



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

Subject: Meeting Minutes of the 49th BCCM Oversight Committee Meeting

Date (DD/MM/YY)	01/10/2023
Venue of the meeting	Conference Room, MOHFW, Bangladesh Secretariat
Meeting started	2.00 pm
Meeting adjourned	3:30 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	31
Meeting attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OC Member(s): 14• Principal Recipients (PRs): 12• 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 47 th and 48 th BCCM OC Meeting Minutes
<i>Agenda Item: 2</i>	Update on TB and Malaria Grantmaking
<i>Agenda Item: 3</i>	Update on HIV Grant Negotiation
<i>Agenda Item: 4</i>	BCCM Reconstitution Update (including CSO Orientation)
<i>Agenda Item: 5</i>	Endorsement of Visit Report
Part 2	
<i>Agenda Item: 6</i>	Review of Costed Workplan (budget) 2024 for BCCM Secretariat
<i>Agenda Item: 7</i>	BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment
<i>Agenda Item: 8</i>	BCCM Secretariat HR Policy

At the commencement, BCCM Oversight Committee Chair Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee welcomed all participants. After self-introduction, 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 47th and 48th BCCM OC meeting minutes

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting guided the BCCM Secretariat to give an update on the implementation status of the 47th and 48th BCCM OC meeting decisions.

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Gorkey Gourab, Oversight Officer, BCCM Secretariat briefly presented updates on the 47th and 48th BCCM OC meeting agenda items and the implementation status (**Annex-1**). Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat complimented on the implementation status of the 47th and 48th BCCM meetings.

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas described that the recruitment process according to the discussion with the GF, the recruitment process of NTP and NMEP needs to be completed within 45 days.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting mentioned that a Zoom meeting will be conducted on the 2nd of October to make policy decisions about recruitment-related issues. He also mentioned that the applications received through icddr,b will be considered, and the candidates, who have applied through icddr,b do not need to apply again.

PR representative(s): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP, informed the meeting that he had discussed this issue with Teletalk Bangladesh Ltd, and mentioned that the process might be difficult as well as time-consuming.

HSD, MOHFW: Md. Mamunur Rashid, Joint Secretary (WH Branch), HSD, MOHFW mentioned that this issue can be discussed in detail in the Zoom Meeting scheduled on the 2nd of October. Mr. Sadekul Islam, Deputy Secretary (WH-1) guided the Line Director, TB - L & ASP to collect the soft copies of the applicants from Teletalk Bangladesh Ltd and Bdjobs.com who had already applied and included the new applications.

BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that the BCCM Secretariat has shared the final draft of the minutes of the 47th and 48th Oversight Committee Meeting. He opined that since there were no major changes between the final draft copy and the signed copy, the meeting could endorse the meeting minutes of the 47th and 48th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting informed that he had a discussion with the Global Fund (GF), and mentioned that the current storage facility is unusable since water submerged the store. Therefore, immediate action is needed. He requested all participants to comment, if any. He also emphasized that the capacity of HR needs to be assessed and non- or low-functioning staff should not continue in GR7.

Since no comments were made, he proposed to endorse the 47th and 48th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting minutes.

Decision: *The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee:*

- *endorsed meeting minutes and decisions of the 47th and 48th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting;*
- *decided to direct NTP, NASP and NMEP to conduct a performance evaluation of their Global Fund's funded employees, and based on the performance evaluation NTP, NMEP and NASP should decide continuation or discontinuation of the GF Funded employees in next grants (GC7); It is to be done by November 2023, so that NTP NMEP and NASP can issue the one month notice for employees who are not performing well based on the performance evaluation;*
- *a Zoom meeting will be conducted on the 2nd of October 2023 to make policy decisions about NTP, NMEP and NASP recruitment-related issues to expedite the recruitment process within the committed timeline.*

Agenda Item # 2: Update on TB and Malaria Grantmaking 2024-2026

BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that after the grantmaking activities, on 28 September 2023, the grant approval committee (GAC) meeting took place and they have approved the final documents of TB grant. The GAC meeting for Malaria grant will be conducted on 19 October 2023. He also added that the co-financing commitment letter, signed by the Hon'ble Minister had been sent to the GF. He requested the respected Director, Disease Control & LD, CDC, NMEP and respected Line Director, TB - L & ASP to update the Malaria and TB Grantmaking in this meeting respectively.

