

Record of Discussions

Desk Review of the Principal Recipient CTD by the Oversight Committee for C-19 RM Grant

Date: 11th April 2025

Time: 11:00- 11:30 Hrs

Mode: Virtual Meeting

A virtual desk review of the Government Principal Recipient, CTD, for the C-19 RM Grant was held on 11th April 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 Government Principal Recipient (NGPR) CTD for the C-19 RM Grant, as per the attendance list enclosed in **Annexure 2**. The objective of the review was to assess the implementation of the C-19 RM 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, and representatives from the Government Principal Recipient CTD, who attended the meeting.

Following the welcome remarks, CTD 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:

S No.	Comments/suggestions	Response/discussions
1	Regarding Training course on "Leadership in prevention and control of infection for nursing professionals", it was informed by CTD that Proposal for MoU with NIHFV for implementing these trainings is under approval with IFD currently. The Oversight Committee inquired if apart from the implementation other works related to it are being done in the background.	It was informed that the background work related to implementation of the trainings is being taken care in parallel.
2	Regarding "Development of Laboratory information software application (LIMS) and forming linkages to the IHIP portal from all the existing platforms and	It was conveyed that the IHIP consists of multiple components, all of which are overseen by the Ministry. The LMIS will be included as one of these components. All

	<p>providing support to training and capacity building through the existing SAKSHAT portal" The Oversight Committee positively noted that it was good that IHIP linkage is one of the activities and they will be happy to note any considerable progression after integration with the IHIP.</p>	<p>activities will be managed by the Ministry through a single, unified portal.</p>
3	<p>The OC appreciated the work done by CTD regarding the Airborne Infection Control (AIC) activities through assessment at various MDR TB treatment facilities. Site wise reports are available showing the civil and other modification work to be done by FIND India and the local health authorities. During the state visits of OC it was noted that no progress has been seen.</p> <p>Refurbishment of these centres to provide decongestion, ensuring social distancing and providing proper patient flow for achieving airborne infection prevention needs to be done on priority. The Central TB Division (CTD) may issue formal communications to State leadership to expedite the execution of civil works. The Committee also emphasized the need for State Coordinators from FIND India and WHO Consultants to engage consistently with State authorities to ensure timely completion of activities related to AIC.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Oversight Committee expressed concern over a noticeable lack of coordination between the NGPRs and State-level authorities. To address this, the Committee requested that CTD take proactive steps to establish a formal coordination mechanism at the State level.</p>	<p>Updates on the progress of the three C19 RM NGPRs were shared by CTD:</p> <p>WJCF has supplied handheld X-ray machines, which are currently being deployed in the field and were also operational during the 100 days campaign. CTD has observed effective coordination between WJCF and field-level staff.</p> <p>The Union experienced delays in obtaining necessary approvals in Assam. However, with the reallocation of savings under the C19 RM grant, approvals were granted to initiate operations in West Bengal.</p> <p>FIND planned activities primarily pertain to training and equipment. Due to procurement challenges, a retendering process was required. It is anticipated that procurement will proceed as planned. State-level trainings have been completed, and facility-level trainings are currently underway.</p> <p>CTD will continue to follow up with the States to ensure full and effective utilization of available resources. While a coordination mechanism exists, there may be gaps in monitoring and feedback processes, which will be addressed to enhance overall implementation.</p>
4	<p>Activities pertaining to constitution, regular meetings and effectiveness of Hospital Infection Control Committees were also found to be below par. CTD and FIND may pursue with the state health authorities.</p> <p>The FIND project through the two proposed activities are to result in trained HCWs and AIC compliant healthcare facilities, as well as the improved capacity of NTEP for early detection and screening of TB with AC leading to the following outcomes:</p>	<p>Robust mechanism to monitor the AIC compliance to be instituted by FIND and supported by CTD.</p>



