



Country Coordinating Mechanism (BCCM)

Health Services Division
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
BCCM Secretariat

Subject: Minutes of the 45th Oversight Committee meeting.

Date (DD/MM/YY)	01/03/2023
Venue of the meeting	Conference Room, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Meeting started	10.00 am
Meeting adjourned	12:30 pm
Meeting Chaired By	Kazi Zebunnessa Begum Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW; and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee
Meeting Facilitated by	Manaj Kumar Biswas BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat
Total number of participants	28
Meeting attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● OC Member(s): 11● Principal Recipients (PRs): 11● Others: 03 (MOHFW: 01; DGHS: 01 and APCASO: 01)● BCCM Secretariat Staff: 03
Attendance list	Yes
Others supporting document	Yes

Meeting Agenda:

Agenda Item	Title of Agenda Item	Facilitator(s)
Part 1		
Agenda Item: 1	Approval of 44 th BCCM OC meeting minutes	BCCM Secretariat
Agenda Item: 2	Review of Funding Request (TB and Malaria)	LDs (TBL&ASP and NMEP) on behalf of the FR Development Committee
Agenda Item: 3	Update of HIV Funding Request for the period of 2024-2026	HIV Technical Committee Chair

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Agenda Item: 4	C19RM Funding Request	BCCM Secretariat
Agenda Item: 5	NTP Performance Letter for Progress update	LD NTP/NPC-NTP
Part 2		
Agenda Item: 6	CCM Reconstitution Update	BCCM Secretariat
Agenda Item: 7	AOB	

At the commencement, BCCM Oversight Committee **Chair Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW** welcomed all participants. The Chair of the meeting directed the BCCM Coordinator to proceed with the agenda-wise discussion. The Chair welcomed Gyongyver Jakab, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager of the Global Fund to join the meeting virtually.

Conflict of Interest: No Conflict of Interest has been reported

DISCUSSION(S) AND DECISION(S):

Agenda Item # 1: Approval of 44th BCCM OC meeting minutes.

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat informed the meeting that BCCM Secretariat has shared the signed copy of the minutes of the 44th Oversight Committee meeting. He opined that the Chair can consider endorsing the meeting minutes of the 44th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson mentioned that there was a mistake on the 44th BCCM OC meeting minutes (held on 18 January 2023) regarding the Government Co-financing commitment, which was as below:

“Mandatory Co-financing: Bangladesh needs to agree on the commitment of 50% domestic financing of The Global Fund total allocation according to The GF Funding Strategy as Bangladesh is now in the row of Low Middle-Income Country now.”

According to the allocation letter of The Global Fund, the co-financing requirement is 20% of the Global Fund, instead of 50%, total allocation. Hence, she suggested to include this correction on the 45th BCCM meeting minutes.

The Chairperson of the meeting requested all participants to make their comment, if any. Since there were no further comment, the Chair of the BCCM OC endorsed the 44th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting minutes.

Decision:

- *The 45th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee endorsed decisions of the 44th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting, with a correction on ‘co-financing,’ i.e., 20% of the domestic financing of the Global Fund total allocation was committed, instead 50% of the domestic financing.*



Agenda Item # 2: Review of Funding Request (TB and Malaria)

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator requested Prof. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & LD, CDC presented the presented the Malaria funding request.

Malaria Funding Request (FR) 2024-2026 and C19RM Wave-2 for Malaria

PR representative(s): Prof. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & LD, CDC presented the Malaria Funding Request for the 2024-2026 grant cycle, summary budget, and C19RM FR of the PRs.

He presented the modular proposal and budget allocated for every module in the Malaria FR. He presented the activities and the total allocated budget for the Malaria programme is \$20,091,193 (PR1 NMEP- USD 10,245,360 + PR2 BRAC 13,584,476), Prioritized Above Allocation Request (PAAR) Amount is \$ 15,536,468, the budget of which is being updated.

FR Development Committee: Professor Dr. Ahmedul Kabir, ADG Planning suggested to Director Disease Control & LD, CDC to rationalize the budget for both Government and Non-Government Malaria PRs.

The BCCM OC Chair: Respected Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW asked the PRs to address the comments and feedback on the budget and present them in the revised budget at the CCM Meeting.

TB Funding Request (FR) 2024-2026 and C19RM FR Wave-2 for TB

PR representative(s): Dr. Rupali Sisir Banu, National Program Coordinator (NPC), National Tuberculosis Control Program informed that after the TRP Mock Review, NTP has incorporated the comments of the Global Fund CT.

Dr. Rupali presented the modular proposal and budget allocated for every module of the TB FR for PR 1. She presented the activities and the total allocated budget for the TB FR PR1 is \$100,762,638 and PR2 is \$ 87,384; Prioritized Above Allocation Request (PAAR) Amount is \$ 54,427,844.

FR Development Committee: Professor Dr. Ahmedul Kabir, ADG Planning suggested the PRs go rationally since their budget does not match with the allocated amount. He asked the PRs to reduce the budget and present the revised budget in the CCM meeting.

The Global Fund: Gyongyver Jakab, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager of the Global Fund, mentioned that the budget is the major issue of the TB programme, and is over \$60 million over the ceiling. She requested the BCCM Oversight Committee to conditional endorsement. She also requested the Oversight Chair to review the possibility of allocating a \$2 million shortfall for the RSSH component of Malaria programs, by relocating some funding from TB and HIV programs.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting requested the PRs to address the comments and present those in the CCM meeting.

Decision(s): *The 44th meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee*



- *made conditional endorsement of The Global Fund funding allocation 2024-2026 for TB and Malaria FR*
 - *decided to recommend endorsement at the BCCM Meeting tomorrow for the TB and Malaria FRs, after PRs address the comments and feedback on the budget*
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Agenda Item # 3: Update of HIV Funding Request for the period of 2024-2026.

