

Country Coordinating Mechanism for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Meeting Minutes

5th Myanmar Country Coordinating Mechanism (M-CCM) Meeting

10:00 to 11:30, 29 May, 2009 - Ministry of Health, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

Opening remarks: Chairperson, M-CCM – HE Professor Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister of Health

His Excellency Professor Dr. Kyaw Myint, Chairperson and Minister for Health, welcomed the M-CCM members. He thinks that the proposal is finetuned. H.E. met in Geneva with Michel Kazatchkine, the Executive Director of the Global Fund Secretariat and the meeting was very positive. He also thinks that 6 criteria of the Global Fund are met and the proposal will be received.

1. Presentation and endorsement of meeting minutes of last CCM/M-CCM meeting 31st March 2009

Dr Saw Lwin, Deputy Director General Department of Health, presented an overview of meeting minutes from the 4th M-CCM meeting held 31 March 2009.

The TB programme commented that the budget changed after a review of the needs for TB drugs and M&E requirements.

Dr. Saw Lwin presented the new total budget including the PR costs as \$320 million.

Dr Saw Lwin requested the minutes be adopted. There were no objections, and the minutes were adopted by the Chairperson.

2. Review of the major milestones lead to the finalization of proposals

Dr. Saw Lwin presented the major milestones in the development of the Round 9 proposal:

- Decision made to go for GF grant application and transform the CCB to M-CCM (17 Sept 08)
- M-CCM was formed with 29 members. Call for concept notes of proposal (07 Oct 08)
- Review and selection of Implementation Partners / SRs (end of Oct 08)
- Nomination of PRs (31 March 08)

The drafting and finalization included the following steps:

- Three drafting teams led by national programmes and facilitated by UNAIDS and WHO respectively with additional inputs from other constituencies.
- Executive Working Group of M-CCM, TSG working groups and implementing partners met many times to shape the proposal
- 1st circulation on 26 March and 9 April
- Mock review (in New Delhi) and peer review

- 2nd circulation around 12-14 May
- 3rd circulation around 23-25 May
- Final draft available 27 May

Inputs were received from a variety of partners including M-CCM members, stakeholders, applying Sub-Recipients and specialists as follows:

- Within the country
 - Government constituency
 - UN and Donor constituency
 - NGO constituency
- Outside the country
 - Individual reviewers (about 25 plus experts for three components, including the Mock review)

The previously timeline was shown again and the differences to the initially planned timeline were explained. Notably, the changes allowed for more time to collect feedback.

The submission of the proposal will take place on Saturday 30th May via e-mail and DHL. UNAIDS will send on behalf of the M-CCM Secretariat.

3. Briefing on proposal finalization HIV

Dr. Khin Ohnmar San, Programme Manager National AIDS Programme, presented the summary of the HIV proposal. HIV will be addressed via 7 objectives. 15 sub-recipients are included. The total is \$157.7 million. The investment requested from GF is roughly in line with the Operational Plan.

The GF contribution will contribute about 45% - 50% of the total resource gaps during the 5 years of operation.

4. Briefing on proposal finalization TB

Dr. Thandar Lwin, Acting Programme Manager National TB Programme presented the TB Proposal. The title of the proposal is 'Scaling up of TB control in Myanmar'. The budget increased after review from \$61 to 67 million for implementation. The PR costs bring this a total of \$85.5 million.

The GF proposal addresses 4 of the 6 objectives of the National Strategic Plan. 8 sub-recipients are included.

5. Briefing on proposal finalization Malaria

Dr. Than Win, Programme Manager National Programme presented the malaria proposal. The proposal will address malaria control through 5 objectives. The total budget including the PR is \$77.3 million.

6. General reflections on the final proposals and signing of the proposal by M-CCM members

H.E. Prof. Kyaw Myint summarized what has been presented and asked for comments of the M-CCM members.

Bishow Parajuli congratulates the Ministry of Health on the collaborative efforts that have gone into the proposal. He also congratulates H.E. the Minister for the support provided to the proposal development. He assures the MOH of support of UN System. Finally, he thinks that there are good lessons to be learned on how to work together.

Dr. Sun Gang, UCC UNAIDS, congratulates H.E. the Minister and all the other people. He also informed the M-CCM members that FERD has submitted an additional comment on access. He suggested that the M-CCM considers minor editorial changes to the final draft on pages 13 and 14 regarding travel permissions and visa requirements.

Julia Kemp, Health Adviser DFID, expressed her support to the proposals presented. Access to sites and visas remain a concern for donors. She pointed out that the GF has to raise funds in the light of a global economic crisis. There is the possibility that 0 or all proposals get approved. She hopes that all of them will get approved.

Prof. Adik Wibowo, WHO Representative, thanked H.E. the Minister for his leadership, the Programme Managers for their work on the proposals, the M-CCM members for their general support. There is however a need to continue to raise funds. WHO stands by the Ministry of Health to mobilize resources not only for the 3 diseases, but also for other health related issues.

H.E. Prof. Kyaw Myint expressed his confidence that the proposals are strong and that they will be accepted. However, he stressed that the funding environment is constrained. Then the M-CCM member proceeded to sign the proposal.

7. Briefing on the M-CCM Governance Manual revisions

Dr Sun Gang, UNAIDS Country Coordinator, presented the latest draft of the M-CCM Governance Manual. Improvements were made to the governance and oversight structure.

There is still a need to improve the layout of the manual in order for readers to easily find the guidance regarding M-CCM's role in coordinating the national response vs. that of the coordination and oversight of Global Fund grants.

It is proposed that the manual is endorsed in its present form taking note that further work needs to be undertaken on the governance manual.

Finally, he expressed his hope that the M-CCM and the TSGs will continue to act as the leaders in coordinating the national responses.

Closing remarks

H.E. Professor Kyaw Myint again thanked all the members and stakeholders for the hard work that went into the development of this proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.