

Subject: Minutes of 82nd meeting of India CCM

Date (dd.mm.yy)	29-05-2021
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	2.30 PM
Meeting adjourned	4.00 PM
Meeting Chaired by	Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (H)/Chair, India CCM
Total number of participants	42
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: 17 (Physically Present: 01 and Virtually Present: 16▪ Alternate member: 08 (Physically Present: 01 and Virtually Present: 07)▪ Special Invitees: 17 (Physically Present: 03 and Virtually Present: 14)
Attendance list	Yes, Annexure-1

82nd meeting of India CCM was conducted on 29th May 2021 through video conference due to prevailing travel restrictions imposed within the country to contain the spread of COVID-19 outbreak.

Agenda Item No.1 : Endorsement of minutes of 81st CCM meeting.

At the outset, **Focal Point, India CCM** sought and obtained consent regarding the endorsement of minutes of 81st CCM meeting held on 29th October 2020.

Agenda item no. 2 : To update the Fast track Funding Request for US\$ 75 million as C19RM Grant for India from the Global Fund.

The Fast track Funding Request for US\$ 75 million for procurement of PSA Plants and Oxygen Concentrators was submitted to the Global Fund on 30th April 2021. It may be noted that India was the first country in the world to have its Fast track Funding Request approved by the Global Fund (6th May 2021).

Implementing mechanism involves:

- Implementation will be through Government PR (NACO)
- Procurement Division of Ministry to undertake procurements of Oxygen related items as per EG directives
- Facilitation through Project Management Unit under ICCM
- Oversight through existing mechanism under ICCM
- Details of Fast track Proposal to be included in the Full Funding Request Proposal due for submission.

Ratification was sought from all CCM Members regarding the same.

Agenda item no. 3: Endorsement of the Full Funding Request Proposal for additional C19RM grant and the Fast track Funding Request for US\$ 75 million as C19RM Grant for India from the Global Fund by India CCM

Dr. Shobini Rajan, DDG/Focal Point, India CCM made a detailed presentation regarding the Full Funding Request Proposal for additional C19RM grant and the Fast track Funding Request for US\$ 75 million as C19RM Grant for India from the Global Fund. Major points of discussion were as follows:

- India is facing a major wave of COVID-19 pandemic since March 2021
- India received the Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) grants for addressing the COVID-19 pandemic for **US\$ 30 million in 2020** and **US\$ 75 + 75 million** for 2021
- The funding requests have been through India CCM.
- The proposed funding includes a **US\$ 75** Base and **US\$ 75** Above Base Allocation request under C19RM 2021.
- Of above, fast track grant of US\$ 75 million under C19RM 2021 has been successfully awarded and is for ratification of ICCM.
- The present proposal of full funding request needs a full CCM approval as well as approvals from National COVID-19 response coordinating body .
- She also appraised that the full funding request development was done in a fully consultative and inclusive process with the respective Communities from HIV, TB and Malaria, respective CSOs, KPs, multilateral and bilateral partners, Disease Control Programmes, National Covid 19 Coordinators.
- Details of the funding request may be found annexed at (Annexure-1)

It was also requested to consider the following:

- Ratification of fast track request of US\$ 75 million by India CCM
- Full CCM endorsement of full funding request as proposed
- Agreement that flexibility be retained with respect to interventions proposed towards fast track reprogramming with support from ICCM through the Global Fund teams to be truly responsive.
- A rigorous Steering and Oversight mechanism, drawn from the existing mechanism under ICCM to ensure timely activities and outputs

Discussions following Endorsement of the Full Funding Request Proposal for additional C19RM grant and the Fast track Funding Request for US\$ 75 million as C19RM Grant for India from the Global Fund by India CCM:

- **Vice Chair, India CCM, Dr. Shyamala Nataraj**, at the outset thanked Chair, India CCM, AS(Health), AS & DG NACO and Focal Point India CCM for the successful Full Funding Request development which she said was first time in the world that such an inclusive proposal was being formulated in consultation with CSOs and respective Communities of all the three disease programmes. She further said that this is an extraordinary moment in the history of health systems partnering with community systems. She also expressed her gratitude to the Technical Core Group who have given their valuable inputs and their assiduous efforts in the proposal development.

She further said that the proposal for a Steering Committee for the said Grant is very critical as this is an additional grant. She proposed for a very representative Steering Committee from members of the ICCM, the Technical Core Group and external experts. She also welcomed the strengthening of PHCs through Communities which will help in Health Systems Strengthening and also reduction of stigma and discrimination against Key Populations.

- **Additional Secretary (Health)/Member Secretary, India CCM** expressed that there are two proposals which were discussed today : i) Fast track Proposal for 75mUSD with the consent of Vice Chair and Communities which has already been approved by The Global and ii) The Full Funding Request proposal in which much emphasis has been given to Health Systems Strengthening and that it also has been developed with extensive consultations with the Communities of all the three disease programmes.

She further emphasized the fact that the current Full Funding Request Proposal has been designed to strengthen Health System even when the Covid pandemic subsides and which will actively respond to the Community needs when such a need arises. She extended her thanks to Vice Chair for her full support in the proposal development process.

