

## **ExWG meeting minutes**

**10:00- 12:00 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

### **UNAIDS Office**

Attendees (please see list attached).

#### **Welcome and introduction, Mr. Eamonn Murphy, Country Director, UNAIDS**

UNAIDS Country Director Mr. Eamonn Murphy gave the opening remarks on behalf of the Chair, Dr Than Win who could not be present. He apologized for the short notice and introduced the agenda. Mr Eamonn Murphy asked all the ExWG members to declare any potential conflict of interest that they might have in connection with a specific agenda item. No conflict was declared.

#### **Agenda 1) Status update on PR Transition Plan, Ms Vivian Liu, Consultant**

Consultant Vivian Liu presented the update on the PR Transition Plan development. Her assignment was conducted between 7-19 February with assistance of Dr Kan Tun. The presentation covered background of the assignment, objectives, deliverables, methodology and a set of recommendations. Strengths, areas for improvement/risks and way forward were also presented. Last year, the initial structural analysis of MOH for PR transition was conducted by 5% FEI initiative.

Ms Vivian provided two recommendations:

Consider as a short-term solution creating a separate PR unit. It will support timely decision making, address GF requirements promptly. This option will build on existing knowledge and skilled staff. It will also support risk mitigation regarding potential delays inherent to change in the government.

Consider as the medium-term solution to establish the PR team within the existing MoH system. It will include multiple layers for decisions making and it will require re-analyzing the situation once the new government has set-up systems.

*(Please refer to full presentation for details).*

#### **Discussion**

- Various departments in MOH have contributed to this draft plan on PR Transition.
- Dr Thandar Lwin asked how to move the process forward with regard to going abroad on a study tour to for example Vietnam and/or Cambodia. Dr Kan Tun suggested that the team can be 2 senior officials and 3 program officers where the program officers can stay for longer.
- The critical part to look at will be government's investment in human resources.
- The draft plan was endorsed.

MS Vivian and Dr Kan Tun were excused as the meeting continued for the next agenda items.

**Agenda 2) GFATM Grant Expenditure, Dr Attila Molar, UNOPS, Mr Richard Lacord, Save the Children**

*UNOPS*

Dr Attila gave a brief presentation on the Global Fund Grant reprogramming. The presentation covered 6 reasons for reprogramming and the reprogrammed budgets for HIV, Malaria and TB under NFM grants for each implementer.

Anticipated budget absorptions were presented for HIV, TB and Malaria. Sources of savings for each implementer were also presented in details. Brief reprogramming activities for NAP and other SRs were presented. The reprogramming has already been endorsed by the M-HSCC. Budget absorption for RAI Myanmar was also presented. The RAI reprogramming will be discussed by stakeholders in a workshop in late March.

*(Please refer to full presentation for details).*

*Save the Children*

Mr Ricard Lacord presented financial information related to Year 3 on HIV, Malaria and TB and potential reinvestment of 2015 savings. (Please refers to full presentations). The reprogramming will be reviewed by the appropriate TSGs and endorsed by the ExWG at a later date.

*The Two PRs were excused as the meeting continued for the next agendas.*

**Agenda 3) Endorsement of CN visions and update on CN drafting process  
Dr Si Thu Aung, Dr Aung Thi and Dr Htun Nyunt Oo, Programme Manager, MOH**

The three Program Managers Dr. Si Thu Aung, Dr Aung Thi and Dr Htun Nyunt Oo made three presentations on the development of the Concept Notes for Malaria and HIV/TB. Each presentation covered Goals, Objectives, Key strategies, Milestones and Targets and Impact Indicators for each of the diseases (please refers to full 3 presentations).

It was proposed that one central community consultation is to be organized outside of Yangon. Hpa-An and Lashio were suggested. The visions of the CNs were endorsed.

#### ***Agenda 4) Endorsement of TA request on Malaria,***

Mr. Ole Hansen explained that the M-HSCC Secretariat had received from the WHO malaria team a Technical Assistance request for the malaria CN drafting process. The TA request is to be submitted to the WHO/GFATM TA facility if endorsed. The main purpose of the TA is to recruit a consultant to ensure that broad consultation of all the stakeholders in malaria is done. It was discussed that the TA request should have gone through the Malaria TSG. If approved, the assignment will start in March.

#### ***Agenda 5) Feedback on Eligibility and Performance Assessment (EPA) and endorsement of result and improvement plan***

The assignment for the Eligibility and Performance Assessment (EPA) was conducted in the preceding two weeks. The highlights were presented. The results against six eligibility criteria were presented. The overall results were positive and it was mentioned that the consultant noted that they were best in the region. The improvement plans were also presented (the handouts of the results and improvement plans were distributed).

One of the consultant's recommendations is to form a separate Oversight Body with no or few SRs represented. The chair should not be from an SR to avoid conflict of interest. It was discussed that it is a bit hard to form an Oversight Body without including one or several SRs as MOH itself is an SR of Global Fund grants.

The ExWG decided that an Oversight Body with a small number of members will be formed as per the recommendation. It should include UNAIDS, USAIDS, JICA and a representative from Civil Society. The recommendations and improvement plan were endorsed.

*(Please see attached presentation).*

#### ***Agenda 6) M-HSCC work plan for 2016***

Mr Ole Hansen presented the M-HSCC work plan for 2016. It covered the meeting dates for M-HSCC, ExWG, TSGs, and consultation, workshops and capacity building and oversight visits. The work plan was endorsed.

*(Please see attached presentation).*

**AOB**

According to the recent Evaluation and Research TSG minutes, the issue of 'evaluation' is recommended to be moved to the TSG on HSS. Here, it can become a subgroup of the HSS TSG. The Evaluation and Research TSG should then be reformed into the 'Research and Development TSG'.