PR representative (NMEP): Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & LD, CDC, NMEP mentioned that after the meeting in Geneva with the GF Country team, NMEP submitted all the required documents, along with the list of vacant positions related to HR, updated fixed assets schedule, etc. He updated the meeting that it is expected that the GF will approve the documents, and grantmaking will be completed as well.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson acknowledged the update of NMEP and mentioned the grant approval committee (GAC) meeting will be conducted on 19 October 2023.

PR representative (TB - L & ASP): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP, informed the meeting that the Grant proposal was submitted to the Global Fund on 20 March 2023 after the endorsement of/in/on the 117 BCCM meeting on 2 March 2023. The total amount of the grant proposal for allocation is 125.8 million USD (including a 5 million matching fund). He also highlighted that In the Grant negotiation meeting in Geneva on 17-21 July 2023: GF recommended revising a few indicators and those were addressed, which include: (a) the number of TB Patients Notification Target increased from 959,404 to 976,360; (b) the number of people who will receive TB Preventive Therapy decreased from 648,364 to 556,115 due to scarcity of the fund; (c) The number of MDR-TB enrolled for treatment increased from 7,566 to 7,946; and (d) number of TB patients diagnosed with Rapid Molecular Test (GeneXpert and Truenat) Coverage increased from 608,232 to 667,699 (**Annex-2**). He added that the legal agreement between the BCCM and the GF can be completed during October, and the GR7 program related to NTP and NMEP can start smoothly from 1 January 2024.

CSO Constituency: Professor M A Faiz indicated that the TB Preventive Therapy decreased from 648,364 to 556,115 due to a scarcity of funds from the GF, and this would be a major challenge for the TB program. Nonetheless, this vital component needs to be care of.

Prof. Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud agreed with the GF and requested to explore the possibility of ensuring this component through domestic funding.

PR representative (TB - L & ASP): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP mentioned that he had raised this issue with the GF, and GF suggested spending the additional amount from PAAR as required.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson recommended that TB Preventive Therapy would be increased utilizing the additional amount from PAAR as required.

The Chairperson emphasized the need (a) to supervise the procurement of the PRs, and (b) to revisit the current state of the warehouse. For these purposes, the Chairperson formed of Procurement Team composed of the following members:

- Mr. Mamunur Rashid, Joint Secretary (WH Branch), HSD, MOHFW
- Dr. S.M Abu Zahid, Acting Director MtaPS, MSH (ML/BL Constituency)

- Mr. Milon Kanti Datta, Presidium Member, BHBCOP (CSO Constituency)
- Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator
- One more representative from the BCCM Secretariat

Decision: *The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee*

- *acknowledged the Malaria and TB grantmaking activities according to the plan of BCCM and that the approval committee has approved all the documents;*
- *acknowledged that the co-financing commitment letter, signed by the Hon'ble Minister had sent to the GF Secretariat;*
- *TB Preventive Therapy (TPT) coverage would be increased utilizing the additional amount of funds from PAAR of NTP Grants as required in GC7;*
- *acknowledged that the legal grants agreement/confirmation between the BCCM and the GF Secretariat would be completed during October 2023, and the GC7 Grants program-related activities of Government and Non-Government PRs for TB and Malaria could run smoothly from 01st January 2024;*
- *decided to review the procurement progress of the GF Grants by NTP, NMEP and NASP to remove the procurement bottlenecks and smooth releasing from the port ensuring CD-VAT from the Government allocation for the Government PRs and formed of Procurement Review Taskforce Team composed of the following members:*
 - *Mr. Mamunur Rashid, Joint Secretary (WH Branch), HSD, MOHFW*
 - *Dr. S.M Abu Zahid, Acting Director MTaPs, MSH (ML/BL Constituency)*
 - *Mr. Milon Kanti Datta, Presidium Member, BHBCOP (CSO Constituency)*
 - *Mr. Mossaddek Mehedi Imam, Senior Assistant Secretary, WH2, HSD, MOHFW*
 - *Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator*
 - *One more representative from the BCCM Secretariat*

Agenda Item - 3: Update on HIV Grant Negotiation

BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator stated that the Global Fund Country Team was in Dhaka Bangladesh from 18-25 September 2023 for the HIV Grant Making. They discussed and analysed the HIV Funding Requests with three PRs of HIV Grants. GFCT and HIV PRs might finalized about the HIV Grants related to GC7.

