



**Country Coordinating Mechanism (BCCM)**  
**Health Services Division**  
**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**  
**BCCM Secretariat**

**Subject: Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Oversight Committee meeting.**

<b>Date (dd.mm.yy)</b>	03.12.2019
<b>Venue of the meeting</b>	Conference Room, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat
<b>Meeting started</b>	11:00am
<b>Meeting adjourned</b>	02.00pm
<b>Meeting Chaired By</b>	<b>Ms. Rina Parveen</b> Additional Secretary (PH&WH), HSD, MOHFW; and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee
<b>Meeting Steered by</b>	<b>Manaj Kumar Biswas</b> BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat
<b>Total number of participants</b>	
<b>Meeting attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members of Oversight Committee: 14</li><li>• Principal Recipients (PRs): 12</li><li>• BCCM Secretariat Staff: 05</li><li>• Others: 02 (DGDA-02)</li></ul>
<b>Attendance list</b>	Yes
<b>Others supporting document</b>	Yes

**Meeting Agenda:**

<b>Agenda No.</b>	<b>Title of Agenda</b>
<b>Part One</b>	
01	Endorsement of New Chair of BCCM Oversight Committee
02	Approval of 25 <sup>th</sup> OC Meeting Minutes
03	Update on: a. Funding Request development for next cycle (2021-2023) by Technical Committee Chairs (TB, Malaria and HIV) b. PR Dashboard
04	Endorsement of SR selection: ASP and BRAC
05	Technical support DGDA
<b>Part Two</b>	
06	EPA Assessment of Endorsement
07	Endorsement of BCCM Secretariat Budget 2020-2022
08	Draft agenda of next BCCM meeting
09	AOB

At the commencement, BCCM Coordinator, on behalf of BCCM Oversight Committee, welcomed all the participants. At the end of the welcome speech, BCCM Coordinator proceed to agenda-wise discussion.

**Conflict of Interest: No Conflict of Interest has been reported.**

**DISCUSSION(S) AND DECISION(S):**

**Agenda Item # 1: Endorsement of New Chair of BCCM Oversight Committee**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat informed the meeting that Ms. Rina Parveen has joined as Additional Secretary (PH&WH) in place of Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH). He also requested Oversight Committee members to endorse and Welcome new Oversight Committee Chair as out-going Chair could not attend today's meeting due to official travel.

**OC member(s):** All Oversight Committee members, present in the meeting, endorsed new Oversight Chair unanimously. On behalf of the OC members, Prof. Dr. Mahmudur Rahman PhD, Vice Chair, Oversight Committee welcomed new Chair and handed over the flower vase as reception token.

**Decision:** *The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee welcomed and endorsed new Oversight Committee Chair and decided to send the issue to 100<sup>th</sup> CCM for endorsement.*

**Agenda Item # 2: Approval of 25<sup>th</sup> OC Meeting Minutes.**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Mohammad Harun-Or-Rasid, Deputy Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat presented the decision points and implementation status of 25<sup>th</sup> BCCM Oversight Committee meeting minutes and requested the meeting to endorse these meeting minutes.

**The Chairperson:** The Chairperson opined that as no comments has been received on "Tuberculosis, Malaria and HIV Expenditure in Bangladesh 2015", BCCM Oversight Committee should conduct meeting of sub-committee to review and finalize the comments. She requested the participants to express their opinion. She proposed to endorse these meeting minutes if there is no comments and/or feedback.

**Decision:** *The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee approved and confirmed the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> Oversight Committee meeting and acknowledged the implementation status update.*

*The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee also decided to complete review of "An Assessment of Public-Private Mix Models for TB Care and Prevention in Bangladesh" before next month.*

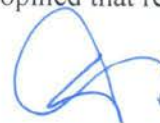
**Agenda Item # 3.a: Funding Request development for next cycle (2021-2023) by Technical Committee Chairs (TB, Malaria and HIV).**

**Discussions by the Constituencies:**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator requested Respective Line Directors to update the meeting on Funding request Development for 2021-2023 along with Technical Committee meeting.

**PR representative(s):** Prof. Dr. Samiul Islam, Line Director, TBL & ASP informed that meeting that HIV Funding request development is in progress. Joint Monitoring Mission (JMM) has completed which identified major areas to cover. Our working group members are working on NSP update and concept note development.

