

Record of Discussions

Desk Review of the Principal Recipient TCI Foundation by the Oversight Committee for GC7 Grant

Date: 19th March 2025

Time: 11:00- 12:00 Hrs

Mode: Virtual Meeting

A virtual desk review of the Non-Government Principal Recipient, TCI Foundation, for the GC7 Grant was held on 19th March 2025, chaired by Dr. Ravikumar, Chairman of the Oversight Committee (Schedule enclosed in **Annexure1**). The meeting was attended by members of the Oversight Committee (OC), the India CCM Secretariat, Program Division, and representatives from the Non-Government Principal Recipient (NGPR), TCI Foundation for the GC7 Grant, as per the attendance list enclosed in **Annexure 2**. The objective of the review was to assess the implementation of the GC7 grant up to February 2025 and evaluate the performance of the Principal Recipient based on their Key Performance Indicators.

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Ravikumar, Chairman, Oversight Committee, extended a warm welcome to all Oversight Committee members, Program Division, and representatives from the Non-Government Principal Recipient, TCI Foundation, who attended the meeting.

Following the welcome remarks, TCI Foundation delivered a presentation, which was broadly based on the format shared by the India CCM Secretariat and can be found enclosed in **Annexure 3**.

Major Discussion/Action Points are as follows:

1. TCI Foundation stated that they have been sending quarterly reports as per the recommendations from the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee Chair requested TCIF to prepare a consolidated GC7 performance report from inception to the period as on the end of FY 24-25, which will serve as a template for future activities and help in assessing the progress made since the activities began.
2. Under the module Programme Management, TCIF has helped in the establishment of a national programme management unit at NCVBDC with 10 technical staff. They emphasized the successful collaboration with the ministry and other stakeholders, which



has contributed to the program's legacy and ongoing efforts towards malaria elimination by 2030.

3. Under the module Human Resources for Health & Quality Care, TCIF has deployed 36 Lab Technicians in all RoHFWs. The first key performance indicator is regarding the malaria microscopy trainings. Capacity Building for 1023 laboratory technicians has been taken up against a target of 1065 indicating 93 % achievement.
4. Key Performance Indicator 2 is "Training Health Workforce at National, Regional and State levels (Entomologists, MO/DVBDCO and DVBDCOs)". 67 entomologists have been trained against a target of 60. 21 medical officers have been trained against a target of 25. 60 DVBDCOs were to be trained and 43 have been trained so far. It was outlined by TCI Foundation that the next six months will involve multiple training batches at both national and regional levels, including specific training for lab technicians and others. OC noted the clear timebound plan for the same.

In-person capacity building of ASHAs is planned in 11 project states. The training for ASHAs is scheduled to begin in April, with a total of approximately 58,000 ASHAs to be trained by TCI Foundation over the next two years. The agenda for the training has been sent, and local trainers are being identified to facilitate the training sessions. It was also informed that the training will be conducted physically at the CHC level, utilizing local retired and experienced individuals as trainers. Dr. Munish, Director General, TCI Foundation informed that they are facing some delays in the approval process for translated training materials from the state, which is critical for the timely execution of training programs. Oversight Committee suggested to TCIF / NCVBDC to explore the possibility of printing physical copies of the training modules in relevant languages to ensure that ASHAs have the necessary materials for effective training.

5. Key performance indicator 3 is regarding the sub-national verification process. TCI Foundation informed that they have conducted one training recently and completed a pilot study in Uttarakhand. They are hopeful to fulfil the targets left behind in the previous year, as guidelines for subnational verification have been issued and the process is now underway. They plan to conduct a national-level training session in April for all eligible districts to guide them on preparing the required dossiers for malaria elimination certification. This training is expected to be supported by WHO and will take place in Delhi. TCI Foundation updated that the NCVBDC has been actively sensitizing all states and eligible districts about the sub-national verification activity during regional and



national meetings, ensuring that all stakeholders are informed and engaged in the process. Verification of subnational malaria elimination is required to be done in 40 districts. Verification in 33 districts of 2024-25 is also pending, Oversight committee has noted that the process should be accelerated by NCVBDC /Ministry.

6. Key performance indicator 4 is regarding procurement of entomological kits. 102 kits were targeted for the same and all have been procured and supplied to states /districts. The Oversight Committee identified significant challenges in the utilization of entomological kits, noting that while kits have been supplied, the entomologists of the state health departments have to effectively utilize them. There is significant lack of entomologists in almost all the states which is hindering the expected outcomes of the malaria control efforts. It was proposed that states and regional offices should be required to submit monthly progress reports to ensure that the entomology division is actively monitoring the use of the kits and the overall progress of malaria control initiatives.

The Oversight Committee identified a significant challenge regarding the diversion of entomology consultants and other human resources to different divisions, which hampers the malaria elimination efforts. This issue has been observed in multiple states, indicating a systemic problem that requires urgent attention.

