



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

Subject: Meeting Minutes of the 47th BCCM Oversight Committee Meeting

Date (DD/MM/YY)	24/07/2023
Venue of the meeting	Conference Room, Health Engineering Department (HED), 105-106, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka
Meeting started	12.00 pm
Meeting adjourned	02:30 pm
Meeting Chaired By	Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee
Meeting Steered by	Manaj Kumar Biswas BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat
Total number of participants	32
Meeting attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● OC Member(s): 13● Principal Recipients (PRs): 13● Others: 01 (TBC Consultant)● BCCM Secretariat Staff: 05
Attendance list	Yes
Others supporting document	Yes

Meeting Agenda:

Agenda Item	Title of Agenda Item
Part 1	
<i>Agenda Item: 1</i>	Approval of 46 th BCCM OC meeting minutes
<i>Agenda Item: 2</i>	Update on HIV Funding Request Submission
<i>Agenda Item: 3</i>	Update on Grant Negotiation Policy Meeting in Geneva
<i>Agenda Item: 4</i>	Performance Letter for Progress Update
<i>Agenda Item: 5</i>	BCCM Reconstitution Update
Part 2	
<i>Agenda Item: 6</i>	BCCM Secretariat Budget update (including Salary of MLSS)
<i>Agenda Item: 7</i>	Extension of the Program Officer under USAID Technical Support for BCCM Reconstitution and documentation

At the commencement, BCCM Oversight Committee Chair Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee welcomed all participants. He thanked the Chief Engineer of the Health Engineering Department (HED) for making necessary arrangements the 47th Oversight Committee Meeting at HED. At the end of the self-introduction of the newly formed BCCM Oversight Committee Members, the Chair of the meeting mentioned that with the funding support of the Global Fund, Bangladesh is at the doorstep of eliminating Malaria. Nonetheless, if the special drive is not ensured, eliminating Malaria could be challenging. Therefore, working together involving multiple stakeholders, particularly at the field level is must. The success of TB is well appreciated, nonetheless, treatment adherence needs to be ensured at upazila, union and at the peripheral levels. Further attention is required for TB. For example, a whole day can be dedicated to overseeing different indicators of TB.

Then he directed the BCCM Coordinator to proceed with the agenda-wise discussion.

Conflict of Interest: No Conflict of Interest has been reported

DISCUSSION(S) AND DECISION(S):

Agenda Item # 1: Approval of 46th BCCM OC meeting minutes

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Gorkey Gourab, Oversight Officer, BCCM Secretariat presented briefly on the agenda items of the 46th BCCM meeting and the implementation status. Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat added that another agenda of the 46th Oversight Committee meeting was the issue of transportation of the Line Directors and other Senior Members of the Government PRs, who do not receive any benefit from the Global Fund. They could be entitled to the transportation cost for attending the BCCM and BCCM OC meetings. He requested NMEP to send the list of the Line Director and other senior Government officials who attend the meeting immediately. Upon receiving the Global Fund approval, he mentioned, the Line Directors, Directors, Program Managers, and other senior Government officials will receive the transportation allowance from the next Oversight Meeting.

After that Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat informed the meeting that BCCM Secretariat has shared the final draft of the minutes of the 46th Oversight Committee meeting. He opined that since there were no major changes between the final draft copy and signed copy, the meeting can endorse the meeting minutes of the 46th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting requested all participants to comment, if any. Since No comments were made, he proposed to endorse the 46th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting minutes.

Decision: The 47th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee

- *endorsed decisions of the 46th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting;*
- *decided that upon receiving the Global Fund approval, BCCM Secretariat will pay the transportation allowance for the Line Director-TBL & ASP, Director Disease Control & LD-CDC, Director-ASP, DPM-NMEP for the participation of the BCCM and Oversight Meeting but Oversight Visits and Other monitoring related visit related expenses to be incurred by their own program budget in NTP, NMEP and ASP respectively. There is no budget for the Oversight and other visit-related issues for the Government and Non-Government PRs or SRs.*

Agenda Item # 2: Update on HIV Funding Request Submission

PR representative(s): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP, informed the meeting about the HIV FR. Save the Children, icddr,b and ASP have worked closely during the FR submission. The Global Fund CT has sent some comments and recommendations. Those comments and recommendations on FR have been addressed as required.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting requested the Line Director, TB - L & ASP to give an update on TB.