Prof. Dr. Samiul Islam, Line Director, TBL & ASP informed the meeting that Bangladesh has achieved success in increasing case finding (in proportion). With the success, Bangladesh has received additional amount from The Global Fund for accelerate case findings during current grant implementation with the support of our partner PR-2 BRAC. Latest JMM has recognized the achievement. He also informed the meeting that National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) has communicated with USAID to clear five years contract. He opined that results become limited due to the current yearly extension system.



**OC member(s):** Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud, TB Expert Oversight Committee member informed the meeting that NTP under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Samiul Islam has recently conducted good exercise on Latent Tuberculosis Infection Control. Workshop participating multi-stakeholders have been done and action plan has been prepared. He opined that it will help to achieve further and create impact.

**PR representative(s):** Prof. Dr. Samiul Islam, Line Director, TBL & ASP informed the meeting that Bangladesh needs to work on Health Security Issue for Drug Resistant TBs. Though Bangladesh has prepared National Health Security Policy, it does not cover MDR TB. Thus, separated policy could be prepared for the issue.

Dr. Afsana Alamgir Khan, DPM, National Malaria Elimination Program updated the meeting that first draft of JMM has been received and final report is expected to receive by next seven days. Some thematic areas have identified in the report that will be addressed in next funding cycle. International consultants have been hired and working on concept note development. We were looking for costing expert. But learning from the NTP experiences, National Malaria Elimination Program (NMEP) may try to exercise in house costing and move forward.

**OC member(s):** Ms. Rina Parveen, Additional Secretary (PH&WH), HSD, MOHFW and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee opined that a short presentation on Funding Request Development would be better for update and comments. She also proposed a dedicated meeting for the agenda to have detailed discussion. Dr. A. Mannan Bangali, Former NPO, WHO and Member, BCCM Oversight Committee supported the proposal.

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that The Global Fund Strategic Committee decides on country allocation. As Bangladesh is the Board Member Country representing South East Asia in The Global Fund Board and delegated including Board member and Alternate Board Member has discussed the issue with the Strategic Committee of The Global Fund to increase allocation in this region due to case burden and other successes. He also informed the meeting that Regional Coordination Mechanism has received USD 100,000 for regional program development. Currently they are working on Cross-border program for India, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh. Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM) will call for meeting with representation of National Program of respective countries soon. BCCM Secretariat will inform programs accordingly.

**Decision(s):** *The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the progress of funding request development of TB, Malaria and HIV.*

*The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee also suggested to prepare short presentation (not more than 5 slides) for update in next meetings; so that Oversight Committee members can get better understanding and recommendations.*

*The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee also decided to conduct an additional meeting within next one month only for update and discussions on Funding Request Development for next funding cycle i.e. 2021-2023 period.*

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### **Agenda Item # 3.b: PRs' Dashboards.**

#### **Discussions by the Constituencies:**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Mohammad Harun-Or-Rasid, Deputy Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat informed the meeting that problem regarding thresholds of PR and CCM Summary dashboard could not be solved even though BCCM Secretariat communicated with Dashboard Consultants as threshold in CCM Summary Dashboard is predefined by the developers. So, the meeting needs present PRs'

Dashboard for meeting update. With the permission of the Chair, he presented dashboards one by one and requested respective PRs to explain issues that are behind and/or above the target.

**PR representative(s)**: Md. Aktaruzzaman, Senior Manager, ASP informed the meeting that they are working to conduct their scheduled survey by BSMMU. He informed the meeting that last BCCM meeting formed a sub-committee to review COI. The Committee Conducted meeting and finally Chair of 99<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting (Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, HSD & Vice Chair, BCCM) has approved the SR selection. BCCM has communicated accordingly. But ASP could not complete the agreement with BSMMU due to feedback on technical methodology from The Global Fund. They are aiming to review the survey proposal and recently recruited consultant. After their review and clearance, ASP will proceed. Being a large figure, it has hampered the performance and disbursement as well. He also informed the meeting that recruitment process is ongoing and expected to end by December 2019.

