

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

NGO constituency of BCCM

6th NGO Constituency Consultation Meeting Minutes

Date: 28th August

Venue: CARE Bangladesh office

Introduction: As per the decision of 5th NGO constituency consultation meeting, CARE Bangladesh organized the 6th NGO consultation meeting on 28th August 2016 at CARE Bangladesh HQ at Kawran Bazar/Dhaka. At the outset of the meeting, Dr. Jahangir Hossain, Program Director-Health and member of NGO constituency of BCCM welcomed all NGO members both on behalf of BCCM and CARE. All participants of the meeting made self- introduction. Total of 25 participants were participated in the meeting. Afterwards, agenda wise discussion and decisions has been made which is given below:

Agenda #1: Review last meeting minutes

The 5th NGO constituency consultation meeting notes were shared with the participants and requested for endorsement through sharing updates and making comments

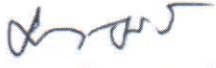
Discussion Points:

Incorporation of indicator on HIV-TB co-infection in the Last 6-month update presentation

- A decision was made in last NGO constituency meeting to incorporate indicator on HIV-TB co-infection in last 6-months update presentation. As there is no such type of presentation today, so it will be addressed if there is any presentation in next NGO constituency meeting.

More sector program fund allocation on HIV, TB & Malaria-

- Dr. Jahangir Hossain informed that there were discussions in last BCCM meeting about increased funding allocations on three diseases (HIV, Malaria and TB) in the next sector program as Global Fund (GF) will not be the primary funder rather it would just fill out the gap of government resources to combat three diseases in Bangladesh.
- Mr. Manaj shared that there is no update from his side, if GoB has increased the budget allocation for three diseases in the next sector program as he does not have access to those document and information. However, he confirmed that senior persons from MoHFW & BCCM oversight committee were actively participated and contributed in the sector plan/OP development discussions.


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Replacement of Vice-Chair in BCCM-

- Mr. Harun, ED-Light House raised whether country director of Unicef can represent Leo Kenny, UNAIDS, as HIV is not major concern for Unicef, rather better to keep representative of UNAIDS/Bangladesh.
- The same concern was raised by Dr. Jahangir in last BCCM meeting and Unicef country representative assured the meeting participants that he is aware about his role as vice chair and try to carry out effectively. The concerns and commitments have been documented in the 83rd BCCM in minutes.

Increase of NGO representation-

- The discussions on increased NGO representation in BCCM is not recorded in the 5th NGO constituency minute. The meeting participants were informed that the demand from NGO constituency to increase the NGO representation has been communicated in the 83rd BCCM meeting and recorded accordingly.

Decision/Recommends:

The 5th NGO constituency meeting minute has been endorsed with considering following feedback and correction:

- Need to complete 5th meeting minute using the standard meeting minute format for future reference
- Incorporate the demand of NGO constituency to increase NGO representation in the BCCM

BCCM secretariat will follow up with FHI representative with prescribed meeting minute format and re-circulate the updated 5th NGO constituency meeting minute by September, 2016.

Agenda # 02: BCCM's last meeting update

Discussion points:

Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, Coordinator-BCCM secretariat provided an update on last BCCM meeting discussion and decisions which area as follows:


Shared and endorsed BCCM membership seat allocation for next 3 years in line with the GF governance manual (guideline & eligibility criteria).

Inclusion of ERD as voting member instead of Islamic foundation/MORA due to their irregular participation and very low responsiveness.

Continue membership of Prof. Dr. Mahmudur Rahman as observer member after retirement considering his experience and expertise.

Endorsement of election commission including road map of election to facilitate the whole election process for selecting membership of BCCM for next term.

Endorsed the amended governance manual and oversight manual, PWID would be the member and MSM/Hijra would be alternate member and both member will be able to attend in the BCCM meeting to


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raise their voice. Endorsed 3 TWGs- headed by 3 disease specific Line Directors under DG-Health as advisor.

Mr. Manaj also clarified that previously individual person use to represent the Key population but now it would be come from key population based CBO/NGO representative which would actually increase the NGO representation in the BCCM. So that key affected populations' network/CBO will select or elect the representative for BCCM membership. It seems almost directly and indirectly 10 CBO/NGO representation will be ensured with regional representation.

Decisions/recommendations:

- BCCM need to clarify that the definition of CBO in GF governance manual should include NGO as well. As the term NGO and CBO is using interchangeably in the development field.
- Mrs. Afroza Akter Monju, ED of KMSS suggested the election process should ensure regional presentation as it has been under represented in current BCCM.
- After upcoming BCCM membership election, three days long national Workshop will be held to orient the roles and responsibilities of BCCM members.

Agenda # 03: BCCM update on NGO constituency election

Mr. Manaj shared the next NGO constituency election process with the participants such as Newspaper circulation for registration, criteria for membership of NGOs constituency and criteria for candidate for election of NGO constituency. Afterwards, a long discussion was happened on election process.