He also added that the HIV Grant Making would be in October 2023 according to the Global Fund's schedule. He requested respected Line Director, TB - L & ASP to update the HIV Grant Negotiation in this meeting.

PR representative (TB - L & ASP): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP updated the grantmaking of HIV. The Grant proposal was submitted to the Global Fund on 14 June 2023 after approval of the BCCM. The total amount of the grant proposal is 27.3 million USD (including a 2 M matching fund). The allocation is divided among PRs in the following manner: (a) ASP: 4.37 M (16%), (b) SCI: 12.20 M (44.5%), and (c) icddr: 10.81 M (39.5%). The amount for PAAR is 7.8 million. TRP approved the grant proposal on 4 August 2023 with two comments: (a) prepare and finalize a sustainability plan, and (b) allocate funds for HIV response for FDMN based on the Mapping. The Mapping Exercise conducted by NIPSOM in the current grant. The Grant Making Meeting for HIV took place during 18-25 September 2023 at Dhaka, and recommendations and agreed action points were finalized (**Annex-3**).

Decision: *The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee*

- *acknowledged that the Grant negotiation Meeting for HIV Grants for the period of 2024-2026 grant cycle took place during 18-25 September 2023 at Dhaka, and recommendations and agreed action points were finalized.*

Agenda Item - 4: BCCM Reconstitution Update (including CSO Orientation)

BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that BCCM Reconstitution has been completed. According to the CCM Evolution project plan, Orientation sessions were conducted for the Oversight Committee Members, as well as by the Members and the Alternate Members of the BCCM by an International Consultant Nonna Turusbekova on 25 August 2023 and 27 August 2023 respectively.

He also informed the meeting that a consultant – Pre and Post Meeting Orientation of Civil Society Constituencies is working as per the TOR, has completed 2 Consultation meetings and one day-long CSO Orientation of Civil Society Constituencies, and will complete 5 more Orientation Meetings of Civil Society Constituencies by December 2023.

Decision:

The 49th Meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the update of the BCCM Reconstitution including CSO (NGO, KAP, PLWD, FBO & Academia Constituencies) Pre & Post CCM Meeting Orientation by the BCCM Secretariat.

Agenda Item - 5: Endorsement of Visit Report

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, updated the meeting on the visit report at Nilphamari and Thakurgaon Districts (Rangpur Division), conducted by Respected the Senior Secretary Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain Howlader, HSD, MOH&FW, and Vice-Chair, BCCM has been finalized. Before finalizing the report, the visit report was shared with different stakeholders for their comments and feedback. The feedback has been incorporated into the signed visit report. He also mentioned that the Respected Chairperson's visit report in Bandarban is also finalized and awaiting his approval and signature.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson mentioned that if there is no further comment, the visit report can be endorsed.

Decision:

The 49th Oversight Committee

- *endorsed the visit report at Nilphamari and Thakurgaon Districts (Rangpur Division), led by Respected Senior Secretary Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain Howlader, HSD, MOH&FW, and Vice-Chair, BCCM;*
- *decided that PRs would update the implementations of visit recommendations in next Oversight Meeting.*

Agenda Item - 6: Review of Costed Workplan (budget) 2024 for BCCM Secretariat

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat presented a detailed update on the costed workplan (budget) 2024 for the BCCM Secretariat (**Annex-4**). He requested the Chairperson that if there is no major comment, he can consider approving it on the costed work plan (budget) 2024 for the BCCM Secretariat.

