



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

Subject: Minutes of the 107th BCCM meeting.

Date (dd.mm.yy)	30.06.2021
Venue of the meeting	Virtual and Conference Room, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Meeting started	04:00 pm
Meeting adjourned	06:30 pm
Meeting Chaired By	Mr. Md. Lokman Hossain Mian Senior Secretary, Health Services Division, MOHFW and Vice-Chair, BCCM
Meeting Steered by	Manaj Kumar Biswas BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat
Total number of participants	55 (in person: 25; online: 30)
Meeting attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCM Members: 29 (Physical: 13, Virtual: 16)• Non-CCM OC Members: 03 (Physical: 02, Virtual: 01)• PR Representative(s): 14 (Physical: 06, Virtual: 08**)• Others: 03 (Virtual: 03 - MOHFW: 01; WHO: 01; GAC: 01)• Consultants: 02 (Virtual: 02)• USAIDS and UNFPA 03 (non BCCM Member participants)• LFA: 02 (Virtual- 02)• BCCM Secretariat: 02 (Physical: 02)
Attendance list	Yes
Others supporting document	Yes

Agenda Items:

Agenda Item	Title of Agenda Item
<i>Agenda Item: 1</i>	a) Approval of 106 th BCCM meeting minutes
	b) Endorsement of the 07 th BCCM Executive Committee Meeting decisions
<i>Agenda Item: 3</i>	Endorsement of the C19RM Funding Request (Full Application) for submission by 30 th June 2021
<i>Agenda Item: 4</i>	BCCM Membership Extension till 31 st December 2022
<i>Agenda Item: 5</i>	Endorsement of Ethical Committee for BCCM to comply with Code of Conduct for CCM and signing of adoption
<i>Agenda Item: 6</i>	AOB: Endorsement: Inclusion of new members in BCCM and OC
<i>Agenda Item: 7</i>	AOB: Survey proposal by HEU, HSD for cost estimation of TB, Malaria and HIV



At the outset of the meeting, **Mr. Md. Lokman Hossain Mian, Senior Secretary, HSD, MOHFW** welcomed all the participants including members, alternate members, PRs and observers. Respected Secretary, HSD & BCCM Vice Chair directed Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (WH) to start the meeting. Additional Secretary (WH) suggested the BCCM Coordinator to facilitate the meeting in accordance of predetermined agenda items. BCCM Coordinator steered the meeting accordingly.

Minutes of each agenda items:

- Agenda Item #1: a. Approval of the 106th BCCM Meeting minutes**
b. Endorsement of the 07th BCCM Executive Committee Meeting decisions

Conflict of Interest: No conflict of Interest declared.

Discussions by the constituencies:

BCCM Secretariat: With permission of the Chair of the meeting, Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator presented the agenda items, decision points and implementation status of 106th BCCM meeting minutes which was held on 22 February 2021 and 07th BCCM Executive Committee Meeting which was held on 19th May 2021. He also informed the meeting that both minutes was shared with all the stakeholders for their comments and incorporated all the comments in final draft. He requested to endorse this 106th BCCM meeting minutes and the 07th BCCM Executive Committee Meeting minutes in this meeting.

The Oversight Committee Chair: Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (WH), MOHFW and Chair of BCCM Oversight Committee suggested to discuss about the decisions if anyone have any comments or feedback on decisions points and circulated 105th signed meeting minutes and 07th BCCM Executive Committee Meeting minutes otherwise it could be taken as approved and confirmed.

Decision (s) : *The 107th meeting of the BCCM confirmed and approved the 106th BCCM meeting minutes.*

The 107th meeting of the BCCM confirmed and approved the 7th BCCM Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Agenda Item # 2: Endorsement of the C19RM Funding Request (Full Application) for submission by 30th June 2021

Conflict of Interest: No conflict of Interest declared

Discussions by the constituencies:

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that development of draft C19RM Full Funding Request is completed. According to the decision of the 7th BCCM Executive Committee, National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) will be the implementing PR for C19RM full Funding Request (FR)/ Proposal and National Malaria Elimination Program (NMEP) will be the implementing PR for C19RM Fast Track FR. Funding Request Development Committee, headed by Additional Director General (Planning) of Health Services and NTP jointly worked to develop the full funding request including all stakeholders for the GF Grants in Bangladesh along with the Technical Assistance (TA) support from USAIDS. Accordingly, BCCM Secretariat shared first draft and final draft of the C19RM Full Funding Request electronically with all BCCM Committees, stakeholders, PRs, Members and Alternate members and printed copies are provided in the meeting folder for BCCM members who are present in this 107th BCCM meeting. BCCM Coordinator requested the Director MBDC and LD TBL & ASP, DGHS to present the summary of the C19RM Full Funding Request to review and discuss the C19RM Full Funding and to endorse in this 107th BCCM meeting.