PR representative(s): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP, informed the meeting that one of the key concerns was about the central warehouse. He mentioned that the TB Central warehouse, located in the basement of 250 bedded TB Hospital for which there is a long pending recommendation by the Global Fund to relocate the warehouse either by rental (3PL) as a



temporary basis and build the infrastructure by the Government. He updated that in Policy level meeting with Global Fund, it was suggested by the Global Fund to arrange a rental store immediately within the current grant and later on in the program continuation meeting it was discussed to explore this option through BRAC – and BRAC will update after the internal organization meeting.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson recommended searching for a house for rent in the peripheral areas such as Banasree residential area, which are easily accessible and affordable at the same time.

PR representative(s): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP mentioned the possibility of using the space of the Institute of Public Health (IPH) at Mohakhali, which is near to NTP office. If it does not work NTP will explore the opportunities for renting a warehouse as suggested by the Chairperson. He also mentioned that the other issue in the policy meeting with GF was the recruitment process of NTP – and was suggested to complete by August 2023.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson mentioned that the Global Fund has requested icddr,b to get involved in the recruitment process for NTP and NMEP. In addition, he strongly suggested that the Line Director inform DGHS and MOHFW beforehand for recruitment for the recruitment process. He suggested the Line Director and icddr,b involving DGHS and MOHFW, as the recruitment process has been initiated. He also suggested preparing a committee to update the asset register for NTP.

Decision: *The 47th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee*

- *acknowledged the timely HIV FR submission on 29th May 2023 (2nd Window);*
- *recommended that NTP would ensure either using the IPH facility as a temporary basis as a warehouse or renting a space in an area that is easily accessible and affordable within the programme budget;*
- *decided to take immediate action to initiate the pending recruitment process by Line Director-TBL & ASP involving DGHS and HSD, MOHFW to meet the deadline of recruitment committed at the Policy level meeting in Geneva Switzerland;*
- *also decided that all Government PRs (NTP, NMEP and ASP) must inform DGHS and HSD, MOHFW beforehand for any kind of (GF or Govt Recruitment) recruitment in their programme to involve the Recruitment Committee Chaired by Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW;*
- *recommended NTP to prepare a committee to update the asset register as soon as possible before the starting of new grants.*

Agenda Item - 3: Update on Grant Negotiation Policy Meeting in Geneva

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat informed the meeting that the FRs for TB and Malaria had been submitted on March 2023. He mentioned that the grant negotiation was completed on 23 July 2023. He added that a policy-level decision regarding the framework agreement between ERD and MOHFW had been long due. To address this issue, the Global Fund invited high officials from MOHFW, ERD, and DGHS in Geneva. The Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee, and Line Directors were present from DGHS. Some discussions took place regarding TB, Malaria and HIV grant situation in Bangladesh in Geneva. In the meeting, both the Global Fund and MOHFW made some commitments.

Regarding TB and Malaria grants, the Global Fund highlighted that (a) the next two funding cycles are critical to turning the tide on the three diseases – ambition, increasing efficient financing, and risk mitigation are needed. Therefore, In the next cycle, there are significant funding gaps against programme targets. Increased and sustained financing, balanced with realistic budget planning, is critical. And (b) health product availability and long delays in the recruitment process have had a



significant impact on achievement results. Custom clearance of health products has been resolved for now, but a long-term mitigation strategy is needed. Therefore, the recruitment issue requires an urgent and lasting solution. Global Fund requests CCM and disease programs to recruit vacant positions immediately. Based on these discussions, several follow-up action points were agreed upon (**Annex-1**).

