Subject: Minutes of 84th meeting of India CCM

Date (DD.MM.YY)	29-04-2022	
Venue of the Meeting	Room no. 155-A ,1st 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	50	
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> <li>CCM Members: (Physically Present: 3 and Virtually Present: 12</li> <li>Alternate Members: Virtually Present: 8</li> <li>Special Invitees: Physically Present: 15</li> <li>Virtually Present: 12</li> </ul>	
Attendance list	Yes, Annexure-1	

84<sup>th</sup> meeting of India CCM was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 through video conference.

#### Agenda Item No.1: Endorsement of minutes of 83rd CCM meeting.

At the outset, Dr. Shobini Rajan (Focal Point, India CCM) sought and obtained consent regarding the endorsement of minutes of 83<sup>rd</sup> CCM meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov'2021. The minutes were ratified by the CCM.

# <u>Agenda item no. 2</u>: Debriefing by the OIG team regarding the OIG audit findings and results to full India CCM members and meeting with the Global Fund Country Team.

- Madame Tracy Staines, Inspector General, OIG briefed about the Audit process and expressed
  her thanks to the Chair and the members present there. She talked about the complexities and
  challenges faced by India in disease control and India's contribution towards the same during the
  last 5 years. She also expressed that they will highlight the areas which require ICCM's attention
  and will summarize the key findings during the detailed audit and the action points, to be taken,
  while finalizing their reports.
- Mr. Andrew Hammond, Audit Manager, OIG made a comprehensive presentation regarding the
  OIG audit conducted covering 11 PRs, 3 states and 22 districts. to review the activities for the
  period from Jan 2019 to Dec 2021, highlighting details of the findings, areas of challenges and
  results to entire India CCM.

#### Objectives of the OIG Audit:

- 1. Design and implementation of Global Fund interventions to support sustainable programmatic results for the HIV and TB program.
- 2. Design of the PR modality for HIV and TB programs under NFM3 to ensure catalytic impact.
- 3. Design and effectiveness of Global Fund support through C19RM investments.
- 4. Design and effectiveness of Oversight and monitoring of Global Fund interventions.

Details of the OIG Audit findings may be annexed at Annexure-2

#### Responses to the OIG debrief presentation:

The responses from the programme divisions were sought on the findings and recommendations of the OIG team.

Shri Alok Saxena, AS&DG NACO said that ASDG and NACO team had detailed prior discussions with the audit team and that the inputs have been suitably incorporated in the findings presented and as such there are no further comments.

There was no intervention pertaining to Malaria.

Dr. Raghuram Rao, Jt. Director (TB) mentioned that they had a detailed discussion with the audit team regarding the following:

- PfR (payment for results) modality for the current grant which has just started under the current Grant is being finalized with the GF country team, verification methodology, protocols, tools, etc is being piloted in few sites and the finalization is expected to be completed soon.
- Data collection on DLI 1 (DRTB patients initiated on treatment) has recently been transitioned to Nikshay. Hence, noted gaps from previously collected excel based data on the indiactor will be addressed moving forward. However, data on DLI 3 (presumptive TB testing using NAAT) is currently excel based and may be prone for manual errors. Programme is working to collect data on this indiactor through Nikshay as well.
- Regarding shortages of lab consumables especially CBNAAT cartridges & CDST consumables observed in the field, it was clarified that alternative technologies like Truenat was available in the field. For CDST consumables, savings with NGO PR supporting laboratory services was strategically re-programmed and used for supplies, to avoid stockouts. Also, the programme had decentralized procurements in the last year and there were some challenges in certain States. However, the same has been streamlined with timely alternative arrangements and ongoing support to the States for local procurements.
- Procurement of cartridges for 10 colour module CBNAAT machines under C19 RM grant & underutilization of these machines—It was clarified that the new technology is yet to be technically assessed, endorsed & recommended by the National Technical Expert Group for use under the programme. The same is being planned to be taken up by the NTEG in the month of May-June 2022. Subsequently & subject to the successful recommendations, the procurements would be initiated. Regarding under utilization of the machines, it was informed that the same machines are being used for routine testing for detection of TB and Rifampicin resistance.
- Regarding the performance of the PPSA and transition of NGO PR led PPSA projects to
  domestic budgets, it was informed that the transition is pending to be completed in a few States
  only and the programme is closely working with the States to ensure smooth transition. It was
  also informed that the States are increasingly looking at implementing alternative models
  instead of PPSA model for private sector engagement. The performance & contribution from
  the private sector under the TB programme has been reporting record levels year on year. Inspite of the COVID challenges in 2021, the programme reported the highest ever cases from
  the private sector (32% of all notified cases).