He informed the meeting that according to the decisions of 106th BCCM meeting, this C19RM Full Funding application reviewed by the BCCM Expert Committee with two meetings on 22nd June 2021 and 28th June 2021.

Principal recipient(s): Prof. Dr. Shamiul Islam, Director, MBDC and Line Director, TBL & ASP presented the summary of the C19RM Full funding request which was recommended by the BCCM Expert Committee to BCCM (presentation attached herewith as Annex A). He explained the focus of the proposal, implementation strategies, activities. He also described the alignment of the Covid-19 activities and other Global Fund funded program activities.



BCCM Member from HSD: Mr. Md. Oliullah NDC, Joint Secretary (Planning), HSD, MOHFW requested to inform about the GF Grants process for the C19RM Grants and implementation and control modality for Government and NGO implementers.

The Chairperson: Mr. Md. Lokman Hossain Mian, Senior Secretary-HSD, MOHFW and Chairperson of the Meeting asked about the clear mapping for the GeneXpert Test for COVID19 case identification in the current grants and proposed grants. He also wanted to see the list of PSA Oxygen Plants proposal under the Fast-Track C19RM proposal.

Oversight Committee Member(s): Prof. Dr. Tahmina Shirin, Director, IEDCR requested details of the Genome Sequencing, fund allocation and implementation.

Principal recipient(s): In response to a query of the Chair, Dr. Lima Rahman, Chief of Party (COP) from Save the Children described the implementation modality of HIV, TB and Malaria programme for the GF Grants in Bangladesh. She also mentioned that how the programme activities are being monitored by the relevant National program under DG Health, BCCM Oversight Committee, Disease specific Technical Committee, Local Fund Agent (LFA) the Global Fund Country Team

Dr. Akramul Islam, Director Communicable Diseases and WASH, BRAC said that the information about C19RM Full Funding Request should be clear regarding GO and NGO PRs and involvement of NGO PRs in the implementation, activities and related HR distribution in the proposal to be submitted by 30th June 2021.

He also suggested to consider to increase budget on urban case detection (active case finding for both TB and Covid-19), activities related to utilization of GeneXpert activities e.g. sample collection & transportation and low malaria transmission area where NGOs are not currently working.

Members from KAP PLWD Constituency: Mr. Md. Hafizuddin Munna from People Living with HIV (PLHIV) Network thanked Director, MBDC and Line Director, TBL & ASP to present the comprehensive C19RM Full Funding Request. He suggested to ensure the livelihood support for PLHIV under this grant proposal.

Mr. Shahid Ibne Obaed (Chotton) from NPUD stressed on the vaccination for the KP of HIV programme including PWID, FSW and MSM/TG because most of them do not have sufficient access to the vaccination program for COVID19 response

Mr. Ahsanul Alam Kishore from PLHIV Network also thanked the Additional Secretary (WH) and BCCM Oversight Committee Chair for her intervention to make available supply of ARV in the ART centers and He thanked Director, MBDC and Line Director, TBL & ASP to provide GeneXpert Machines for COVID19 case identification and test for PLHIV in Muradnagar Upazila Health Complex, Cumilla. He suggested to include livelihood support for KAP/PLWD in the C19RM Full Funding Request.

Principal Recipients: In response of above comments and feedback, Director, MBDC and Line Director, TBL & ASP explained about the C19RM Full FR proposal. It is developed by the C19RM FR Development Committee including stakeholders. After preparing the draft, it has been circulated for the BCCM Comments, stakeholders' comments and reviewed by the BCCM Expert Committee. He also mentioned that after reviews by all committees and it will also be reviewed by National Covid-19 Response Committee soon as it is one of the GF requirements. After submission, The Global Fund Country Team would review and negotiate about the proposal in details and finalize the proposal in line with The Global Fund strategies and priorities.