A few major follow-up action points were discussed, which included (a) requesting partners to support Bangladesh in combatting climate-related health hazards, supporting resource mobilization of FDMN services, and supporting operational cross-border collaborations; (b) developing a clear risk mitigation plan for health product availability and confirmation of GOB commitment for construction of central storage facility; (c) establishing a 'Sustainability and Finance Committee,' with the leadership of Additional Secretary (WH) and participation of ERD; (d) ERD agreed with the latest proposal on PR vs Lead Implementer clarification in the Grant Agreement and Implementation Letters; and (e) BCCM to define PR selection process for HIV NGO component consolidation based on GF recommendation to consolidate the two current grants to one.

He also updated the meeting participants that Bangladesh has shown its highest commitment to humanitarian response through inclusive actions for the Rohingya people. Nonetheless, the Government of Bangladesh prohibits vertical funding support to the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar National (FDMN), rather funding must be channeled through the Joint Response Plan of the Government of Bangladesh, which allows a combined effort to support the FDMN to avoid duplication of programmatic activities. If the Global Fund wants to support FDMN people, they can approach the non-Government PRs. He also mentioned that Bangladesh has been working on cross-border collaboration. Bangladesh is an applicant of 'Fast track malaria elimination from cross-border areas and districts adjoining the international border in some countries of SAARC Region.'

Regarding supply chain management issues, Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator updated the participants that the Global Fund recommended developing a clear risk mitigation plan for health product availability, particularly for NTP, and requested the Chairperson of the Oversight Committee to follow up on this issue to meet the deadlines.

Regarding the recruitment process, he requested the Line Director – TBL & ASP to follow the advice of the Chairperson and complete the recruitment process within the next two months. The Global Fund will support the DSMO for one year and requested the MOHFW and DGHS to explore the possibility to include this budget in the Operation Plans (OPs).

About the 'Sustainability and Finance Committee,' he mentioned that a draft committee will be presented in the next BCCM meeting. The long-discussed issue of ERD being mentioned as a signee as the PR of the Global Fund grants was discussed. The ERD expressed their concerns. ERD agreed with the Global Fund's proposal on ERD as PR and respective DGHS will be mentioned as Lead Implementer in the Grant Agreement. also gave their commitment of signing the Implementation Letters within one month.

The Global Fund has been urging Bangladesh to consolidate the two NGO PRs into one. This was also brought up in the meeting in Geneva. Participating members had countered that without further discussion of this issue at the BCCM meeting the decision cannot be made. He requested the Oversight Committee members to discuss this issue on how to present this issue in the BCCM meeting. He added that the existing two non-Government PRs have been working for a long time, with different types of proven expertise. He also mentioned that the Chairperson of the Oversight Committee played a strong role and clearly mentioned that at this phase of the HIV grant, such consolidation may impose challenges in program implementation. Despite these challenges and other communications from the

Honourable Health Minister with the Global Fund, the Global Fund emailed on 23 July 2023 recommending the consolidation of the 2 current grants into 1.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson suggested the representative of NMEP present their discussion points, and then proceed with the aforementioned discussion points.

PR representative (NMEP): Professor Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, the Line Director of NMEP mentioned two issues which include (a) incorporating the data from private hospitals in reporting, and (b) giving a special dive into the upazila which is the most affected by Malaria. He requested the Chairperson to lead the visit in August and guide NMEP on the mentioned issue. PSA Plant is being implemented by UNOPS, and after paying CD VAT the machines and accessories have been released from the port timely and are now at the warehouse and will be installed within the next two months. Regarding the recruitment process, he mentioned that the TOR is completed and has been shared with the Chairperson for his kind approval. After approval, the advertisement will be done for recruitment. Another point he raised was that NMEP and NTP often face audit objections regarding the use of the office vehicle. As per the Chairperson's guidance, a Standard Operating Procedure is being prepared and will be submitted to the Chairperson.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson suggested submitting the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and following the SOP strictly during the reimbursement of the fuel cost.

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat referring to the email about the grant consolidation from the Global Fund by 10 August 2023. He requested the Chairperson to give his kind guidance on this issue so that the issue can be raised to the oversight committee accordingly.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson mentioned that the position of the Oversight Committee is still the same as before. If such a change affects the program, the MOHFW will not shoulder any responsibility. He, therefore, suggested having further discussions at the BCCM Meeting with the Hon'ble Minister.

