

Subject: Minutes of 83rd meeting of India CCM

Date (DD.MM.YY)	15-11-2021
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	12.00 PM
Meeting adjourned	2.00 PM
Meeting Chaired by	Sh .Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (H)/Chair, India CCM
Total number of participants	34
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: 13 (Physically Present: 03 and Virtually Present : 10)▪ Alternate member:09 (Physically Present: 01 and Virtually Present : 08)▪ Special Invitees:12 (Physically Present: 05 and Virtually Present : 07)
Attendance list	Yes, Annexure-1

83rd meeting of India CCM was conducted on **15th November 2021** through video conference due to COVID-19 situation in the country.

Agenda including the additional discussion points requested by India CCM members was displayed as given in Annexure II.

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.

Agenda Item No.1 : Endorsement of minutes of 82nd India CCM meeting.

At the outset, **Dr. Shobini Rajan, Focal Point, India CCM** sought and obtained consent regarding the endorsement of minutes of 82nd India CCM meeting held on 29th May 2021.

Agenda Item No. 2: Endorsement of the revised 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 comprehensive presentation regarding the revised 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 for the Oxygen Concentrators and the PSA Plants. Major points of discussion were as follows:

- 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 for which fast Track Proposal was sent for 75 million for the Oxygen

Concentrators and the PSA Plants after endorsement of the same during the 82nd meeting of India CCM. And proposal for the remaining allocation as per funds allocated to the community and the present Proposal is for the revised Proposal which was submitted after the 82nd India CCM meeting. The reason for the revised Proposal is that when the original Proposal was made only the ball park figures were considered but when the Proposal was worked out in detail by the Global Fund team, the figures changed. She conveyed that neither the overall amount has been modified nor the broad allocation to the activities has been modified but still there are some minor changes in the figures and the same requires full endorsement of the India CCM, the revised Proposal is being presented during this meeting.

- The earlier proposal was for USD 115.63m but now the revised Proposal is amounting to USD 109.69 million for which the amount for the System Strengthening is 58.8 m USD against the earlier allocation of 62.88 m USD. There are also minor modifications in terms of Disease specific allocations.
- The changes are due to a change in the actual costing vis a vis ball park assumptions in the previous Proposal, which was quickly prepared and submitted given the Covid 19 scenario in India in the first quarter of 2021-22.
- The Proposal was detailed out by the Country Team working with the PRs concerned facilitated by I-CCM Secretariat and reviewed by the three disease control Programmes to ensure that the proposal is aligned to the one submitted earlier in terms of approved activities.
- Details of the revisions may be found in **PPT at Annexure-III.**
- As per the requirements of the Global Fund, the Revised Proposal requires 100% endorsement of the India CCM Members and only in exceptional cases by the alternate Members by 15th Nov'21 itself.
- As approved by the Chairperson India CCM, it was decided to discuss it in a meeting of the India CCM and not just obtain endorsement by mail in light of the revisions.
- It was also informed that the Proposal would not be inclusive of the unspent amount from the 10 m USD KP Grant, as that has received extension till 30th Nov'21 to distribute the cash and ration to the Key Populations.

Vice Chair, India CCM, Dr. Shyamala Nataraj, requested for the floor to present four slides given at **Annexure-IV.**

- By way of background, she indicated that while the KP grant for 10 mUSD, that was part of C19RM 2020 was prepared with intense involvement of the Community Networks and Civil society participation, the utilization was far from satisfactory and only 10% DBT and 10% dry ration support could be provisioned till date. She drew attention to the fact that the verification processes and SOPs used by the PR under guidance of LFA and Country team were very complex and one of the reasons why DBT to the beneficiaries could not materialize. She also raised the issue of MoH and NACO not agreeing to the option of increasing the proportion of food to result in suboptimal spend in the grant.

- With respect to the C19RM 2021 Full Funding Request Proposal, she also remarked that there appear to be substantial changes against the previous proposal and these have not been discussed with the core committee and remarked that all changes would have to be discussed with the community members prior to endorsement by India CCM. She observed that the amount apportioned to activities for communities has been reduced by 4 mUSD.