HSD, MOHFW: Md. Mamunur Rashid, Joint Secretary (WH Branch), HSD, MOHFW mentioned that it is important to showcase the achievements of the GF through periodic publications, which can be considered in the budget.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson mentioned that the Costed Workplan (budget) 2024 for the BCCM Secretariat will be approved in the 119th BCCM Meeting.

Decision:

The 49th Oversight Committee decided to send the Costed Workplan (budget) 2024 of the BCCM Secretariat in the 119th BCCM Meeting for approval as attached Annexure -4.

Agenda Item - 7: BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment

BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that the GF requested to submit the BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment by October 2023. He informed the meeting that there is a three-member's BCCM Performance Evaluation Committee. The performance assessment committee is comprised of three members, who one from the Government, One from UN Agencies and One from CSOs. The last year's evaluation Committee members were included

- (1) Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (Admin and WH), Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee,
- (2) Dr. Saima Khan, Country Director of UNAIDS from ML/BL Constituency, and
- (3) Mr. Milon Kanti Datta, Presidium Member of BHBCOP.

He also mentioned that if the BCCM Oversight Committee wants members of this committee can be increased.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee suggested that this committee can assess the BCCM Secretariat's Performance. At this moment no need to include more members in this Committee. If necessary, the committee will co-opt members. He also suggested to organize and conduct the BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment Meeting by October 2023.

Decision: ***The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee decided to conduct the BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment by October 2023 with above mentioned Performance Evaluation Committee.***

Agenda Item - 8: BCCM Secretariat HR Policy

BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that there is no HR Policy for the BCCM Secretariat, which is required. He mentioned that the GF is also requesting to develop an HR policy based on the country's context. Then he presented an outline of the BCCM Secretariat HR Policy, which can be considered and a detailed HR Policy can be developed.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson directed the BCCM Coordinator to proceed with the aforementioned proposal. He advised to incorporate the GF CCM and HSD, MOHFW's role and boundary to review the BCCM Secretariat's work in the draft HR Policy. He directed that this issue will be further discussed during the BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment meeting.

Decision: ***The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee***



- *decided that the performance assessment committee meeting will be held within the next week so that it can be completed by 31st October 2023*
- *decided to discuss about the BCCM Secretariat HR Policy further during the BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment.*

AOB: SR-related issue of the TB Grant of PR-2 (BRAC)

The Vice-Chairperson: Respected Prof. Dr. Ahmedul Kabir, ADG (Planning & Development) DGHS and The Vice-Chairperson of the Oversight Committee informed the meeting that an email with a signed letter addressing Hon'ble Minister, MOHFW and BCCM Chair from the Belgian Headquarters of Damien Foundation have received. The letter also copied the Oversight Chairperson, ADG Planning, LD (NTP), and BCCM Coordinator.

ADG (Planning & Development), DGHS mentioned that the letter stated that the Damien Foundation have been working to combat TB in Bangladesh even before the Global Fund funding. They started working with NTP after the GF started funding in Bangladesh as a SR of PR-2 (BRAC). As an SR, they have been working in 14 districts, serving 33 million people, and their performance -- as per their statement -- is excellent. According to their statement, the Demian Foundation has been informed by different sources that PR-2 (BRAC) is planning to discontinue the Demian Foundation as SR in the upcoming grant (no notification has been received yet by the Demian Foundation). The Vice-Chairperson expressed his opinion on this issue in this meeting considering the letter for the Damien Foundation.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson wanted to know further details about the SR-related in the next grant by PR-2 (BRAC).

BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that unfortunately BCCM Secretariat did not receive the letter, which was mentioned by the respected ADG (Planning & Development). He requested to share the letter.

He informed the meeting that the important contribution of the Damien Foundation combating TB in Bangladesh for long time in Bangladesh is undeniable. He also acknowledged that 6 months Regimen, MDR TB Treatment Regimen are the innovation of the Demian Foundation in Bangladesh. Now this TB treatment regimen are being implemented in many countries in the world following Bangladesh. So Demian Foundation is one of the pioneer organizations in TB, not only in Bangladesh but also in the world.