PR representative (TBL & ASP): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman, Line Director of TBL and ASP, informed the meeting that the existing three PRs have been successfully working for years on HIV prevention programs. Unlike other diseases, he mentioned, HIV is different due to the stigma surrounding this disease. To ensure smooth program implementation, the three PRs worked closely together during the FR development process and submitted the FR accordingly.

Disease Specialist – HIV: Dr. Tasnim Azim mentioned that the continuation of two NGO PRs is the decision of the Country. If the Global Fund wants to change the decision, the country will raise the question. Because the two PRs have different expertise and this is needed for the country. If a single PR is selected, the PR will have to learn everything from the other PR, which is not realistic, the country will suffer. She did not support this decision and requested the Chairperson to think about this critical issue very carefully.

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat informed the meeting that Hon'ble Minister emailed the Global Fund that for the next grant cycle, the continuation of 2 NGO PR is essential. This decision was taken by the Oversight Committee and BCCM and the Hon'ble Health Minister wrote the letter.

PR Representative (Save the Children and icddr,b): Dr. Lima Rahman, Director- Health & Nutrition Sector, Save the Children mentioned that the Oversight Committee formed a Non-Government PRs' Management Cost Review Committee led by the Joint Secretary. Based on the recommendations of the committee, both PRs reduced the management cost. The whole process, including the processes



mentioned earlier, is known to the Global Fund, but the Global Fund has not changed their standpoint. She requested to consider the possibility to continue with the existing arrangement for at least another grant cycle to ensure a smooth transition. She again requested the Chairperson to consider her concerns and address this through the next BCCM meeting. Dr. Sharful Islam Khan, Scientist and Head, Program for HIV and AIDS, Infectious Disease Division (IDD), icddr,b mentioned that in the presence of the LFA, the entire procedure of the Management Cost Review of the two PRs was carried out. The 3 PR's also worked closely on developing the FR for submission. He echoed Dr. Lima Rahman's request once again for the Chairperson's consideration.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson wanted to know about the situation of the other countries.

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat informed the meeting that India, Thailand and Myanmar have large grants, but they are managing these grants with one or two PRs. However, Bangladesh has been working very successfully with three PRs despite having lower grant amounts based on their unique key population expertise. Based on the Oversight Committee and BCCM Meeting decisions, the non-Government PRs have reduced the management cost to 22%. Based on the recommendations of the MOHFW, the GF has been conveyed the message that Bangladesh will continue with the existing implementation arrangement.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson stated that he understands the opinions about the consolidation issue and that this agenda will be discussed in the next BCCM meeting.

Decision:

The 47th meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee

- *decided to include Global Fund support for FDMN people in the non-Government PRs' budget items as the Government of Bangladesh took the policy to support FDMN separately but not through the Government programmes;*
- *acknowledged the discussions on cross-border issues for Malaria, TB, and HIV between Bangladesh and India to be initiated by the Global Fund Country Team;'*
- *acknowledged that ERD agreed with the Global Fund's proposal on ERD as PR and respective Directorate of DGHS would be Lead Implementer on behalf of HSD, MOHFW in the Grant Agreement and Implementation letters.*
- *acknowledged ERD's commitment to signing Implementation Letters within one month*
- *to conduct a special Oversight Visit in upazilas to identify best practices and areas that need to be addressed for TB and Malaria;*
- *decided to forward HIV PR Consolidation issues to the 118th meeting of BCCM with information about the GF Secretariat's stand in this regard.*

Agenda Item - 4: Performance Letter for Progress Update

PRs (NMEP and BRAC): NMEP and BRAC very briefly presented the reasons for deviation on programmatic and financial indicators.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson directed the PRs to continue working with utmost sincerity.

Decision:

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- *acknowledged receiving the Performance Letter for Progress Update from the Global Fund*
- *directed the PRs to follow Grant Requirements and Management Actions suggested by the Global Fund.*



Agenda Item - 5: BCCM Reconstitution Update

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat informed the meeting that the reconstitution process has been completed, except for electing Vice Chair from Civil Society and ML/BL.

