

Meeting Notes

Constituency Consultation Meeting of PLHIV and KAP

Date : 22 December 2014
Time : 11 a.m. – 01 p.m.
Venue : Meeting Room, Ashar Alo Society (AAS)

According to BCCM plan, PLHIV and KAP Constituency need to arrange two Constituency Consultation Meetings in Calendar year 2014. As part of this, Ashar Alo Society (AAS) hosted 2nd Constituency Consultation Meeting of PLHIV and KAP Constituency. A total of 21 participants from PLHIV and KAP Constituency attended the meeting including BCCM Coordinator and other members. Habiba Akter, President of NOP+ welcomed the participants and expressed her greetings to all. She requested the participants to introduce each other. After that discussion was started based on the following agenda.

Meeting Agenda:

- 1st PLHIV KAP Constituency Consultation Meeting minutes approval
- Update on BCCM activities of last 5 months
- Extension of Treatment care support for PLHIV
- Inclusion of member from PLHIV and KAP in oversight committee
- Extension of PLHIV and KAP constituency
- AOB

Approval of 1st PLHIV KAP Constituency Consultation Meetings minutes

Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, Coordinator, BCCM read out the minutes of 1st PLHIV and KAP constituency meeting and its progress. The following issues were discussed during the discussion on last minutes:

- Ms. Hena Akter, Secretary, SWNOB has been proposed for oversight committee member as currently she is not beneficiary of the Global Fund. If she accepts the offer and replies accordingly, she will be the member of oversight committee from KAP.
- Mr. Shale Ahmed, Executive Director of BSWS said that she will be able to update us about the discussion of oversight committee meeting.
- Ms. Habiba Akter, President of NOP+ hoped that she will be able to convince the members of oversight committee to visit community program.
- Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, Coordinator of BCCM requested Ms. Hena Akter to share the discussion/decision of oversight committee meeting.
- In reply to him, Ms. Hena Akter shared that she will share it to AAS and BSWS and they will share it to others KAP and PLHIV members.

- Mr. Shale Ahmed opined that a group e-mail ID should be formed for easy communication amongst the PLHIV and KAP constituency members.
- Mr. Biswas requested to all KAP members to respond at least phone call as most of the KAP members don't have e-mail access.

After detail discussion on the decisions of last meeting, it was unanimously endorsed by the meeting participants.

Update on BCCM activities of last 5 minutes

- Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas shared the structure of BCCM in the meeting and he also shared the activities of BCCM in the last 5 months.
- He mentioned that 2 CCM meeting already conducted and a retreat was held on 26-27 November 2014. One oversight visit was also conducted in PR office.
- BCCM Coordinator also shared that they are working to develop a reporting mechanism on program, procurement and financial management. It will be an excel sheet where each SR will report to PR and PR will compile it and send it to oversight committee. A workshop to develop this Dash Board was conducted on 16 October 2014 at BRAC Centre.
- Mr. Shale Ahmed wanted to know that if there is an issue which PR is not a position to solve shared by SR what would be the role of SR. In reply to him, Mr. Biswas told that it can be shared with CCM.
- BCCM Coordinator also shared that Bangladesh will get USD 155.4 million under NFM which includes HIV, TB and Malaria. However he added that GF will not sign framework agreement if Bangladesh doesn't fulfill 03 conditions which are 1.Tax exemption, 2.Immunity and 3. Human Rights. At least, we have to prove that we are trying to fulfill the requirements.
- Ms. Hena Akter shared that Outreach Workers are harassed during condom distribution which is clearly human rights violation. In reply to her, Ms. Habiba Akter opined that it can be raised in oversight committee or even CCM meeting. She also added that all KAP and PLHIV should get service from GOB health centers/hospitals. MOH&FW can send a letter to all health centers in this regard.
- Ms. Hena Akter also raised that some PRs are directly involved in program implementation which is not justified. In reply to her, Mr. Manaj shared that according to GF system/criteria PR can implement a certain portion of programs. However he told that it could be discussed with technical working group. And technical working group can omit PR from program implementation.
- Mr. Shale Ahmed opined that as GF always appreciates value for money and cost effective program. So cost of program implementation PR vs. SR has to be analyzed and if possible it will be sent to the CCM.
- Mr. Manaj shared that SAARC/SEAR CCM will be formed to submit a regional proposal on Migration and HIV.

Extension of Treatment care support for PLHIV

- Ms. Habiba Akter updated that Treatment Care & Support package has been approved under HPNSDP. She also added that NASP has informed regarding this approval verbally but it will take time for project agreement signing and functioning at field level. So current GF project will extend for at least 6 months to mitigate this gap.

Inclusion of member from PLHIV and KAP in oversight committee

- Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas shared that 2 representatives from PLHIV and KAP will be included in the oversight committee. The nominees cannot be an employee or board member of an organization that received Global Fund. He also informed that already KAP representative has been selected. So PLHIV representative is required in the oversight committee.
- Ms. Habiba Akter was given responsibility to propose a representative from PLHIV for oversight committee.

Extension of PLHIV and KAP constituency

- BCCM Coordinator Mr. Manaj Kumar will provide criteria for constituencies scale up according to GF guideline to Mr. Shale Ahmed and Ms. Habiba Akter respectively for KAP and PLHIV constituency. They will enroll member based on the set criteria.
- Ms. Habiba Akter proposed to conduct consultation meeting both centrally and divisionally. She noted that some KAP and PLHIV representatives cannot attend this meeting as we don't have sufficient budget for this. So divisional level meeting will help to maximize the coverage of PLHIV and KAP. She also requested to BCCM Coordinator to arrange modest travel allowance for the outsider participants.
- In reply to her, Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas shared that BCCM is trying to mobilize support from USAID. If it is found, we will be able to provide support for constitutional mobilization. He also added that some constituencies will not require meeting cost, so it can be spent for PLHIV and KAP consultation meeting with approval of CCM.
- It was also discussed in the meeting that there will be 4 meeting (2 central and 2 divisional level) in 2015. Next consultation meeting will be conducted in April 2015 hosted by SWNOB.
- Ms. Habiba Akter proposed to arrange a retreat for KAP and PLHIV community. It is necessary to involve/update all KAP and PLHIV regarding BCCM activities.
- In reply to her, Mr. Manaj said that they will try to mobilize fund for community retreat. He will send the format to prepare work plan of PLHIV and KAP Constituency and suggested to include this activity in the work plan.

AOB:

Beyond the agenda, some issues were discussed in the meeting i.e. endorsement of regional concept note, formation of community forum etc.

- Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas shared that Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+) is going to submit a regional proposal together with the Asian Network of People Who Use Drugs (ANPUD), the Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW), and the Asia Pacific Transgender Network (APTN) with 11 Asian countries including Bangladesh. So he will send this concept note to all CCM members for their comments. After getting feedback of CCM members, he will compile it and send it to APN+. He also added that it will be raised in the next CCM meeting for endorsement and Ms. Habiba Akter was requested to discuss on this.
- Mr. Shale Ahmed opined to form a community forum for raising community voice collectively. It was highly appreciated by other community representatives. So it was decided that Mr. Shale Ahmed will draft a structure for community forum and send it to other community representatives for their comments/feedbacks. BCCM Coordinator also appreciated this idea and opined that alongside KAP consultation, meeting for community forum can be arranged to minimize the cost.

Finally Habiba Akter, President of NOP+ concluded the meeting with vote of thanks and invited the participants to the next consultation meeting.