7. Though there is no budget allocated for procurement of microscopes currently, it is important to do appropriate maintenance of existing microscopes which were procured in GC 6. The Oversight Committee enquired if there are any issues identified in the maintenance of Microscopes. TCI Foundation informed that a challenge was identified regarding a lens problem in microscopes flagged by Odisha State, which was attributed to the use of local immersion oil instead of the recommended genuine oil. It was recommended to the State to procure genuine immersion oil for the microscopes to ensure they remain under the Maintenance Contract and function optimally.
8. The transition of the Learning Management System (LMS) to the iGOT platform (which was an activity under GC6) was discussed, indicating that once this transition is complete, e-learning management will be operational, which is a critical next step for training. NCVBDC has informed that the transition of LMS to the iGOT platform is happening albeit slowly. NCVBDC aims to finalize and release five training modules by World Malaria Day on April 25.



9. TCI Foundation reported that they have utilized 67% of the disbursed grant received so far with additional expenditures pending for March that will further increase this percentage.
10. The Oversight Committee sought clarity regarding the number of staff involved in grant management. TCI Foundation specified that 14 staff members work exclusively on GC7, who support in planning GC7 activities and resource allocation.
11. NCVBDC informed that they are facing delays in on-boarding NGSRs primarily due to the pending approval of the budget from the Ministry. Once the MOU is signed, NCVBDC plans to instruct the TCI Foundation to procure 250 computer tabs for the block coordinators that will be recruited for the NGSRs, indicating a clear next step in the on-boarding process.
12. TCI Foundation was encouraged to continue their current working methods and maintain the momentum of their efforts.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

The key actionable, responsibilities and specific timelines are summarized below:

S No.	Action Point	Timeline
1	Submission of Consolidated Report of C19 RM Grant.	15 May 2025
2	Submission of Consolidated performance report of GC7 year 1 (April 2024 to March 2025).	7 th May 2025
3	Submission of monthly Progress reports by States to NCVBDC on utilization of entomological kits and NCVBDC to share the same in their quarterly progress reports to the Oversight Committee.	Quarterly
4	Performance in Quarterly progress reports to be submitted in cumulative format (from beginning of GC7 to that present quarter) as well as in quarter wise format, to the Oversight Committee.	Quarterly



Annexure 1**Schedule of Virtual C19 RM and GC7 Grant Desk Review of PRs by the Oversight Committee**

March 2025

Chaired by Chair and Co-Chair, Oversight Committee and facilitated by the India CCM Secretariat.

Date	Time	Description	Facilitator/Presenter	Chairperson
19/03/2025	11:00-12:00	GC7 Presentation by TCI Foundation (Malaria)	TCI Foundation	Chair and Co-Chair, Oversight Committee
25/03/2025	11:00-12:00	C19 RM Presentation by IHAA (HIV)	India HIV/AIDS Alliance	
25/03/2025	16:00-17:00	C19 RM Presentation by SAATHII (HIV)	Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India	
28/03/2025	11:00-12:00	C19 RM Presentation by PLAN India (HIV)	PLAN India	
28/03/2025	16:00-17:00	GC7 Presentation by IHAA (HIV)	India HIV/AIDS Alliance	
01/04/2025	11:00-12:00	GC7 Presentation by PLAN India (HIV)	PLAN India	
01/04/2025	16:00-17:00	GC7 Presentation by SAATHII (HIV)	Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India	
04/04/2025	11:00-12:00	GC7 Presentation by HLPPT (HIV)	Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust	
04/04/2025	16:00-16:30	GC7 Presentation by KHPT (TB)	Karnataka Health Promotion Trust	
04/04/2025	16:30-17:00	GC7 Presentation by SAATHII (TB)	Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India	
08/04/2025	11:00-11:30	GC7 Presentation by HLPPT (TB)	Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust	
08/04/2025	11:30-12:00	C19 RM Presentation by WJCF (TB)	William J and Clinton Foundation	



08/04/2025	16:00-16:30	C19 RM Presentation by The Union (TB)	International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases	
08/04/2025	16:30-17:00	C19 RM Presentation by FIND India (TB)	Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics India	
11/04/2025	11:00-11:30	C19 RM Presentation by CTD (TB)	Central TB Division	
11/04/2025	11:30-12:00	Internal meeting and discussions of OC (9 th OC meeting)	All members of OC facilitated by ICCM secretariat	
TBD		PR Desk Review Debrief meeting	Chair/ Co chair Oversight Committee	JS (GFATM)

List of Participants:

Annexure-2

S No.	Name	Designation	Organisation
1	Dr. Manpreet Singh	Medical Officer	NCVBDC
2	Dr. Ravikumar	Chairman	Oversight Committee
3	Dr. Gopakumar	Vice Chairman	Oversight Committee
4	Ms. Deepika Joshi	Member	Oversight Committee
5	Dr.P.K.Srivastava	Member	Oversight Committee
6	Mr. Samir Kumar Sahu	Member	Oversight Committee
7	Dr. Munish Chander	Director General	TCI Foundation
8	Dr. RC Dhiman	National Coordinator	TCI Foundation
9	Ms. Namita	Senior Manager, HR	TCI Foundation
10	CA Pooja	Manager-Accounts and Finance	TCI Foundation
11	Ms. Sarvanti	Executive, Accounts	TCI Foundation
12	Dr. Shobini Rajan	CMO (SAG), NACO/ICCM Focal Point	NACO/ICCM
13	Gitanjali Mohanty	Coordinator	ICCM Secretariat
14	Sadaf Ahmad	Program Officer	ICCM Secretariat
15	Chanderpal	Admin. Assistant	ICCM Secretariat