The Chairperson: The Chair mentioned several BCCM Election Committee meetings took place. The election for the Vice Chair from Civil Society will take place at the 118th BCCM Meeting, which is scheduled on 31 July 2023.

Decision:

The 47th Oversight Committee informed that the election for the Vice Chair from Civil Society will take place at the 118th BCCM Meeting, which is scheduled on 31 July 2023.

Agenda Item - 6: BCCM Secretariat Budget update

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that The Global Fund CCM Hub has disbursed funds under the CCM Funding agreement for the year 2023. Yearly allocation has been increased to \$1,20,000 from \$75,000. They have approved salary increments by 5% (considering 2020 as the base) for BCCM Secretariat Staff i.e., BCCM Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator. He also explained that the salary of BCCM Secretariat Staff i.e., BCCM Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator has been proposed and approved in USD. Thus, the salary has also increased (beyond the 5% increase) due to an increased conversion rate (BCCM Secretariat has been using a weighted average conversion rate which is currently 102.53). In addition, 10% of the total salary was considered a *Boishakh* allowance/bonus.

BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that The Global Fund CCM Hub has also disbursed funds under the C19RM Funding agreement for the year 2023. Approved and disbursed amount for C19RM is \$30,000.

BCCM Coordinator reminded the meeting that Mr. Sailendra Nath Matabbar is working as Office Assistant cum MLSS in BCCM Secretariat on a daily basis working arrangement. He is now being paid BDT 800 per day. Considering the increased living cost, he proposed to increase his salary to BDT 1,000 (one thousand taka only) per day.

The Chairperson: The Chair of the meeting agreed with the proposal and requested other participants to comment if any. As no other opinion was expressed, he decided to approve the BDT 1,000 (one thousand taka only) per day.

Decision: The 47th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee

- *acknowledged the fund disbursement by the CCM Hub under CCM Funding and C19RM Funding (USD 1,20,000 and 30,000 respectively)*
- *decided to increase the salary of the Office Assistant to BDT 1,000 per day from BDT 800 per day and it will be effective from 1st January 2023;*
- *decided that BCCM Secretariat employees' salary would be (in Bangladesh Taka) calculated as the average exchange rate of last year's exchange rate and current year's exchange rate on the disbursement day/ transfer day to the BCCM Secretariat account who are offered salary in US Dollar;*



Agenda Item - 7: Extension of the Program Officer under USAID Technical Support for BCCM Reconstitution and Documentation

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that two Program Officers under USAID Technical Support were working very well for the BCCM reconstitution process. One of them left, and the other Program Officer needs to keep on working to help the BCCM Secretariat with the documentation at least for 6 months. If the Oversight Committee allows, the BCCM Coordinator can write to USAID requesting to extend the duration of contract for the Program Officer.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson directed the BCCM Coordinator to proceed with the aforementioned proposal.

Decision: *The 47th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee decided*

- *to propose USAID for the extension of at least 6 months of the one Program Officer provided through ACTB;*
- *BCCM Secretariat would communicate with USAID as decided by the BCCM Oversight Committee in this meeting for this issue.*

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

Decisions at a glance: *The 47th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee*