PR representative(s): Dr. Shah Md. Jahim Uddin, Director NASC presented the progress update on the development of the Funding Request for HIV, the submission deadline for which is 29 May 2023. He informed an international consultant already hired for working on the HIV CN/FR (i.e., development of FR Narrative, PF, HPTM, and budget). Furthermore, he added that the FR will be programme continuation of current the grant with minor changes following JMM, Size estimation report and updated NSP.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting requested all concerned to contribute at their best level so that deadlines of funding request submission roadmaps can be achieved, and final submission could be done smoothly.

Decision(s): *The 45th meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee*

- *acknowledged the HIV roadmap for funding request development and requested all concerned to provide timely input to achieve specified deadlines.*
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Agenda Item # 4: C19RM Funding Request.

PR representative(s): The National Program Coordinator (NPC), National Tuberculosis Control Program presented the proposed activities with the budget. The budget for C19RM is \$79,170,361.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting mentioned that the PRs are still working on it, and to submit it at the BCCM meeting. She also told Gyongyver Jakab, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager of the Global Fund that funding support would be required for some areas including pandemic preparedness.

The Global Fund: Gyongyver Jakab, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager of the Global Fund, mentioned that since Bangladesh benefitted quite a lot from the C19RM Funding Request Wave-1, therefore Bangladesh will not be a priority country. And the large budget shared in the meeting is unlikely to get approved. Nonetheless, she assured that the budget will be allocated for key areas, such as pandemic preparedness.

Decision(s): *The 45th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the C19RM FRs and present those in the BCCM meeting so that both funding requests can be submitted together.*

Agenda Item # 5: NTP Performance Letter for Progress update.



BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting about the NTP Performance Letter for Progress update of The Global Fund. According to the performance rating tool of the Global Fund, the Programmatic Rating was Moderate, while the Financial Rating was 'Very Poor.'

PR representative(s): The National Program Coordinator (NPC), National Tuberculosis Control Program mentioned that major challenges took place during the COVID-19 pandemic period, where despite taking several measures, program implementation was interrupted. There are also challenges in customs clearance. She also updated that improvements have been made, particularly in terms of TB case notification.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the challenges were there, and customs clearance is a challenge. Besides, some of the GeneXpert machines were not working. She opined that there should be one or two Liaison Officers who will facilitate mitigating the challenges related to customs clearance and CD/VAT issues, who will also maintain liaison with CMSD and relevant departments of the MOHFW.

Decision(s): *The 44th meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee*

- *Acknowledged the performance of TB program.*
- *Directed NTP to take necessary measures to improve the performance as early as possible to reduce possibility of negative impact on funding allocation and TRP (Technical Review Panel) Review.*
- *There should be one or two Liaison Officers who will maintain liaison with different stakeholders, including CMSD and relevant departments of the MOHFW.*

Agenda Item # 6: CCM Reconstitution Update.

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator updated the meeting that BCCM Reconstitution. APCASO provided support to KAP-PLHIV as described in their ToR signed between APCASO and The Global Fund. He also mentioned that while most of the Constituencies have sent their nominations and completed the election process, very few nominations and elections remain, which will be completed within March 2023.

Chair of the meeting: The Chairperson of the meeting requested BCCM Secretariat to send the draft advertisement for their comments. After the incorporation of comments, it can be submitted to BCCM Oversight Chair for approval. Having been approved, the advertisement will be published.

Decision:

- *Acknowledged the progress of BCCM Evolution (reconstitution) activities.*

Agenda Item # 7: AOB: BCCM Secretariat Budget

BCCM Coordinator updated the meeting that BCCM Secretariat Budget negotiation and LFA



verification is ongoing.

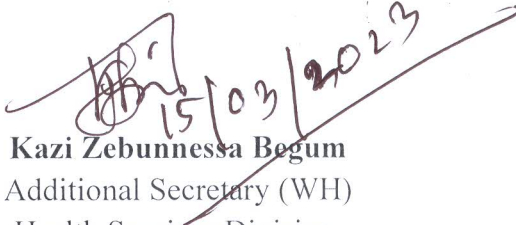
Discussion:

- *Acknowledged update on BCCM Secretariat budget negotiation (on going LFA Verification).*

Decision(s) at a glance: *The 45th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee:*

1. *The 45th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee endorsed decisions of the 44th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting, with a correction on 'co-financing,' i.e., 20% of the domestic financing of the Global Fund total allocation was committed, instead 50% of the domestic financing.*
2. *Made conditional endorsement of The Global Fund funding allocation 2024-2026 for TB and Malaria FR*
3. *Decided to recommend endorsement at the BCCM Meeting tomorrow for the TB and Malaria FRs, after PRs address the comments and feedback on the budget*
4. *Acknowledged the HIV roadmap for funding request development and requested all concerned to provide timely input to achieve specified deadlines.*
5. *The 45th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the C19RM FRs and present those in the BCCM meeting so that both funding requests can be submitted together.*
6. *Acknowledged the performance of TB program.*
7. *Directed NTP to take necessary measures to improve the performance as early as possible to reduce possibility of negative impact on funding allocation and TRP (Technical Review Panel) Review.*
8. *Recommended to ensure one or two Liaison Officers who will maintain liaison with different stakeholders, including CMSD and relevant departments of the MOHFW.*
9. *Acknowledged the progress of BCCM Evolution (reconstitution) activities.*
10. *Acknowledged update on BCCM Secretariat budget negotiation (on going LFA Verification).*

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


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and
Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee