

**The minutes of the meeting of Executive Working Group  
Monday, 19 August 2013, 9:00 – 12:00  
UNAIDS Meeting Room, Traders Hotel, Yangon**

**Present:**

Dr Soe Lwin Nyein (Chair of ExWG), Dr Nwe Ni Ohn (DoH), Mr Eamonn Murphy (UNAIDS), Ms Amber Cernovs (AusAID), Mr William Slater (USAID), Ms Nwe Zin Win (PGK), Dr Sid Naing (MSI), Mr Thiha Kyaing (MPG), Dr Wai Myint (on behalf of Dr Mon Mon Aung, MMCWA), Dr. Krongthong Thimasarn (on behalf of Dr Jigmi Singay ,WHO), Ms Tina Boonto (UNAIDS) (Note Taker), Ms May Moe Wah (M-HSCC Secretariat)

**Summary of Discussions:**

**1) Agenda for the upcoming M-HSCC Meeting**

The Executive Working Group discussed the agenda items to include in the next M-HSCC meeting.

**Decision points:**

- Procurement and Supply Chain Management System will be the main agenda item (Dr Soe Lwin Nyein to designate official from Central Medical Store Depot to make presentation)
- Maternal Newborn and Child Health & Reproductive Health TSG will present a report of current activities
- Health Systems Strengthening TSG will present a report of current activities
- TSGs for Malaria, HIV, and TB will make a combined presentation (M-HSCC Secretariat will facilitate and identify one focal point to present on behalf of 3 diseases)
- A technical outline for each presentation will be made available (from the M-HSCC secretariat for all the presenters)
- The next M-HSCC meeting is proposed for 5 September 2013 (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of September, as recommended in the Governance Manual)

**2) The update on the governance arrangements of M-HSCC**

Mr Eamonn Murphy summarized the progress update of the M-HSCC governance manual. The governance manual is in the stage of finalization as all the comments were already incorporated. It is expected to be endorsed in next M-HSCC meeting.

**Decision points:**

- Among the 15 National Sector Working Groups, Health and Water is one Sector Working Group. Ministry for Health to determine where the issue of water fits in the M-HSCC structure as MHSCC is the Sector Working Group on Health and Water. Should there be a new TSG for Water, integrate Water into one of the existing TSGs or any other proposals? The concerned partner Ministry is to be invited to be a member of the M-HSCC (nb Rural Development has just moved from Agriculture so MoH needs to determine which Ministry is best to invite)
- The Executive Working Group will add oversight of other programmes and projects beyond Global Fund to its key function and EXWG members will undertake site visits to monitor progress of 3MDG and other projects in addition to GFATM.
- Frequency of meetings: M-HSCC and Executive Working Group meetings will remain quarterly, and the TSGs will meet more frequently as per need, but at least every 2 months.
- TSGs for MNCH&RH (Director of Public Health to follow up); HSS (Dr New Ni Ohn to follow up); M&E and Research (MoH to follow up on lead); and Public Health Emergency and Disaster Preparedness (Dr Liviu, WHO to follow up using cluster group) need to be formally established with designated focal points from the Ministry for Health for each TSG. Development partners are happy to provide secretariat support to the TSGs.

#### **4. Update on Myanmar GF Grant and Mekong RAI Activities**

Dr Attila Molnar, UNOPS Representative, provided the updated information on Myanmar GF Grant and noted the grant performance as HIV and TB Grant at A1 rating and Malaria was rated at B1. The presentation also covers the discussion on the implementation arrangement of GF Mekong RAI grant. Detailed are stated in presentation attached.

Mr Eamonn Murphy will contact the RSC to request the draft of the Concept Note for Myanmar to review its country part in order to be able to obtain timely endorsement from the M-HSCC. The regional Concept Note is scheduled for submission to Global Fund on 6 September 2013.

#### **5. Update on Myanmar GF Grant and implications for GFATM program of the potential new**

Mr Ricard Lacort, Save the Children representative presented the update of the Global Fund grant implementation in Myanmar. The presentation also highlighted that the new association law may affect the implications for GFATM programs. The detailed information is stated in presentation attached.

Ms Nwe Zin Win (Pyi Gyi Khin) explained further on the new association law as the civil society (50 members) were discussed and negotiated with the Myanmar Parliamentarians (80 members) on the 15 August. The draft of the new association law was revised on the 16 August by the Public Affairs committee. The committee will then submit to House of Representative (Pyithu Hluttaw), House of Nationalities (Amyotha Hluttaw) and lastly will appeal at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. It was noted that, the members of the parliamentarians has the positives views on the law reform.

#### **6. Update on the NFM Call for SR Proposal (HIV, TB and Malaria)**

Ms. Tina Boonto (UNAIDS), provided the brief update on process of call for SR proposal. The call for HIV and Malaria grants is published on 16 July and TB Grant on 30 July. The proposal collection is closed on 16 August and the M-HSCC secretariat office received 13 applications in total (5 - HIV, 5 - TB and 3 - Malaria).

The proposal review panel members are elected by TSGs of HIV, TB and Malaria. The proposal review committee will review the SRs concept note accordingly and expected to be completed by 30 August.

#### **7. Any other business:**

- The Global Fund delegations together with Japanese parliamentary mission to Myanmar will arrive from 02 to 07 September 2013.
- Information update on the allegations of sexual abuse to homosexuals and transvestites by police officers in an area of Mandalay. Twelve people were detained, three of whom were charged with disturbing the public in 6 July 2013.
- International Health Partnership (IHP) mission to Myanmar will be on 25 August

End.