Therefore, she indicated that the revised Full Funding Request Proposal cannot be endorsed right now before the community members have a chance to go through and review the changes.

- Considering the issues that arose in the grant implementation of 10 mUSD KP Grant, she placed on record that there is a need for strengthening the review mechanism for implementation of the upcoming grant, as a corrective measure. She suggested
 1. India CCM to institutionalize a Steering Committee
 2. India CCM must establish a mechanism to actually initiate actions on the recommendations made for the actions to be implemented at the beneficiary level.
 3. Execute a system where the CCM and the Community Networks can work closely.
 4. India CCM needs to take up a mechanism to make sure that the unspent amount out of 10 m USD is transferred to the appropriate SR (Sub Recipient) or SSR (Sub Sub Recipient) and make sure the pending activities can be implemented in order to utilize the 10 m Grant, since the PR are not able to implement the Grant.

Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (HFW)/Chair India CCM opened the floor for discussions on the remarks and suggestions of Vice chair.

Sh. Alok Saxena Alternate Member India CCM reiterated that the reason for the revised Proposal is that when the original Proposal was made only ball park figures were considered but when the Proposal was worked out in detail by the PRs in consultation with the Global Fund Country Team, there arose modifications in the amounts against each activity without compromising the activities per se. Still, in light of these changes, full endorsement of the India CCM is necessitated and therefore the revised Proposal is being presented during this meeting.

On the remarks of the Vice chair, he added that India CCM secretariat will take up with the Global Fund Country team and the PRs regarding the instances of the unnecessary documentation sought for verification process as well as the security and confidentiality safeguards of the documents/information collected during the verification process.

He welcomed the creation of a steering mechanism as suggested by Vice chair.

Mr. Pratik Raval, India CCM Member drew attention to the fact that the PR management cost has been increased in the revised Full Funding Proposal. During the last time at the Full Funding Proposal, PLHIV, community members etc. were involved. But this time PLHIV have not been included in the discussions.

Mr. Yadavendra Singh, India Alternate CCM Member expressed his concern regarding the safety and privacy of the documents/information collected from the beneficiaries by the PRs during the verification process. He appealed to chair ICCM to make sure the protection of the data of the beneficiaries is ensured with the PR. He requested to postpone the endorsement of the revised Full Funding Proposal until all the members understand and agree to the same with due discussion with the communities.

Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (HFW)/Chair India CCM, upon hearing this said that the *India CCM secretariat should take up the issue raised on privacy and data security with respect to beneficiary information collected by the PR and seek a report from them with respect to compliances and safeguards followed by them.*

Mr. Abou Mere, Alternate India CCM Member opined that the 10 million KP Grant has been a failure. The Proposal was not realistic. Community provided all the documents but the system failed at the level of implementing PR. He also mentioned that the revised Full Funding Proposal was not discussed with the members earlier and requested to postpone endorsement of the revised funding request proposal.

Jahnabi Goswami, Alternate India CCM Member reiterated that the 10 million KP Grant has been a complete failure because PRs did not work closely with the communities at the ground level and critiqued the process of the unnecessary verification followed by the PR.

Ms. Bharati Dey, Alternate India CCM member also said that all the documents were collected from the beneficiaries but the Grant could not be disbursed. The 10 million KP Grant has been a failure. Only a few beneficiaries could get the benefit. Since it is a relief Grant, all the beneficiaries should be benefitted.

David Bridger, Country Director, UNAIDS reiterated the fact that the capacity of the PRs needs to be ensured. The Steering Committee has to ensure the implementation of the Grant.

Sh. Sridhar Pandey, India CCM Member remarked that the Election process needs to be started at the earliest.

Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (HFW)/Chair India CCM, after listening to all members proposed the following three decision points for the consideration of the ICCM members:

1. The CCM secretariat would ask PRs to formally what kind of information did they collected from the communities and what kind of mechanism did they follow for verifying 3rd party checking to avoid unnecessary verification process.
2. Steering mechanism should be implemented
3. As the date of the endorsement of the India CCM members on the Revised Full Funding Proposal is today i.e., 15th Nov. '21 itself, he asked the India CCM members to endorse the same today and the necessary changes can be discussed and considered later on.

Dr. Shyamala Nataraj, Vice Chair, India CCM, responded in affirmative for Point No.1 & 2, that they can be endorsed today. With respect to Point No. 3, she indicated that it is not possible to endorse it till such time as the community and all members examine the revised proposal, understand and agree to it.

Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (HFW)/Chair India CCM declared the agenda point undecided and in light of pending endorsement of the Revised Full Funding Proposal directed that the Country Team Global Fund be informed that in light of India CCM endorsement not being possible by 15th Nov'2021, they may extend the timeline of submission.

He directed that the minutes of the meeting to be shared with all the participants and suggestions from all the members with respect to the revised Full Funding Proposal Request be incorporated and the matter brought back to the ICCM for consideration.

Agenda item No. 3: Extension of present India CCM term and constitution of Election Committee for initiation of Election process for reconstitution of India CCM for term 2021 to 2024

Dr. Shobini Rajan explained that the current term of India CCM is till 31st December 2021 and elections for the reconstitution of India CCM for term 2021-2024 needs to be initiated. She further said that an Election Committee needs to be nominated and formed to facilitate the CCM Election Process. She further appraised the house regarding the constitution of last election committee which is as follows:

1. Mr. Bilali Camara, Country Director, UNAIDS
2. Swami Shantatmananda, CCM member, Ramakrishna Mission
3. Dr. Ravi Verma, Ex-CCM member, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)
4. Dr. K. S. Sachdeva, DDG/ India CCM Focal Point

She then requested members to suggest nominations for constitution of the election committee for the upcoming India CCM elections during the CCM meeting itself.

She further appraised that that during the last election process, UNAIDS extended its support to India CCM to provide technical support for the elections of India CCM. In response, Mr. David Bridger, Country Director, UNAIDS extended his support to provide technical support for the upcoming elections of India CCM as well.

Mr. Yadavendra Singh gave his opinion that there should be a separate representation of MSMs and Transgenders in the CCM constitution.

Secretary (H)/Chair India CCM responded to him that the composition of India CCM is not decided by the CCM rather it is prefixed by the Global Fund which we cannot change.

Action Points:

Secretary (H)/Chair, India CCM suggested that:

- Since during the 83rd India CCM meeting, no names were suggested for the constitution of the Election Committee, nominations may be invited from India CCM for the constitution of the Election Committee by 30th November 2021. The Election process to be decided and executed by the Election Committee, chosen by CCM.
- The present CCM term to be extended till the end of this financial year (31st March 2022) or execution of the new CCM body, whichever is earlier.

Agenda Item No. 4: Presentation of report of Oversight Committee following OC visits to the states of Delhi, Haryana and Chandigarh (4th~8th Oct'2021)

Ms. Nandini Kapoor, Chair Oversight Committee India CCM presented the report on the Oversight visits conducted during the month of Oct'2021 in the states of Delhi, Haryana and Chandigarh (4th~8th Oct'2021).

The Presentation is attached herewith as Annexure-V.

Key Recommendations of the Oversight Committee:

- Convergence for TB and HIV critical to ensure services are efficient and effective
- Successful interventions of non- governmental PRs and SRs need to be assessed for sustainability and transition to Programme
- Review of the CSC model for stronger impact and sustainability
- Experiences of the beneficiaries across all projects, should be sought and documented in future OC visits
- Using the State infrastructure (Govt District Hospitals, Dispensaries, Mohalla Clinics) for programme effectiveness - strategy paper to be developed for advocacy and implementation

Agenda Item No. 5: Any other item with permission of the Chair

The additional items as proposed by India CCM members Ms. Jahnabi Goswami and Mr. Yadavendra Singh could not be discussed in light of paucity of time.