- *endorsed decisions of the 46th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting minutes;*
- *acknowledged the timely HIV FR submission on 29th May 2023 (2nd Window);*
- *has recommended that NTP would ensure either using the IPH facility as a temporary basis as a warehouse or renting a space in an area that is easily accessible and affordable within the programme budget;*
- *decided to recommend Line Director-TBL & ASP to take immediate action to initiate the pending recruitment process involving DGHS and HSD, MOHFW to meet the deadline of recruitment committed at the Policy level meeting in Geneva Switzerland;*
- *also decided that all Government PRs (NTP, NMEP and ASP) must inform DGHS and HSD, MOHFW beforehand for any kind of (GF or Govt Recruitment) recruitment in their programme to involve the Recruitment Committee Chaired by Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW;*
- *recommended NTP to prepare a committee to update the asset register as soon as possible before the starting of new grants;*
- *decided to include Global Fund support for FDMN people in the non-Government PRs' budget items as the Government of Bangladesh took the policy to support FDMN separately but not through the Government programmes;*
- *acknowledged the discussions on cross-border issues for Malaria, TB, and HIV between Bangladesh and India to be initiated by the Global Fund Country Team;*
- *acknowledged that ERD agreed with the Global Fund's proposal on ERD as PR and respective Directorate of DGHS would be Lead Implementer on behalf of HSD, MOHFW in the Grant Agreement and Implementation letters.*
- *acknowledged ERD's commitment to signing Implementation Letters within one month*
- *to conduct a special Oversight Visit in upazilas to identify best practices and areas that need to be addressed for TB and Malaria;*
- *decided to forward HIV PR Consolidation issues to the 118th meeting of BCCM with information about the GF Secretariat's stand in this regard;*



- *acknowledged receiving the Performance Letter of Progress Update from the Global Fund*
- *directed the PRs to follow Grant Requirements and Management Actions suggested by the Global Fund;*
- *informed that the election for the Vice Chair from Civil Society will take place at the 118th BCCM Meeting, which is scheduled on 31 July 2023;*
- *acknowledged the fund disbursement by the CCM Hub under CCM Funding and C19RM Funding (USD 1,20,000 and 30,000 respectively)*
- *decided to increase the salary of the Office Assistant to BDT 1,000 per day from BDT 800 per day and it will be effective from 1st January 2023;*
- *decided that BCCM Secretariat employees' salary would be (in Bangladesh Taka) calculated as the average exchange rate of last year's exchange rate and current year's exchange rate on the disbursement day/ transfer day to the BCCM Secretariat account who are offered salary in US Dollar;*
- *to propose USAID for the extension of at least 6 months of the one Program Officer provided through ACTB;*
- *BCCM Secretariat would communicate with USAID as decided by the BCCM Oversight Committee in this meeting for this issue.*

Handwritten signature and date: BWT 31.08.23

Md. Saidur Rahman
 Additional Secretary (WH)
 Health Services Division,
 Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 and
 Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee



Bangladesh TB & Malaria grant negotiations

Recap of main messages

1. Global Fund is the largest organization fighting the deadliest pandemics. We are proud of our partnership with Bangladesh.
2. Bangladesh TB and Malaria programs achieved good progress throughout 2021-2023, despite the effect of COVID.
3. Next two funding cycles are critical to turn the tide on the three diseases – **ambition, increasing and efficient financing, and risk mitigation** are needed.
 - In next cycle, significant funding gaps against programme targets. Increased and sustained financing, balanced with realistic budget planning, is critical.
4. Generally, Bangladesh grants are performing well, but health product availability and long delays in recruitment process have had significant impact on achievement results.
 - Custom clearance of health products has been resolved for now, but long term mitigation strategy is needed.
 - Recruitment issue requires an urgent and lasting solution. Global Fund requests CCM and disease programs to recruit vacant positions immediately.
5. Historically Bangladesh has good absorption, but financial management and compliance needs additional attention.

Agreed follow-up action points

Global Fund

Action point	Responsible	Timeline
Request partners to support BGD in combatting climate-related health hazards	Global Fund management	Continuous throughout next grant cycle
Support resource mobilisation for FDMN services	Country Team	Continuous throughout next grant cycle
Support operational cross-border collaboration, starting with India	Country team	During grant making and beyond
Identify opportunities to showcase BGD programmatic successes	Country team, PRs, Manaj (as Board representative)	Continuous throughout next grant cycle