- **Mr. Sudheshwar Singh** expressed his gratitude regarding the involvement of communities and their inputs in the development of the proposal. He expressed that the inclusion of Health Systems Strengthening, Community Systems Strengthening and Communications will go a long way not only in mitigating the effects of Covid 19 but also to build resilient systems. He thanked that all the Communities have been involved in all steps of the proposal development and their inputs have been duly incorporated in the proposal.
- **Dr. D. S. Gangwar, AS & FA** sought clarification as to how can the performance be assessed at the end of the project period of two years. He suggested that although there are measurable outcome indicators for the Fast track Proposal of 75 mUSD, there should be measurable outcome indicators for the Full Funding Request Proposal as well.

He suggested that Community mobilizers such as ASHAs and Community Health workers may be employed, how many of them were trained in health education, quarantine, early identification of cases. Involvement of CBOs, current strategy of Covid Management being “Jahan Beemar, Wahin Upchaar”, identify clusters where there is endemicity, organize Covid Clinics, number of patients screened, put on treatment, volunteers trained may be considered as measurable outcomes which may help tackle future pandemics.

- **Dr. Sunil Kumar (DGHS)** also suggested for including measurable outcome indicators to assess the success of the Grant after its tenure of two years. He suggested that a cadre might be created called “Vishwas” (like ASHA) which will help in pandemic or no pandemic situations for Systems Strengthening especially the Communities. He also brought to attention the negligible pre-hospital care available in the country. He suggested that Telemedicine Centers will prove helpful in this regard. He also said that more emphasis should be laid on Prevention Services to avoid pandemic like situation in the country.
- **Ms. Rekha Shukla (JS NVBDCP)** suggested a few amendments in the Malaria Proposal. Initially the Malaria Proposal for 7 mUSD and their budgetary break up was as

follows: i) Distribution cost for LLINs (2.61 mUSD) and ii) Mass screening and testing (3.73 mUSD) iii) Laboratory networking by the addition of binocular microscopes and training microscope (0.38mUSD) iv) IEC for Malaria endemic areas (0.28 mUSD). She appraised that since the microscopy component was not accepted by the Global Fund, the same amount i.e 0.38 mUSD may be used for the IEC component making the total to be 0.66 mUSD in the final proposal.

- **Mr. Pratik Raval** expressed his concerns regarding the CTSUs (Community Technical Support Unit, especially proposed for Care and Support Centres -CSCs supportive supervision and handholding of CBO's). He also proposed that the CTSU component should remain with IHAA, who is already handling the CSCs rather than SAATHII as proposed.
- **AS & DG NACO** responded to his query saying that the Global Fund has suggested supporting the CSCs till March 2022 after which they will be transitioned into domestic funding. He further informed that is presently being done by IHAA, who will continue to do so in the current C19RM grant as well.
- **Vice Chair, ICCM** expressed her gratitude towards the Chair, Focal Point India CCM, Dr. Shobini Rajan and members of UNAIDS, Dr. Bilali Camara and Dr. Nandini Kapoor for their support and hard work in the proposal development process.
- **Mr. Bhakta Bihari Mishra** from Malaria community also thanked the Chair and Vice Chair and members for the Technical Core Group for such an inclusive proposal and requested to emphasis on malaria communities affected by Covid.
- **Dr. Raghavan Gopa Kumar** from TB Constituency also expressed his gratitude to the Chair and Vice chair and congratulated all for developing such a community centric proposal where the voices of the community were heard and the proposal was developed accordingly. He appreciated that the TB Community was also a part of the Technical Core Group and a considerable amount of the proposal was directed at Community Systems Strengthening. He expressed his concerns about hard to reach areas such as the North east and requested that they should also be included in the proposal.
- **Secretary (H)/Chair India CCM** at the outset thanked the Vice Chair for all her cooperation and kind words. He also thanked her since the Vice Chair expressed that this was the first time the Government and the Communities were working in such close coordination for the proposal development. He welcomed this step and said that such a collaboration should be developed and become a continual part of the process. He further thanked AS-H, AS &FA, AS &DG, NACO, DGHS and members of India CCM for their valuable comments.
- He further responded to the concern raised by Mr. Sudeshwar Singh and that while the importance of disease specific interventions is, it is equally important to see implementation also involves the community representatives. He further supported the views of AS & FA regarding the measurable outcomes and of DGHS emphasizing telemedicine and pre-hospitalization care.

- He responded to the query raised by Mr. Pratik Raval regarding the CTSU component that the issue will be addressed and a mail to be sent to India CCM regarding the same.
- He also emphasized that for the first time rather than merely looking at micro-interventions, the proposal is designed to look at three major macro-interventions of Health Systems Strengthening, Community Systems Strengthening and Communications Systems Strengthening. He said that if we lay emphasis on these three interventions, our Systems will become more robust and prompt to respond to any pandemic like situation also more effective to respond to the needs of the affected communities. He expressed that the Full Funding Request is of importance as it deals with all these macro interventions. Lastly, he thanked the Vice Chair and all the members for their valuable suggestions.

