mr. Pallav suggested that there should be greater community strengthening and that SRs and SSRs should be chosen from the communities for better community participation.
- AS(VHZ)/Member Secretary, India CCM suggested that Programme Divisions may organize multiple meetings of the respective Disease Specific Technical Committees (DSTCs) to finalize the programme priority areas and their incorporation into proposal development by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. She further suggested that since many of the community members from the CCM are a part of these DSTCs, they may channel the concerns and issues during discussions of the DSTC meetings so as to ensure community inputs in final priority areas and proposal.
- Ms. Anandi suggested that there should be clear demarcation between activities by the Govt and Non Govt PRs.
- Focal Point, India CCM appraised regarding the next steps and timelines for proposal development and submission by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- Mr. David Bridger, Country Director UNAIDS/Member Multilateral Constituency complimented that the DSTCS have good community representation which is important for proposal development process. He further laid emphasis on the selection of appropriate SRs and also suggested that there should be quick reviews before the beginning of the next grant highlighting the learnings.
- Mr. Sudeshwar laid emphasis on greater community engagement of TB communities in proposal development.
- Mr. Vijay Nair reiterated that greater community interventions are required in the field of HIV-TB coinfection intervention.

### **Decision Points:**

- The selection of 9 NGPRs for the upcoming grant was **endorsed**.
- Since there were no major objections to the priority areas by the programme divisions, they may convene meetings of DSTCs to work towards finalizing the priority areas and complete proposal development by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- The timelines to ensure that funding request proposal are developed and submitted by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were agreed as detailed below:

<b>Activities/Process</b>	<b>Estimated timeline for Global Fund Grant 2024-2027</b>
Development of combined funding proposal by govt. and non-govt. PRs	Through April 2023
Review of combined proposals by Disease specific technical committees	Meetings through April 2023
Approval of final proposal by MoHFW	By 1 <sup>st</sup> week of May 2023
Formal endorsement of the Funding proposal by India CCM	By 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of May 2023
Submission of Funding proposal to the Global Fund by India CCM	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023

Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Chair India CCM thanked the Vice Chair, Member Secretary and all the CCM Members for all their time and significant contributions to this meeting. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair!

#### **Annexure-1**

#### **CCM Members**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of Participants</b>	<b>Designation/Organisation</b>	<b>Physically Attended</b>
1	Sh.Rajesh Bhushan	Secretary (HFW)/Chair, ICCM	Y
2	Ms.V.Hekali Zhimomi	AS&DG,MoHFW/Member Secy, ICCM	Y
3	Dr.Atul Goel	DGHS/CCM Member	Y
4	Sh.Jaideep Mishra	AS&FA, MoHFW/CCM Member	Y
5	Ms.Anandi Yuvaraj	Consultant with PWN+&NCPI+/Chair & Member CCM	Y
6	Sh.Shridhar Pandey	Secy.&Chief Executive Officer, GBJS/CCM Member	Y
7	Sh.Samir Kumar Sahu	Executive Director, MBR/CCM Member	Y
8	Dr.Raghavan Gopa Kumar	Founder Member, Touched by TB/CCM Member	Y
9	Sh.Sudeshwar Kumar Singh	Secy.,TB Mukt Vahini/CCM Member	Y
10	Ms.Bharati Dey	Ex-President, AINSW/CCM Member	Y
			<b>Virtually Attended</b>



11	Sh.Rai Mahimapat Ray	Deputy Secretary (IMF)/CCM Member	Y
12	Mr.David Bridger	Country Director, UNAIDS/CCM Member	Y
13	Mr..Bhakta Bihari Mishra	Secy, NIHAIDA/CCM Member	Y
14	Mr.Pallav Patankar	Vice President, Piramal Foundation/CCM Member	Y
15	Ms.T.Mercy Annapoorni	Tresurer, Paneer POO,Paneer HIV Positive Women's Network Trust/CCM Member	Y
16	Dr.Shubnum Singh	CII/CCM Member	Y
17	Ms.Luisa Terranova		Y

### Alternate Members

Sl.No.	Name of Participants	Designation/Organisation	Physically Attended
1	Mr.Vijay R.Nair	President,UDAAN Trust/Alt. Member CCM	Y
2	Ms.Simran Shaikh	Board Advisor, NNTP/Alt.Member CCM	Y
3	Ms.Celina Menezes/Celina D'costa	National Rep.for Women Wing, GHAR/Alt.Member CCM	Y
4	Ms.Poonam Kandari	Supervisor, Nirvana Foundation/Alt.CCM Member	Y
5	Dr.Anju Soni	Chairperson, HIV&AIDS Committee, FOGSI/Alt.Member CCM	Y
			<b>Virtually Attended</b>
6	Ms.Gayatri Mishra	JS/IF/ Alt.Member CCM	Y
7	Dr.Nivedita Gupta	Scientist 'G' & Head ECD, ICMR/Alt.Member CCM	Y
8	Dr.Ravi Kumar	Independent Consultant,VBD/Alt.Member CCM	Y
9	Dr.Melissa Nyendak	Director,CDC,Global Health/Alt.Member CCM	Y
10	Mr.Laurent Le Danois	Team Leader of Cooperation at EU Delegation to India/Alt.Member CCM	Y
11	Dr.Matin Ahmad Khan	Trustee AMAN/Alt.Member CCM	Y
12	Dr.Diptendu Bhattacharya	Fellow, Survivors against TB/Alt.Member CCM	Y

## Special Invitees

Sl.No.	Name of Participants	Designation/Organisation	Physically Attended
1	Ms.Nidhi Kesarwani	Director, (NACO), MoHFW	Y
2	Dr.Rinku Sharma	Joint Director, NCVBDC	Y
			<b>Virtually Attended</b>
3	Dr.Raghuram Rao	Joint Director, CTD, MoHFW	Y
4	D.Bhawani Singh	DD (NACO), MoHFW	Y
5	Mr.Gaurav Gupta	LFA, PWC	Y
6	Dr.Sandhya Gupta	Consultant, TB	Y

## India CCM Secretariat

Sl.No.	Name of Participants	Designation/Organisation	Physically Attended
1	Dr.Shobini Rajan	DDG/Focal Point, ICCM	Y
2	Ms.Gitanjali Mohanty	Coordinator, ICCM	Y
3	Ms.Veena Chauhan	Admn.Asstt., ICCM	Y

It may be noted that out of 26 Members of India CCM, 17 Members attended the meeting ( both physically and virtually and 9 Members did not attend the meeting (neither physically nor virtually) and out of 24 Alternate Members of India CCM, 12 Alternate Members attended the meeting ( both physically and virtually and 12 Members did not attend the meeting (neither physically nor virtually).