He also explained about the mitigation plan for the challenges of implementation of the Global Fund programs i.e. HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria during the COVID pandemic. He stated that according to the Global Fund strategy, all the Govt and NGO PRs' activities are aligned with the COVID 19 Full FR activity module. He also opined that all PRs met separately according to the disease components and send their activities to include in the C19RM FR with adequate capacity and interest to get involved. NTP, along with other PRs and The Global Fund, may review again during the preliminary review by the GF Country Team to include and incorporate more things if not in this C19RM Full FR.

He also highlighted the responsibility of field workers who are supposed to be working for all three diseases in addition to Covid-19 under this C19RM Full FR grant. He mentioned that The Global Fund funding is based on



country strategy accordingly HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria program challenge mitigation activities are included in the C19RM Full FR. If any changes or point need to include or discard or modified, PRs can update the activities during negotiation phase accordingly.

He opined that community engagement activities of the proposal are also aligned with current activities of Covid-19 from different stakeholders under the leadership of DGHS.

The BCCM OC Chair: Chair of the BCCM Oversight Committee, Kazi Zebunnessa Begum informed the meeting that 35th meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee formed the Proposal Development Committee which includes technical person, PRs, UN Bodies and other GF Grants stakeholders in Bangladesh for their input and guidance. She also informed that in accordance of the 106th BCCM Meeting BCCM Expert Committee formed and reviewed the C19RM Full FR before this 107th BCCM meeting. The BCCM Expert Committee recommended to endorse the C19RM Full Funding Request in this meeting. She also mentioned that COVID19RM Full Funding Request requires to submit by today to the GF.

She stated that a short presentation on the GF Funding process, activities and related other issues can be given organizing a small workshop before next BCCM meeting for better understanding of the newly nominated members and alternate members.

The Chairperson: Respected Senior Secretary, HSD, MOHFW and Chair of the meeting thanked all participants for their comments, discussions and participation in the discussion about the C19RM Full FR and submission. He suggested that the BCCM meeting to endorse the proposed C19RM Full Funding Request as BCCM Expert Committee reviewed and recommended to endorse and submit by today. Implementing stakeholders can incorporate their feedback during the preliminary review by the GF Country Team after submission if required. He also suggested all concerns to not to submit anything at the last moment of deadline.

Decisions: The 107th meeting of BCCM decided-

- to endorse the C19RM Full Funding Request which is recommended by the BCCM expert Committee meeting on 28th June 2021.
- that all the member/alternate member would endorse on the endorsement sheet for C19RM Full Funding Request who attended the 107th BCCM meeting physically and other member/alternate members would endorse the C19RM Full Funding Request electronically (by email/WhatsApp) by 2nd June 2021.
- that the BCCM Secretariat would send an email to all the member/alternate member with request to endorse the C19RM Full Funding Request electronically (by email/WhatsApp) by 2nd June 2021.
- that the BCCM Secretariat would submit the C19RM Full Funding Request electronically to the GF Secretariat by today which is recommended by the BCCM expert Committee meeting on 28th June 2021.
- that BCCM Secretariat would organize and conduct "National COVID19 Response Committee" meeting Chaired by Director General of Health Services for the C19RM Full Funding Request Endorsement as National COVID19 Technical Advisory Committee" TOR not revised yet according to their requirement.
- BCCM Secretariat would organize and conduct "National COVID-19 Response Committee" meeting discussing with ADG-Planning, DGHS

Agenda Item # 4: BCCM Membership Extension till 31st December 2022

Conflict of Interest: No conflict of Interest declared

Discussions by the constituencies:

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting according to suggestions of the GF Country Team, BCCM extended the current CCM Membership for all till 31st December 2020 due to the submission of Funding Request for 2021-2023. Again, due to COVID19 pandemic, The GF CCM Hub suggested again to extend the BCCM current membership till for next six months from January 2021 to June 2021 to initiate CCM Evolution project to reform the CCM membership according to the CCM Evolution pilot project. Due to the deterioration of COVID19 crisis in Bangladesh and across the world, last 35th and 36th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting and 106th BCCM Meeting decisions, BCCM Secretariat communicated with the GF Country Team and CCM Hub for the extension of current CCM membership till 31st December 2022. The GF Country Team responded



with their concurrence to extend current CCM membership till 31st December 2022. He requested to endorse the extension of current CCM membership for all CCM constituencies till 31st December 2022.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting agreed upon the proposal to endorse the current CCM membership for all members and alternate members and constituencies until the 31st December 2022 as concurred by CCM Hub of GF Secretariat to avoid frequent decision making on this CCM membership renewal issue.