**OC member(s)**: Dr A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief (Planning) opined that such review should be done prior to submission to BCCM. The Global Fund should have some mechanism to review proposals and it should be done at the planning stage. But after endorsement it should not change anything.

Prof. Dr. Mahmudur Rahman PhD, Former Director, IEDCR and Vice Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee opined that response on any queries should be provided accordingly as the proposal has gone through Technical Committee.

**PR representative(s)**: Prof. Dr. Shamiul Islam informed the meeting that we are facing problem with LFA due to their current structure. The LFA head is positioned at Delhi. And they are hiring local professionals on short-term basis. Those persons require time to understand program and its modality. And program persons have to suffer for it.

Dr. Lima Rahman, Chief of Party, HIV/AIDS Program, Save The Children informed the meeting that Save The Children received additional funding from unfunded quality demand in addition to reprogramming unspent money for HIV-Hep C Coinfection management and OST expansion both at Go-NGO setting. She informed that, target for PWID living with HIV newly enrolled on ART could not be achieved despite of new initiative e.g. community led HIV testing at outreach setting, HTS at detox & rehabilitation centers, index testing etc. Considering the situation, she opined that the target against this indicator need to be revised. She also said that a position paper may be prepared to document the challenges for future reference.

**OC member(s)**: Prof. Dr. Mahmudur Rahman PhD, Former Director, IEDCR and Vice Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee suggested that target revision should be done by Technical Committee with appropriate review and documentation. He also said that lack of mass awareness is also a barrier to the program. As The Global Fund is not providing financial support for mass awareness, the activity has drastically fallen and affected the program. He proposed that Government should take the responsibility of mass awareness.

**PR representative(s)**: Prof. Dr. Shamiul Islam, Line Director TBL & ASP informed the meeting that ASP is conducting mass awareness programs which might be further strengthened in next revision of operational plan of sector program. He also informed the meeting that ASP aiming to expand HIV services up to Upzilla level and it will help the program for mass awareness.

Dr. A. K. M. Masud Rana, Program Coordinator, icddr,b informed the meeting that programmatic indicator, other than OST coverage, has been achieved. A new OST center has been established and expecting to recover the deficit by this quarter. Expenditure rate is lower than the target due to the

exchange gain and procurement lower cost. He also informed the meeting that the savings has been reprogrammed and will be utilized within the agreement period.

Dr. Rupali Shishir Banu, National Program Coordinator, NTP informed the meeting that disbursement is lower than the expected as the direct disbursements for procurement of Second Line Drug are done by The Global Fund directly which was procured at lower rate.

Prof. Dr. Shamiul Islam informed the meeting that TB treatment is going through shifting process (injectable to oral). For this reason, procurement is done in smaller slot for smooth shifting. He also explained that unspent funds have also been reprogrammed which will be spent soon. Regarding the stock, he described that procurement process has already completed and NTP is waiting to receive the product soon. But he ensured that necessary drug is available at field level for treatment. He informed the meeting that First Line Drug procurement is under problem as it is sourced by government fund. He requested the committee to include an agenda on First Line Drug (FLD) procurement next BCCM meeting for allocation from RSDP for FLD procurement.

Dr. Akramul Islam, Director, Communicable Disease Control and WASH informed that there were no major issues in BRAC TB and Malaria dashboards. He explained that due to currency gain and other savings, we will do reprogramming soon to absorb the unspent amount of TB grant. While we have already reprogrammed the unspent amount of Malaria grant and implemented the interventions. Furthermore, the expected saving of both grants will be reprogramming soon for further utilizations.

Prof. Dr. Sania Tahmina, Line Director, NMEP explained the meeting that due to currency gain and procurement efficiency in programm implementation. In addition, malaria patient has drastically reduced in 2018 which resulted lots of drug stock for current year. For this reason, drug procurement was lower than the plan. The saving has been reprogrammed for further utilizations. She also informed the meeting that due to current upsurge in Dengue fever in the country, NMEP staff had been called to support to control the upsurge resulting lower number of supervisory visits.

**The Chairperson:** Chair of the Oversight Committee meeting opined that NMEP should take necessary steps to increase human resource. BCCM Oversight Committee may write a letter to planning division to ensure required human resource in next planning phase for these three diseases.