He also mentioned that unofficially, the BCCM Secretariat has been informed about this issue from different sources, but no formal letter or email was sent to BCCM to discuss this SR related issues in BCCM meeting or BCCM Oversight Meeting. He mentioned that from these informal/unofficial discussions in last TB Technical Committee Meeting at NTP Office, BCCM got informed that the case notification of the Damien Foundation was low, which is an important indicator for TB.. Considering that the case notification of the Damien Foundation was low, BRAC has reduced the number of districts covered by the Damien Foundation to five (5) districts, and he mentioned that the Damien Foundation is still an SR of BRAC. He highlighted that all these information are from informal sources.

CSO Constituency: Dr. Shakil Ahmed expressed his said that the Global Fund program is a country-owned program. Any PR, including BRAC, is reportable to the OC and BCCM. Hence, BRAC should respond to the OC if they are asked and explain the total context. We must not forget that the Damien Foundation started working on TB in the 1980s before NTP had started. It is the Damien Foundation that invented the Bangladesh Regimen for TB treatment in Bangladesh. Professor Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud mentioned that we are focusing on a patient-centered program, where looking at the numbers

will not only explain everything. By focusing on the number of case notifications, the TB program can never be evaluated.

The Vice-Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson informed the meeting that whenever BRAC comes to sign the FR, they keep the SR section as TBD. Considering the contribution of the Damien Foundation, he mentioned that it is an injustice not to mention the name of the Damien Foundation as SR. But the situation has not changed much.

BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator informed the meeting that in the OC and BCCM meetings, BRAC has always mentioned the name of the Damien Foundation as SR.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson directed the meeting to issue a letter to BRAC to explain the claim from the Damien Foundation Belgium Headquarters. If the claim of the Damien Foundation Headquarters is true, BRAC must explain everything in detail. If BRAC focuses on the performance issues of the Damien Foundation, then the Damien Foundation will be requested to explain its position. To further explore this issue, the Chairperson formed a committee comprised of (1) Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee, (2) ADG (Planning & Develop), (3) Prof. Dr. M A Faiz, Former DG Health, (4) Line Director – NTP, (5) Line Director - NMEP, (6) Dr. Shakil Ahmed, TB Expert, (7) Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud, TB Expert, and (8) BCCM Coordinator.

Decision: *The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee*

- *decided to have separate meetings with PR-BRAC and Damien Foundation to discuss the issue of the letter from the Damien Foundation, Belgium Headquarters about the discontinuation of Damien Foundation as SR of the TB program in the upcoming grant cycle;*
- *also decided to form an Expert Committee to analyse the technicality and justification of the discontinuation decision for the Demien Foundation as SR in the next Grant Cycle by the PR BRAC. Committee members are following*
 - 1) *Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee*
 - 2) *Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Vice Chair -BCCM and former BCCM OC Chair*
 - 3) *Prof. Dr. Ahmedul Kabir, ADG (Planning & Development) DGHS*
 - 4) *Mr.Mamunur Rashid, Joint Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW*
 - 5) *Prof. Dr. M A Faiz, Former DG Health,*
 - 6) *Dr. Mostafizur Rahman Sarker Line Director – TBL and ASP, DGHS*
 - 7) *Dr. Shakil Ahmed, Former Director MBDC and Child TB Expert,*
 - 8) *Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud, TB Expert, and*
 - 9) *Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator.*
- *also requested to review the program and find causes for low case detection, if true.*

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 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee:*

- *endorsed meeting minutes and decisions of the 47th and 48th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting;*
- *decided to direct NTP, NASP and NMEP to conduct a performance evaluation of their Global Fund's funded employees, and based on the performance evaluation NTP, NMEP*

and NASP should decide continuation or discontinuation of the GF Funded employees in next grants (GC7); It is to be done by November 2023, so that NTP NMEP and NASP can issue the one month notice for employees who are not performing well based on the performance evaluation;