	<p>1. Reduced events of airborne disease outbreaks at healthcare facilities leading to delivery of uninterrupted healthcare services at nodal DR-TB centers.</p> <p>2. Safe healthcare facilities that protect healthcare workers and patients against airborne infections.</p> <p>3. Reduced rates of HAI (Healthcare-associated infections) especially TB and COVID.</p> <p>4. Improving access to TB services supporting mitigation of COVID-19 under NTEP.</p> <p>5. Improved reporting of IC indicators leading to early identification of outbreaks at healthcare facilities.</p>	
5	It was suggested that out of the three C19 RM TB NGPRs, performance of The Union is quite unsatisfactory and requires support and intensive monitoring.	The point was noted by CTD.
6	The Chair of the Oversight Committee highlighted the ongoing concern regarding the evaluation and value addition of outputs by NGPRs. Specifically, there has been debate on how to prevent State-generated data from being reported by NGPRs as their own achievements. It was emphasized that States and Districts must be clearly informed about the roles and deliverables expected from the NGPRs to ensure clarity and transparency.	The point was noted by CTD.
7	During a recent visit to Telangana, the Oversight Committee observed that 10-colour GeneXpert machines were not being utilized, reportedly due to pending guidelines from CTD. The Committee requested an update on the matter.	In response, it was clarified that with the advent of newer technologies and treatment regimens such as BPALM, the need for serial resistance testing has diminished in areas where BPALM has already been introduced. The National Technical Expert Group (NTEG) has approved the use of the 10-colour cartridges, and procurement, if necessary, will be undertaken centrally. CTD assured the Committee that patient management will not be compromised.
8	The Oversight Committee also inquired about potential linkage of the Laboratory Management Information System (LMIS) with NACO's SOCH platform.	It was clarified that the current scope of LMIS integration does not include ICTC laboratories.
9	Regarding the operation of handheld X-ray machines, the Committee asked whether personnel other than radiographers—such as frontline health workers—could be authorized to operate	CTD responded that, in collaboration with NHSRC, discussions are ongoing with the Department of Atomic Energy, which oversees the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), to explore this possibility.

	these devices, as is the practice in some African countries.	Concurrently, CTD has engaged with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to initiate a dialogue from the industry side, advocating for a re-evaluation of AERB guidelines in light of the introduction of newer ultra-portable handheld X-ray devices. These efforts are currently in progress.
10	The Oversight Committee requested CTD to share the IVA verification tools for 4 DLIs under GC7.	It was informed that once the IVA tool is validated, the CTD can request the LFA to give a presentation to the Oversight Committee regarding the verification process.
11	The Oversight Committee requested CTD to include the Oversight Committee in the National Program Review meetings and Program evaluations at the State level to get the first-hand experience on what is happening in the field.	CTD agreed to involve the Oversight Committee in the National Program Review meetings and State evaluation meetings, and will work out a mechanism.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

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

S No.	Action Point	Timeline
1	Follow up from NGPRs regarding points mentioned above to be obtained by CTD and shared with the OC.	13 th June 2025
2	Performance in Quarterly progress reports to be submitted to the Oversight Committee in cumulative format (from beginning of C19 to that present quarter) as well as in quarter wise format.	13 th June 2025
3	Oversight Committee members to be included in the National Program Review meetings and Program evaluations at the State level.	As and when required

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 HLFPT (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 HLFPT (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. Sanjay Kumar	ADDG	CTD
2	Dr. Raghuram Rao	ADG	CTD
3	Dr. Ravikumar	Chairman	Oversight Committee
4	Dr. Amar Shah	Member	Oversight Committee
5	Mr. Pratik Raval	Member	Oversight Committee
6	Ms. Deepika Joshi	Member	Oversight Committee
7	Prof. Ramila Bisht	Member	Oversight Committee
8	Mr. Shridhar Pandey	Member	Oversight Committee
9	Mr. Samir Kumar Sahu	Member	Oversight Committee
10	Ms. Sadaf Ahmad	Program Officer	ICCM
11	Mr. Chanderpai	Admin. Assistant	ICCM