

Meeting with KAP Constituency on C19RM Proposal through Community Forum of Bangladesh

Organizer: Community Forum of Bangladesh (BCF)

Meeting agenda: Consultation meeting to prepare its' two-year action plan for Community Forum of Bangladesh. The BCCM will also share the C19RM Funding proposal for review and feedback from the Community Members in this meeting.

Time & Venue: Sunday, 20 June 2021 from 10:00am-01:00pm

There were more than fifty (50) participants joined at the meeting. In the first half, Mr. Shakirul Islam delivered opening remarks as present convener of the community forum Bangladesh (CFB). This was followed by the sharing, presentation and discussion of a presentation by Mr. Shale Ahmed, recent past convener of the Community Forum on the history of the Community Forum and results achieved so far.

Later on, a comprehensive presentation on the draft full C19RM Funding proposal by Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM coordinator, The Global Fund Bangladesh CCM Secretariat, HSD, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Mr. Manaj conducted this segment and share the proposal of Bangladesh global fund which basically works for malaria, TB and HIV along with recent COVID-19 program. After the presentation a good discussion took place on the activities proposed in the proposal and the community members shared their views and opinions accordingly.

The proposal from the community forum members for the C19RM funding proposal shared by the CCM are the follows:

- a) We need to have a list of all the hospitals (29 hospitals) where oxygen generator system has been established, so that the community member having the idea of where to go if they need the support when they are in need of COVID treatment.
- b) The mental health support for the KAPs should be included in the proposal as this is one of the key requirements of the community members.
- c) The support should reach to the beneficiaries digitally as well.
- d) Vaccination system should be more accessible to the KAP members
- e) There are problems for the transwomen while registering for the COVID vaccination as it requires NID information which most of the time do not match with their different gender expression.
- f) COVID test and vaccination should be collaborated and reached out to the DIC level, so that the community members can have easy access to this service.
- g) No need to keep provision for operation research for this project, rather, the money should be applied for the health and other necessary services of the community member.
- h) Community members who lost their job and/or on a reduction of their income due to COVID situation, should be involved with funding program for their basic earning.
- i) The requirement of NID for COVID test for the sex-workers and trans-genders should be revoked for the ease of accessibility of the test.

- j) Awareness should be increased among the trans-gender and other communities to take the COVID test and the vaccine.
- k) In govt. documents one person's identity should be fixed by that person. The 'other' option should not be applicable and does not help the community.
- l) The network of the CBOs should be strengthened to thrive the state of the community
- m) The side effect of the COVID vaccination should be cleared about to the PLHIV community as when they need to be vaccinated.
- n) The ART center for HIV testing should have scope for much development. The privacy and comfort should be prioritized. There should be more doctors for the PLHIV community.
- o) Livelihood support and nutrition support should be provided to the impoverished members.
- p) Migrants, trans-genders, sex workers, MSM and other beneficiaries should strategic partners.
- q) Common letters from all the community forum members should be given the Govt. ministries and other stakeholders for allowing the NGO's for COVID program.

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