**Decision(s):** *The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged dashboard presentation.*

*The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee also decided to include the agenda of FLD for TB Treatment under NTP in next BCCM meeting.*

*The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee also decided to send a letter to Planning Division of Finance Ministry to allocate fund for National TB, Malaria and HIV Programs' Human resource.*

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#### **Agenda Item # 4: Endorsement of SR selection: ASP and BRAC.**

##### **Discussions by the Constituencies:**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting 99<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting recommended to review COI with small meeting under the leadership of BCCM Oversight Committee Chair. The Committee was formed and reviewed the COI. After reviewed necessary documents, the committee recommended found no issue regarding COI. After the signing of COI review meeting, BCCM Secretariat received approval of respected Secretary, HSD and Chair of 99<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting through file note. ASP have been informed accordingly. As recommended by COI review committee, the issue is to be endorsed by 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting.

He also informed the meeting that SR selection committee of BRAC (formed by BCCM Oversight Committee) has selected two SRs each for TB (BRAC University & Interactive Research and Development Lt.) and Malaria (BRAC University and icddr,b) research which also placed to be endorsed by 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM.

**PR representative(s):** Dr. Akramul Islam, Director, Communicable Disease Control and WASH informed the meeting that 30 organizations had applied against Call for EOI for TB and Malaria grant. Based on submitted documents and requirement, 06 (six) organizations were short listed. The committee reviewed and scored for short listed organizations and recommended two top organizations for inclusion. But when meeting minutes was submitted for signing, Prof. Dr. Shamiul Islam, Line Director, TBL & ASP raised the issue of COI for icddr,b and BRAC University. We explained that there is no role of icddr,b in decision making of Malaria Grant implementation. As BRAC University is separate entity and governed by independent board of trustee under the University Grant Commission there should not be any issue of COI.

Prof. Dr. Shamiul Islam, Line Director TBL & ASP informed the meeting that the SR selection committee recommended to review COI. As the Oversight Committee formed a sub-committee earlier, it would not be difficult to conduct an additional meeting and review for future reference.

Dr. Akramul Islam informed the meeting that these SRs will produce survey report that will be reported to The Global Fund by 15 February 2019. Thus, he requested review before BCCM meeting so that 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM can endorse the selection. Otherwise next BCCM meeting will be near the reporting deadline.

**Decision(s):** *The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the update on SR selection of ASP and BRAC.*

*The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee also decided to send the SR selection of ASP to send to 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting for endorsement by BCCM.*

*The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee also decided to conduct COI review meeting on 08 December 2019 and send the issue to 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting for endorsement.*

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#### **Agenda Item # 5: Technical support DGDA**

##### **Discussions by the Constituencies:**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that DGDA has send a letter to include them in 26<sup>th</sup> Oversight Committee meeting to explain their plan to improve Drug Testing Capacity in Bangladesh. With permission of Oversight Committee Chair, CCM Secretariat has invited DGDA to attend the meeting. He also requested DGDA representatives to present their plan to the meeting.

**DGDA representative(s):** Dr. Souly Phanouvong, Director-Asia Program, Global Public Health, USP informed the meeting that they are planning to enhance the capacity of Directorate General of Drug Administration. He opined that Bangladesh is performing well in HIV, TB and Malaria. He explained that Bangladesh is procuring WHO certified products but there is no testing mechanism after receipt of the health products. Thus, it is important to strengthen drug testing at different level to sustain the achievements over the year. Regarding the project planning and finance, he requested guideline from BCCM Oversight Committee.

**PR representative(s):** Prof. Dr. Shamiul Islam, Line Director TBL & ASP opined that Bangladesh is procuring WHO pre-qualified medicines for the program. Unfortunately, DGDA/USP are questioning



about the quality of the product now. He informed the meeting that USP is working for last three years with USAIDS fund but could not produce any deliverables for the program.

**DGDA representative(s):** Dr. Souly Phanouvong explained that DGDA/USP is not questioning about the quality of the drugs but there is challenge to maintain quality through-out the supply chain till the consumption by the patient. He also explained that if the product quality gets worsen at any stage of the supply chain management, it will be very harmful for the program.