Decision(s): *The 107th meeting of BCCM decided to endorse the extension of the current CCM Membership for all CCM Members and Alternate members from all constituencies until 31st December 2022.*

Agenda Item # 5: Endorsement of Ethical Committee for BCCM to comply with Code of Conduct for CCM and signing of adoption

Conflict of Interest: No conflict of Interest declared

Discussions by the constituencies:

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that The Global Fund has disseminated updated version of Code of Conduct. CCM has to adopt the Code of Conduct and sign back a form as adoption. They also requested to nominate focal person from CCM members as Ethics Focal Point or form an Ethics committee. Though the deadline was 15 April 2021, BCCM Secretariat has communicated to extend deadline as no CCM meeting was scheduled during that period. He informed the meeting that the last 36th BCCM Oversight Committee reviewed the Ethical Code of Conduct on 16th June 2021 and the 36th Oversight Committee was decided to recommend a small Ethics Committee for BCCM. The proposed ethics committee for BCCM by the Oversight Committee is:

MOHFW, Civil Society and ML/BL respectively:

- Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (Dev), HSD, MOHFW;
- Mr. Debashish Nag, Advisor, BCHOP and
- Dr. Saima Khan, Country Manager, UNAIDS.

He informed the meeting the BCCM Oversight Committee included members from MOHFW, Civil Society and ML/BL constituency in this Ethics Committee for BCCM. He requested to the BCCM to endorse this ethics committee.

The OC Chairperson: Kazi Zebunnessa Begum Chair of BCCM OC proposed to include Deputy Secretary-WH as Member Secretary and Director IEDCR as member in the Committee.

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that this ethics committee and ethical code of conduct policy is applicable for all members of BCCM, Oversight Committee, BCCM Secretariat, PRs, technical committee members and other CCM related stakeholders. GF Suggested to make the committee as small as possible. If BCCM include one more member from HSD, MOHFW, then BCCM should make the five members committee including one more member.

The Chairperson: Respected Senior Secretary, HSD, MOHFW stated to include one more member from WH Section of HSD and one more member from other institution as proposed and finalized the committee and endorse the committee in this meeting. He suggested to include Director IEDCR in this ethical Committee.

Decision(s): *The 107th meeting of BCCM decided to endorse five members Ethics Committee with following members to next BCCM meeting:*

- *Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (Dev), HSD, MOHFW- Chair*
- *Debashish Nag, Retired Joint Secretary and Advisor, BHBCOP- Member*
- *Prof. Dr. Tahmina Shirin, Director IEDCR- Member*
- *Dr. Saima Khan, Country Manager, UNAIDS- Member and*
- *Khandokar Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary-WH, HSD, MOHFW- Member Secretary*

The 107th meeting of BCCM decided to endorse that the ethical committee would review and finalize the ethical code of conduct from the GF aligning with Bangladesh context and present in the BCCM Meeting for the endorsement in next BCCM meeting.

Agenda Item # 6: AOB: Endorsement: Inclusion of new members in BCCM and OC

Conflict of Interest: No conflict of Interest declared

Discussions by the constituencies:

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator informed about the changes of members, alternate members and Oversight Committee members as mentioned in the table below due to transfer and retirement in different constituencies. He requested to endorse these changes in BCCM and Oversight Committee memberships.