- a) Role clarity of PR in GFATM projects
- b) CR19RM implementation has to be based on the strength of the community on the ground.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair!

List of Participants**India CCM Members**

Sl. No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Sh. Rajesh Bhushan	Secretary (HFW)/ Chair, I-CCM	Yes
2	Dr. Dharmendra Singh Gangwar	AS&FA	Yes
3	Ms. Arti Ahuja	Addl.Secy(H) /Member Secy, ICCM	Yes
			Virtually connected
4	Sh Mahimapat Ray	Deputy Secretary, DEA, Min of Finance	Yes
5	Dr. Shyamala Nataraj	Executive Director, SIAAP/Vice Chair, I-CCM	Yes
6	Prof. Ramila Bisht	Professor, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, JNU	Yes
7	Mr. Shridhar Pandey	Secretary & CEO, GBJS	Yes
8	Mr. Pratik Raval	Assistant Director, GIPA, GSACS	Yes
9	Dr. Shubnum Singh	Director, Medical Education, Max Healthcare , CII	Yes
10	Dr. R.V. Asokan	Hon. Secretary General, IMA & Chairman, IMA	Yes
11	Fr. Paul Moonjely	Executive Director, Caritas	Yes
12	Ms. Deepti Chavan	Patient Advocate	Yes
13	Dr. Melissa Nyendak	Director, CDC ,Global Health	Yes

Alternate India CCM Members

Sl. No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Sh .Alok Saxena	As & DG, NACO	Yes
			Virtually Connected
2	Sh. Rajeev Sridhar	Under Secretary (FB)	Yes

3	Ms.Nandini Kapoor Dhingra	Senior Technical Advisor, UNAIDS	Yes
4	Dr. Darez Ahamad	MD (NHM), Tamil Nadu	Yes
5	Mr. Abou Mere	President, IDUF	Yes
6	Ms. Bharati Dey	President, AINSW	Yes
7	Dr. Ranjani Ramachandran	National Professional Officer WR India	Yes
8	Mr. Yadavendra Singh	Chairman, Pahal Foundation	Yes
9	Ms. Jahnabi Goswami	President, ANPP	Yes

Special Invitees

Sl. No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Dr. Harmeet Singh	JS (VBD)	Yes
2	Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani	Director (NACO)	Yes
3	Dr.Shobini Rajan	DDG/Focal Point, ICCM	Yes
4	Ms.Gitanjali Mohanty	Coordinator, ICCM	Yes
5	Ms.Veena Kumra	Programme Officer, ICCM	Yes
			Virtually Connected
6	Mr. David Bridger	Country Director, UNAIDS	Yes
7	Dr. Tanu Jain	Director (NVBDCP)	Yes
8	Dr. Alok Mathur	Additional DDG, CTD	Yes
9	Dr. Vinod Choudhary	NVBDCP	Yes
10	Dr.Benu Bhatia	Consultant (NACO)	Yes
11	Mr. Raman Sharma	PWC (LFA)	Yes
12	Mr. Gaurav Gupta	PWC (LFA)	Yes

* It may be noted that Dr. Sunil Kumar, DGHS could not attend the said meeting due to prior engagements.

**It may also be noted that there were no representation from State Govt. Constituency (UP) and Research Constituency as well.

Annexure-II

Draft agenda for 83rd Virtual Meeting of the India Country Coordinating Mechanism

Date/Time: 15th November 2021, 12.00 PM

Venue: Room No. 155-A, MoHFW, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

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Agenda item no. 5

Any other item with permission of the Chair.

- c) Moving forward: Lessons from C19RM mUSD 10m KP grant for C19RM 108m USD proposal by Vice Chair, India CCM
- d) Role clarity of PR in GFATM projects—by CCM members
- e) CR19RM implementation has to be based on the strength of the community on the ground—by CCM members