Secy HFW directed the programme to share all relevant data requested by the OIG team.

Mr. Andrew Hammond then appraised the house regarding the next steps and timelines of the OIG Audit process as the following:

- 1. After field work in India, debrief meetings with Global Fund Country Team, relevant Government and Non-government PRs, and India CCM, the team will compile their findings in an Audit report.
- The first draft of the report is expected to be shared by June 2022. The country stakeholders will be provided a two weeks time to provide responses which will then be incorporated in the final draft report.
- The final draft report will be submitted by late June 2022 and a weeks time will be provided to the country stakeholders and CCM to provide response which will then be incorporated into the final report.
- 4. The final report is expected to be published on the Global Fund website by July/August 2022.
- 5. He further sought support of India CCM Secretariat to compile the inputs ad responses received from relevant stakeholders and share it with the Audit team for finalization of report.

Secretary (HFW)/Chair (ICCM) thanked the Audit team and asked the PRs in particular to note that the draft reports will be shared with them in June 2022 and asked them to promptly share any responses with the Audit Team.

Sh Alok Saxena, Member Secretary, India CCM sought views from the India CCM members to decide whether members of the OIG Audit Team and the Global Fund Country Team be a part of the subsequent discussions in the meeting.

Mr. Yadavendra Singh, on behalf of the CCM responded that they have no objection in the teams being a part of the remaining meeting.

## Agenda item no. 3: Update on Reprograming of unutilized amount of 7.6 million USD from the 10mUSD C19RM KP Grant.

Dr. Shobini Rajan, Focal Point India CCM mentioned that as it was adequately articulated in the presentation, what we are cognizant about as CCM Secretariat is that the unutilized amount of 7.6 million is presently under the process of reprogramming, with NACO and proposals received by NACO from all three PRs have been referred to a committee to finalize the recommendations.

Dr. Shobini Rajan appraised the house regarding the composition of the Committee as follows:

- 1. Ms Nandini Kapoor Dhingra, Senior Technical Advisor UNAIDS/Alternate Member, India CCM/Chair of Oversight Committee of India CCM—as Chair of the Committee
- 2. Dr. Naresh Goel, Public Health Expert
- 3. Prof. Ramila Bisht, Professor, JNU, Member, India CCM
- Dr. Benu Bhatia, NPMU NACO as Member Secretary

Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, Director (NACO) stated that the committee has held two meetings under chairpersonship of Ms Nandini Kapoor Dhingra, however report or recommendations of the committee are still awaited.

Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Chair (ICCM) enquired that how much time will be required by the committee to finalize its recommendations, and enquired if committee is engaging the PRs, who have submitted the proposals.

In response, Dr. Shobini Rajan replied that the committee is considering the proposals as received and will not be engaging with the PRs and the final recommendations are awaited.

Sh Alok Saxena, Additional Secretary (Health)/Member Secretary, India CCM urged the Global Fund to have some mechanism on how to shape out the unutilized funds/Grants. There needs to be more clarity by The Global Fund regarding reprogramming/unutilized funds from the Grant.

Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Chair (ICCM) mentioned that the way ahead would be to communicate, advice the committee to quickly submit their recommendations so that further follow-up actions can be implemented.

#### **Decision Points/Action Points:**

NACO to expedite the proceedings of the Committee and further submission of recommended proposal for reprogramming of USD 7.6 million for the consideration of India CCM within one month.