Agreed follow-up action points

Diagnostic network

Action point	Responsible	Timeline
Assessment - Incorporate lab network optimisation study in grant design (TRP)	PRs with CT	During grant making
Connectivity solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share WHO system comparison and other country examples of localised solutions Develop transition plan from Aspect to local connectivity solution 	CT NTP	Immediately 31 October 2023
Network utilisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use existing tools and dashboards to identify low-performing sites and manage performance Motivate MT-Labs to improve site performance through LD communication and recognition of good performance 	NTP and BRAC	Continuously
NTRL - Identify alternative location for NTRL	OC Chair with NTP	31 August 2023
Equipment maintenance – Provide plan for developing NTP's biomedical capacity	NTP	During grant making
Monitoring and oversight - Oversight Committee to a) oversee development of an equipment maintenance plan with KPIs and b) actively monitor performance of diagnostic network and implementation of equipment maintenance. (Dashboard?)	OC Chair	Continuously

Agreed follow-up action points

Health product availability and supply chain management issues

Action point	Responsible	Timeline
Develop clear risk mitigation plan for health product availability (TRP)	NTP	First draft by 31 October 2023
Strengthen effectiveness of PSM Working Group - clear meeting frequency, KPI/milestone, timely corrective action follow-up.	NTP	Continuous
Central storage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop interim solution for central storage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option 1 – Fund transfer for 3PL through PR1 Option 2 – Fund transfer through PR2 for a) outsourced rental or b) use of existing space (– CT to confirm with Legal team) Confirm GOB commitment for construction of central storage facility Buy a forklift 	NTP and BRAC	31 August 2023
Peripheral storage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess HR needs and integrate into grant budget Supervision of storage quality 	NTP NTP OC Chair	After move to 3PL During grant making Continuously

Agreed follow-up action points

Sustainability and RSSH

Action point	Responsible	Timeline
High-level engagement and steer in sustainability planning and coordination of cross-cutting/integrated health system activities	OC Chair/Secretary	Continuous
HSD/DG to issue government order for integrated DSMO function to start now	HSD/DG	30 September 2023
Engage large private sector hospitals to strengthen TB case notification and zero-reporting of malaria – letters, outreach etc.	TB and Malaria LDs	Continuous
BCCM will discuss at next meeting the proposal to establish a Sustainability and Finance Committee, with leadership of Additional Secretary and participation of ERD. TOR to be defined.	BCCM Coordinator	At next meeting

Agreed follow-up action points

Grant implementation, financial and legal issues




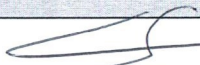
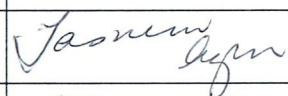
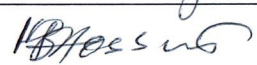
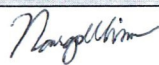

Action point	Responsible	Timeline
All the vacant positions under the grants, including PSA plants operation staff, will be recruited and filled by the end of August.	HSD, GOB PRs, BCCM Coordinator	August 2023
ERD agrees with the latest proposal on PR vs Lead Implementer clarification in the GA and ILs. BCCM Secretariat will inform BCCM accordingly.	BCCM	31 July 2023
Implementation Letters will be sent directly to ERD, who commits to return the signed versions within 1 month	GF and ERD	As of next IL
Privileges and Immunities to be discussed with the ambassador	HSD and GF	today
National programs will submit an SOP for the use of vehicles	NTP and NMEP	August 2023
HSD and ERD recommend to consider the NTP and NMEP proposal for higher per diem rates or to align with DP recommended rates	GF	August 2023
BCCM to define PR selection process for HIV NGO component consolidation based on GF recommendation to consolidate the 2 current grants in 1.	BCCM	10 August 2023

Bangladesh Country Coordinating Mechanism (BCCM)
47th BCCM Oversight Committee Meeting
Attendance Sheet

Attendance Sheet

Venue: Meeting Room, Health Engineering Department Building



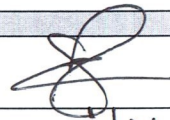
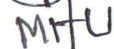

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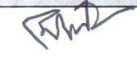
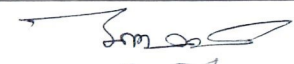


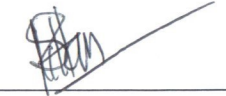
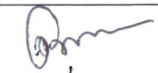
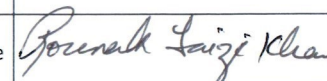
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