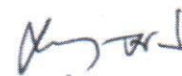
Discussion Points:

Mr. Harun, ED-LH, Mr. Sharif Helal, ED-BWHC, Jesmin Prema, ED of SKUS, Anower Ullah, ED of BRAVE and other participants raised their concern about the BCCM membership restriction for those NGOs who are implementing the GF-projects due to COI. Most of the participants said that the NGOs, which are implementing the GF funded project are better aware about implementation/operational challenges, concerns and way of improvement, whereas their participation is becoming limited in BCCM through setting eligible criteria as per GF Guideline.

Most of the participant recommended COI can managed differently rather limit their participation as member of BCCM, however, there are some discussions on benefit of excluding NGO with COI as they are not often eligible to vote in some decision making process that might undermine the real participation and meaningful contribution of NGOs in BCCM.

Mr. Abu Sayeed, GMS and Mr. Manaj informed that this is GF governance policy and each country has the obligation to comply with the regulations, if it is not followed properly then the fund mobilization process will be delayed that might have negative impact on continuation of current program. However, still the NGO participants requested to convey their message to the election commission that effective & quality participation of member NGOs with COI is possible and should not be seen as barrier for taking any decision.

Finally, all NGO participants agreed to select appropriate representative who are experienced, impartial, vocal and rightly represent the NGO concerns/benefit rather their organizational benefit.



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Mr. Golam Sarwar, Ekata and Mrs. Papri Bose, ED- DRISTI and other NGO participants wanted to know which NGOs will be considered as organization working on women & child. They mentioned there are NGOs working on women and girls rights as well as protection issues should be considered. However, other participants commented that if we considered all NGOs working on women and girls rights, it would be difficult to limit the membership numbers as almost all NGOs working in Bangladesh working on women and children's right issues.

Mr. Abu Sayeed responded on the importance of including Women & children related NGO representation in BCCM NGO constituency membership. He emphasized that the organizations who work on health projects targeting women, adolescent and children need to be included as voting member. So there is a need to define the inclusion criteria of women and child NGOs in the forthcoming voter update circulation.


Decisions:

- ✓ BCCM will define the criteria for Women & Children related voter eligibility.
- ✓ Newspaper circulation for organization registration by 31 Aug'16. This circular also be available in the BCCM, UNAIDS, PRs websites.
- ✓ Throughout the month of Sept'16 will be taken place for new voter registration and candidate registration which will be online voter registration & online voting. For old members registration update is required
- ✓ Each NGO can provide their vote to all the four candidates from four sub-constituencies (HIV, Malaria, TB and Women & Child).
- ✓ The sector or disease wise candidate names will be circulated
- ✓ Vote casting time would be one day but the voting date will be disseminated at least one week before the voting day. .
- ✓ New BCCM will work from 1st January'2017.

AOB:


- Next NGO constituencies' consultation meeting will be held on 3rd week of November'2016 to be organized by SKUS.

Meeting has been ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Jahangir Hossain, PD-Health, CARE Bangladesh


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List of Attendees:

Sl.No	Name	Designation	Organization	Remarks
1.	Sharif Helal	Executive Director	BWHC	
2.	Abul Fazal	DD(RSD)	TMSS	
3.	A.R. Jafree	CEO	GHASHFUL	
4.	Ajoy Biswas	Chief Executive	USS	
5.	Kazi Moksedur Rahman	Executive Director	Shimantik	
6.	Selina Begum	Project Coordinator	GUS	
7.	Golam Sarwar	Director	Ekata	
8.	S.M Rezaul Islam	STM	CARE- Bangladesh	
9.	Papri Bose	Executive Director	DRISTI	
10.	Md. Belayet Hossain Meah	Deputy Director	VARD	
11.	Md. Harun-or- Rashid	Chief Executive	Light House	
12.	Md. Shah Alam	Project Coordinator	PIACT	
13.	Mostafizur Rahman	FC	NHCHF	
14.	Rowshan Ara Lily	Executive Director	RPDO	
15.	H.M. Zaker Ahmed	Director	SJK	
16.	Sakina Sultana	Team Leader	CARE- Bangladesh	
17.	Afroza Akther Monju	Executive Director	KMSS	
18.	Jesmin Prema	Chairman	SKUS	NGO constituency Member of BCCM
19.	M.M. Anower Ullah	Executive Director	BRAVE	Do
20.	Dr. Jahangir Hossain	Director-Health	CARE-B	Do
21.	Mr. Abu Sayeed	Team Lead	GMS	
22.	Manaj Kumar Biswas	Coordinator	BCCM	
23.	Akkur Chandra Das	Program Officer	BCCM	
24.	A.A. Mahbub-Un- Nobi	Program Officer	BCCM	
25.	Md. Faruk Miah	Admin. Assistant	BCCM	


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