#### Agenda item no. 4: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

Ms. Bharti Dey, alternate member ICCM raised the question regarding the 75 million Grant, and sought clarification whether any new PRs have been engaged and emphasized that there should be clear communication between the community and the PRs.

Mr. Shridhar Pandey, member ICCM also enquired about the engagement of new PRs and whether they are of Indian origin.

In response, Sh Alok Saxena, clarified that no new PRs/SRs are being engaged under the current Grant. And in the C19RM Grant only the existing partners are there and are of Indian origin.

Mr. Bhakta Bihari Mishra, Member ICCM enquired about the Malaria PR/SR, working with the communities in vulnerable groups in Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhatisgarh. and requested to add community PR/SR in Jharkhand and Odisha.

Dr. Shobini Rajan responded that in Malaria Govt PR is NCVBDC (previously known as NVBDCP) whereas Non Govt PR is TCIF. and under Govt PR there are five SRs. Dr. Vinod Choudhary, NCVBDC further explained the PR/SR status and informed that there is no SR operating in Odisha State.

Mr. Pratik Raval, member ICCM spoke regarding the reprogramming of the unutilized budget of the 7.6 million Grant. He emphasized the role clarity of PRs and also the involvement of SRs for Grnt implementation so that the Communities can be benefitted.

Rudrani Chettri, member ICCM mentioned the following points:

- 1. Strengthen community engagement and involve them in decision making of GFATM grants
- 2. PR role needs to be clarified and ensure that communities are engaged in implementation
- 3. Need more clarity of CCM processes as community voices need to be prominent in CCM
- 4. Separate seats for MSM and Transgender communities and they can't be clubbed under one umbrella
- 5. If new steering mechanism is being set up we need more fair and balanced representation of all marginalized communities. Select networks cannot takeover.
- 6. Conflict of interest clause should be signed by all CCM members

Sh Alok Saxena responded that the Conflict of Interest clause is signed by all CCM Members Mr. Yadavendra Singh, alternate member ICCM also emphasized on the community engagement. He further spoke about the new FCRA rules in India and sought clarification whether it will be possible for SSRs to implement. Mr. Pratik Raval also agreed regarding the role of SSRs in grant implementation.

Ms. Jahnabi Goswami, alternate member ICCM said that community organizations in places like north east, have almost become nonexistent. Thus there is a need to engage and empower CBOs and smaller NGOs for grant implementation.

Chair India CCM mentioned that there is a need to maintain a proper balance between the role of PRs,SRs and communities. No one can take over the role of the community.

Mr. Abou Mere, alternate member ICCM said that the Role of the PR/SR must be very clear especially with the community and the community engagement should be one of the priorities in the Global Fund Grants, clear guidelines should be developed so that there is no confusion.

Mr. Pratik Raval and Ms. Jahnabi Goswami spoke about the need to strengthen DLNs and SLNs for better implementation of the Grants

Dr. Shobini Rajan mentioned that the draft minutes of the meeting will be shared with the CCM members for their inputs. She further requested the communities to share in writing what they presented during the 84th CCM meeting in writing so that it can be formally documented.

#### **Decision Points/Action Points:**

- Communities clearly communicated concerns regarding the reprogramming of USD 7.6 million unutilized funds from the C19RM 2020 KP grant.
- Communities also sought better role clarity of PRs and their mandate of creating a role for communities and civil society in grant implementation.
- ICCM secretariat to take up the clear ask of the communities with the Global Fund Country team.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

**Annexure 1** 

#### **List of Participants**

#### **CCM Members**

SI. No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Sh. Rajesh Bhushan	Secretary (HFW)/ Chair, I-CCM	Yes
2	Mr. Ashish Srivastava	AS&FA	Yes
3	Sh .Alok Saxena	AS & DG, NACO/Member Secy, ICCM	Yes
			Virtually Connected
4	Dr. Atul Goel	DGHS	Yes
5	Mr. David Bridger	Country Director, UNAIDS	Yes
6	Mr. Pratik Raval	Assistant Director, GIPA/	Yes
7	Dr. R.V. Asokan	Hon. Secretary General, IMA & Chairman, IMA	Yes
8	Mr. Bhakta Bihari Mishra	Secretary, National Integrated Human and Industrial Development Agency	Yes
9	Dr. Roderico Ofrin	WR, India	Yes

10	Ms. Luisa Terranova	Counsellor for global issues & Head of Ambassador's pvt.office, French Embassy to India	Yes
11	Mr. Shridhar Pandey	Secretary & Chief Executive Officer, Gautam Buddha Jagriti Society	Yes
12	Ms. Nisha Gulur	Executive Member-KSWU, President, NSW	Yes
13	Dr. Melissa Nyendak	Director, CDC ,Global Health	Yes
14	Rudrani Chettri	Managing Director, Mitr Trust, CBO Member- Infosem Network	Yes
15	Prof.Ramila Bisht	Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, JNU	Yes

### **Alternate CCM Members**

SI. No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Virtually Connected
1	Ms. Bharti Dey	Member, ICCM	Yes
2	Mr. Abou Mere	President, IDUF	Yes
3	Dr.Sangeeta Kaul	Team Leader (A), HIV/AIDS Division, USAID	Yes
4	Dr.R.Gopa Kumar	Founder Member/Tech. Adv.Committee Member (Interim Gov.Board)Touched by TB	Yes Yes
5	Dr. Ranjani Ramachandran	National Professional Officer (Labs)	Yes
6	Mr. Yadavendra Singh	Chairman, Pahal Foundation	Yes
7	Ms. Jahnabi Goswami	President, ANPP	Yes
8	Mr.Laurent Le Danosis	Head of Cooperation at EU Delegation to India	Yes

## **Special Invitees**

SI. No.	Name	Designation/Organization	Physically Connected
1	Madame Tracy Staines	Inspector General, OIG	Yes
2	Mr. Andrew Hammond	Manager, OIG	Yes
3	Mr. Agustinus Mangampa	Team Lead, OIG	Yes
4	Mr. Mukasa Musa Morgan	Auditor (Consultant), OIG	Yes

5	Mr. Ndegwa George Maina	Auditor (Consultant), OIG	Yes
6	Mr. Ngotho Kariuki Michael	Auditor (Consultant),	Yes
7	Prof.Sudhir Kumar	OIG Team	Yes
8	Mr. Richard Cunliffe	Sr.Fund Portfolio Manager, Global Fund	Yes
9	Ms. Nidhi Kesharwani	Director (NACO)	Yes
10	Dr.Shobini Rajan	DDG/Focal Point, ICCM	Yes
11	Mr. Raman Sharma	Director, PWC (LFA)	Yes
12	Mr Gaurav Gupta	Director, PWC (LFA)	Yes
13	Ms.Gitanjali Mohanty	Coordinator, ICCM	Yes
14	Ms.Veena Kumra	Programme Officer, ICCM	Yes
15	Ms.Veena Chauhan	Admn.Asstt., ICCM	Yes
			Virtually Connected
16	Ms.Bertha Simwaka	Country Team, GF	Yes
17	Ms. Noemie Restrepo	Country Team, GF	Yes
18	Ms.Rebecca Lawrence Gupta	Country Team, GF	Yes
19	Mr.Isaac Katumba Nansambu	Team Lead, OIG	Yes
20	Mr.Rajeev Lochan	Auditor	Yes
21	Dr. Rajendra P. Joshi	DDG (TB)	Yes
22	Dr. Raghuram Rao	Jt. Director (TB)	Yes
23	Dr. Sandhya Gupta	Consultant (TB)	Yes
24	Dr. Tanu Jain	Director (NCVBDC)	Yes
25	Dr. Vinod Choudhary	(NCVBDC)	Yes
26	Dr. Benu Bhatia	Consultant (NACO)	Yes
27	Mr. Heman Sabharwal	PWC (LFA)	Yes