Agenda item no. 4: To update on Global Fund Grant for TB, HIV and Malaria for India for Grant Period 2021-24

Dr. Shobini Rajan, Focal Point India CCM made a comprehensive presentation regarding the Global Fund Grant for TB, HIV and Malaria for grant period April 2021 to March 2024. For the current grant period April 2021-March 2024, the Global Fund has signed grant amount of USD 500 million (USD 280m for TB, USD 155m for HIV and USD 65m for Malaria programmes). The new grants have begun with effect from 1st April 2021.

Agenda item no. 5: Update on Oversight Committee of India CCM for term 2020-22

Focal Point India CCM apprised the house that in the last CCM meeting we had sought approvals from CCM Members regarding the reconstitution of oversight committee of India CCM for the term 2020-2022. She informed that the reconstituted Oversight Committee is now onboarded and held its first meeting in April 2021. She further informed that the Oversight Committee is chaired by Ms. Nandini Kapoor Dhingra, Senior Advisor, UNAIDS/Alternate Member India CCM.

Ms. Nandini Kapoor Dhingra, Chair Oversight Committee apprised that the first Oversight Committee meeting was held on 13th April 2021 where the terms of reference of the Oversight Committee were discussed. She further said that since physical visits may not be possible now due to the pandemic situation in the country, it was discussed that a virtual meeting of the Oversight Committee might be held to discuss the oversight activities, work plan for the Oversight Committee, virtual/desk reviews of PRs and eventually physical visits when the travel situation improves in the country.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by AS & DG, NACO and Vice Chair, I-CCM.

Annexure 1

List of Participants

CCM Members

Sl. No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Sh. Rajesh Bhushan	Secretary (HFW)/ Chair, I-CCM	Yes
			Virtually Connected
2	Ms.Arati Ahuja	Addl.Secy(H) /Member Secy, ICCM	Yes
3	Dr.Dharmendra Singh Gangwar	AS&FA	Yes
4	Dr.Sunil Kumar	DGHS	Yes
5	Dr. Shyamala Nataraj	Executive Director, SIAAP/Vice Chair, I-CCM	Yes
6	Prof.Ramila Bisht	Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, JNU	
7	Mr.Shridhar Pandey	Secretary & Chief Executive Officer,GBJS	Yes
8	Mr.Bhakta Bihari Mishra	Secretary, NIHIDA	Yes
9	Mr.Pratik Raval	Assistant Director, GIPA	Yes
10	Mr.Sudeshwar Kumar Singh	Secretary, TB Muktvahini	Yes
11	Dr.R.V.Asokan	Hon.Secretary General, IMA & Chairman,IMA	Yes
12	Fr.Paul Moonjely	Executive Director, Caritas	Yes
13	Ms.Rudrani Chettri	Managing Director, Mitr Trust	Yes
14	Ms.Deepthi Chavan	Patient Advocate	Yes
15	Dr.Shubnum Singh	CII	Yes
16	Dr.Bilali Camara	Country Director, UNAIDS	Yes
17	Dr.Melissa Nyendak	Director, CDC ,Global Health	Yes

Alternate CCM Members

Sl.No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Sh.Alok Saxena	As & DG, NACO	Yes
			Virtually Connected
2	Ms.Kusum	President, AINSW	Yes
3	Mr.Moses Zofaka Pachuau	President, IDUF	Yes
4	Dr.Ranjani Ramachandran	National Professional Officer (Labs)	Yes
5	Dr.Raghavan Gopa Kumar	Touched by TB	Yes
6	Mr. Yadavendra Singh	Chairman,Pahal Foundation	Yes
7	Ms.Nandini Kapoor Dhingra	Senior Technical Advisor, UNAIDS	Yes
8	Dr. Sangeeta Kaul	Team Leader(A), HIV/AIDS Division, USAID	Yes

Special Invitees

Sl. No.	Name	Designation/Organisation	Virtually Connected
1	Ms. Rekha Shukla	JS (VBD)	Yes
2	Dr.Naresh Goel	DDG (NACO)	Yes
3	Dr.Avdhesh Kumar	Addl.Director, NVBDCP	Yes
4	Dr.Bhawani Singh	Dy.Director (NACO)	Yes
5	Dr.Sudarshan Mandal	DDG (CTD)	Yes
6	Dr.Raghuram Rao	Joint Director (CTD)	Yes
7	Vandana Stapleton	Deputy Director, USAID, India	Yes
8	Dr.Benu Bhatia	Consultant (NACO)	Yes
9	Ms.Ankita	Consultant (NPMU) CTD	Yes
10	Mr.Dinesh Kumar	Proc.Consultant (NPMU), CTD	Yes
11	Ms.Rohini Shinde	Consultant	Yes
12	Dr.Sandhya Gupta	Grant Manager, (NPMU), CTD	

13	Mr.Raman Sharma	PWC (LFA)	Yes
14	Mr.Gaurav Gupta	PWC (LFA)	Yes
			Physically Connected
15	Dr.Shobini Rajan	DDG/Focal Point,ICCM	Yes
16	Ms.Gitanjali Mohanty	Coordinator, ICCM	Yes
17	Ms.Veena Chauhan	Admn.Asstt., ICCM	Yes