Sl.No.	Previous member/alternate and designation	New member/ Alternate and designation	Role in BCCM
1	Md. Mujibur Rahman Joint Secretary (Planning), HSD, MOHFW	Md. Oliullah NDC Joint Secretary (Planning), HSD, MOHFW	BCCM Alternate Member
2	Dr. Alia El Mohandes Senior Health Advisor & ID Team Lead, OPHNE, USAID Bangladesh	Dr. Pushpita Samina Clinical Services Lead OPHNE, USAID Bangladesh Cell: (+88) 01713244960 Email: psamina@usaid.gov	BCCM Member
3	Dr. ATM Sanaul Bashar Tuberculosis, Communicable Diseases and Urban Health Specialist USAID Bangladesh	Dr. Md. Abdul Kalam GHSA Specialist, OPHNE, USAID-Bangladesh Cell: (+88) 01714069915 Email: mdkalam@usaid.gov	BCCM Alternate Member
4	Ms. Farzana Sultana Development Advisor Global Affairs of Canada	Dr Shafiqul Islam Health Advisor Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, British High Commission, Dhaka Cell: 01713149960 Email: Shafiqul-Islam@dfid.gov.uk	BCCM member
5	It was vacant due to transfer	Ms. Fawzia Nasrin Programme Manager-Human Capital Team, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, British High Commission, Dhaka Cell: 01730794778 Email: F-Nasrin@dfid.gov.uk	BCCM Alternate Member
6	Dr. Maya Vandent Chief of Health Section UNICEF Bangladesh	Dr Sanjana Bhardwaj MD, MPH, FFPH Chief Health, UNICEF, Cell phone: (880) 17 1159 0143 Email: sbhardwaj@unicef.org	BCCM member
7	Dr. Bhupinder Kaur Aulakh Deputy Representative WHO Bangladesh	Dr Mohamed Jamsheed Deputy WR, World Health Organization Country Office Bangladesh Cell: Email: jamsheedm@who.int	BCCM member
8	Dr. Dewan Emdad Hoque Health System Specialist UNFPA Bangladesh	Dr Vibhavendra Raghuyamshi Chief Health, UNFPA Cell: 01713048530; Email: raghuvamshi@unfpa.org	BCCM Alternate Member

Decision(s): The 107th meeting of BCCM decided -

- to endorse the changes of members and Alternate members as mentioned table above.

- *that BCCM Secretariat will update the member list on the GF Partner portal after signing of the meeting minutes by the Chairperson and inform the newly included members and alternate members as above-mentioned table.*

Agenda Item # 6: AOB: Survey proposal by HEU, HSD for cost estimation of TB, Malaria and HIV

Conflict of Interest: No conflict of Interest declared

Discussions by the constituencies:

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that during the Funding Request submission Health Economics Unit, HSD, MOHFW requested to include a survey/research grants for the cost estimation of TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS. Finally, during the grant making, the GF Secretariat approved USD 200,000 for the survey/research for the cost estimation of three diseases but budget allocation was under TB/NTP grants. Recently HEU of HSD developed a research proposal for the cost estimation survey and sent to Director MBDC and LD NTP for disbursement to conduct this proposed survey by HEU, HSD. He mentioned that the survey should be for all three diseases under this grant but due to easy disbursement process GF approved fund under single PR. He requested Dr. Mohd. Shahadt Hossain Mahmud, Director General, Health Economics Unit to highlight the proposed survey proposal before the meeting. He proposed to conduct the BCCM Expert Committee meeting to review and further process for this survey proposal.

Health Economic Unit: Dr. Mohd. Shahadt Hossain Mahmud, Director General, Health Economics Unit described the objectives and methodology for the cost estimation survey for TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS in the meeting. He mentioned that HEU had done a small project on estimation survey for TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS costs in 2015 with the support of the GF Grants. HEU also published that Survey report including CCM. There are some of the feedback and comments from the stakeholders. Considering those comments and feedback on the first survey report, HEU developed the proposal which was submitted to NTP. He requested the BCCM to endorse the Survey proposal and disburse grants as soon as possible to HEU to conduct the survey and develop report before June 2023.

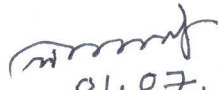
Principal Recipients: Prof. Dr. Shamiul Islam, Director MBDC and LD NTP stated that NTP received the proposal. He mentioned that according to the GF process NTP would send that proposal to GF Country Team for their Technical Team review and with clearance from GF CT, NTP will communicate with HEU for next process.

The OC Chairperson: Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Chair of BCCM OC proposed to conduct a meeting between HEU, NTP and HSD, MOHFW as soon as possible and then that meeting would decide about the disbursement for survey for cost estimation of TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS. In that meeting, HEU could disseminate or share the information of a small project on estimation survey for TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS costs which was done in 2015

The Chairperson: Respected Senior Secretary, HSD, MOHFW said his agreement with the Additional Secretary-WH, HSD proposal in this issue of disbursement for survey for cost estimation of TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS.

Decision(s): *The 107th meeting of BCCM decided that HEU, HSD, MOHFW would organize and conduct a meeting including participants from NTP, DGHS, HEU, WH Section of HSD, MOHFW to discuss and decide on the disbursement for survey for cost estimation of TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS.*

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


01.07.2021
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and
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