**Decision(s):** *The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the update regarding capacity building for drug quality testing facility improvement by the Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA).*

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#### **Agenda Item # 6: EPA Assessment of Endorsement.**

##### **Discussions by the Constituencies:**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that Eligibility Performance Assessment is to be done for BCCM and submitted by 15 January 2020. The assessment has three mode e.g. independent assessment, light assessment and Superlight assessment. BCCM Secretariat has prepared a light assessment report. He informed the meeting that the committee can review and update the report or prepare a committee for the assessment.

**The Chairperson:** Chair of the Oversight Committee requested the meeting to review the report in detail. She also opined that if the meeting finds it well and accurate, it can be sent to next BCCM meeting for endorsement.

**OC member(s):** Oversight committee members reviewed the report in details and recommended to send it to next BCCM meeting from endorsement.

**Decision(s):** *The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee decided to endorse by the Oversight Committee and send the Eligibility Performance Assessment to next (100<sup>th</sup>) BCCM meeting for BCCM endorsement.*

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#### **Agenda Item # 7: Endorsement of BCCM Secretariat Budget 2020-2022.**

##### **Discussions by the Constituencies:**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that agreement between BCCM Secretariat and The Global Fund is ending by 31 December 2019. The Global Fund CCM Hub communicated with BCCM Secretariat to extend current agreement for one year though three years budget and work-plan was planned earlier. According to the communication from CCM Hub of The Global Fund, BCCM Secretariat prepared one years costed workplan. Submission deadline of the budget is December 2019. Thus, it needs to be endorsed by next BCCM meeting.

He also informed the meeting that despite of good performance of Bangladesh CCM and CCM Secretariat, CCM Hub has proposed USD 75,000 for next year. But BCCM Secretariat need about USD 100,000 for smooth operation. BCCM Secretariat has communicated accordingly and they informed they will try to increase our budget.

**OC member(s):** Oversight committee members reviewed the costed workplan in details and recommended to send it to next BCCM meeting from endorsement.



**Decision(s):** The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee decided to send Costed Workplan of BCCM Secretariat for 2020 to next BCCM meeting for endorsement.

The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee decided to send justification of necessity of BCCM Secretariat Budget USD 100, 000.00 with Costed Workplan of BCCM Secretariat for the year 2020 to the CCM Hub of the Global Fund after endorsement of this costed workplan in next BCCM meeting for endorsement.

**Agenda Item # 8: Agenda of 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM Meeting.**

**Discussions by the Constituencies:**

**BCCM Secretariat:** Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that BCCM Secretariat has prepared draft agenda for 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting which included in the meeting file. He also requested committee members to review and finalize the agenda for the 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting to be held on 10 December 2019.

**Decision(s):** The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee reviewed the draft agenda and finalized the agenda items of 100<sup>th</sup> BCCM meeting as below:

Agenda Item no	Title of Agenda Item	Facilitators	Time slot
Agenda Item: 1	100th BCCM Meeting as milestone: Remembrance of a journey since 2002 and success of BCCM	BCCM Member	10 mins
Agenda Item: 2	The 99 <sup>th</sup> BCCM Meeting minutes endorsement	BCCM Secretariat	05 mins
Agenda Item: 3	<b>Updates on:</b>		
	a) The GF 6 <sup>th</sup> Replenishment Conference	Prof. M A Faiz	05 mins
	b) By The Global Fund Country Team	GF CT	10 mins
	c) Funding Request Development TB, Malaria and HIV for 2021-2023 period	Chair-Technical Committees	5 mins each (15 mins)
Agenda Item: 4	<b>Endorsement:</b>		
	a) EPA Assessment of BCCM	BCCM OC	05 mins
	b) BCCM Secretariat Budget for 2020	BCCM OC	10 mins
	c) SR selection of ASP and BRAC	ASP & BRAC	10 mins
	d) Procurement of FLD from Government funding	NTP	10 mins
Agenda Item: 5	<b>Miscellaneous:</b>		
	a) Technical Support DGDA	DGDA	10 mins
	b) Inclusion of New Members and Alternate Members	BCCM Secretariat	5 mins

Having no other issues to discuss, the Chairperson thanked all the participants for their attendance and active participation and wrapped up the meeting.

**Ms. Rina Parveen**

Additional Secretary (PH&WH)  
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