- a Zoom meeting will be conducted on the 2nd of October 2023 to make policy decisions about NTP, NMEP and NASP recruitment-related issues to expedite the recruitment process within the committed timeline;*
- acknowledged the Malaria and TB grantmaking activities according to the plan of BCCM and that the approval committee has approved all the documents;*
- acknowledged that the co-financing commitment letter, signed by the Hon'ble Minister had sent to the GF Secretariat;*
- TB Preventive Therapy (TPT) coverage would be increased utilizing the additional amount of funds from PAAR of NTP Grants as required in GC7;*
- acknowledged that the legal grants agreement/confirmation between the BCCM and the GF Secretariat would be completed during October 2023, and the GC7 Grants program-related activities of Government and Non-Government PRs for TB and Malaria could run smoothly from 01st January 2024;*
- decided to review the procurement progress of the GF Grants by NTP, NMEP and NASP to remove the procurement bottlenecks and smooth releasing from the port ensuring CD-VAT from the Government allocation for the Government PRs and formed of Procurement Review Taskforce Team composed of the following members:*
 - Mr. Mamunur Rashid, Joint Secretary (WH Branch), HSD, MOHFW*
 - Dr. S.M Abu Zahid, Acting Director MTaPs, MSH (ML/BL Constituency)*
 - Mr. Milon Kanti Datta, Presidium Member, BHBCOP (CSO Constituency)*
 - Mr. Mossaddek Mehedi Imam, Senior Assistant Secretary, WH2, HSD, MOHFW*
 - Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator*
 - One more representative from the BCCM Secretariat*
- acknowledged that the Grant negotiation Meeting for HIV Grants for the period of 2024-2026 grant cycle took place during 18-25 September 2023 at Dhaka, and recommendations and agreed action points were finalized;*
- acknowledged the update of the BCCM Reconstitution including CSO (NGO, KAP, PLWD, FBO & Academia Constituencies) Pre & Post CCM Meeting Orientation by the BCCM Secretariat;*
- endorsed the visit report at Nilphamari and Thakurgaon Districts (Rangpur Division), led by Respected Senior Secretary Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain Howlader, HSD, MOH&FW, and Vice-Chair, BCCM;*
- decided that PRs would update the implementations of visit recommendations in next Oversight Meeting;*
- decided that the performance assessment committee meeting will be held within the next week so that it can be completed by 31st October 2023*
- decided to discuss about the BCCM Secretariat HR Policy further during the BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment;*
- decided to have separate meetings with PR-BRAC and Damien Foundation to discuss the issue of the letter from the Damien Foundation, Belgium Headquarters about the discontinuation of Damien Foundation as SR of the TB program in the upcoming grant cycle;*



- also decided to form an Expert Committee to analyse the technicality and justification of the discontinuation decision for the Demien Foundation as SR in the next Grant Cycle by the PR BRAC. Committee members are following
 - 1) Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW and Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee,
 - 2) Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Vice Chair -BCCM and former BCCM OC Chair
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 - 8) Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud, TB Expert, and
 - 9) Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator.
- also requested to review the program and find causes for low case detection, if true.



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



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BCCM Oversight Meeting Decisions and Implementation Status

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1 October 2023

Update on 47th BCCM Oversight Meeting Decisions and Implementation Status

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

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

- *endorsed decisions of the 46th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting;*
- *decided that upon receiving the Global Fund approval, the 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.*

Implementation Status: *Signed meeting minutes circulated among the members, alternate members, PRs, GF, and stakeholders for their actions. PRs also requested to implement related decisions.*

Agenda Item # 2: Update on HIV Funding Request Submission

Decisions: *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 program 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.*

Implementation Status:

- *The storage facility, as a temporary basis as a warehouse or renting a space in an area that is easily accessible and affordable, is still under discussion*

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

Decisions: *The 47th meeting of the 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 programs;*
- *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 the 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.*

Implementation Status: *A focused Oversight Visit in Bandarban was conducted to identify best practices and areas that need improvement for TB and Malaria.*

Agenda Item - 4: Performance Letter for Progress Update

Decisions: *The 47th Meeting of BCCM Oversight Committee*

- *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.*

Implementation status: *PRs are following the Grant Requirements and Management Actions suggested by the Global Fund.*

Agenda Item - 5: BCCM Reconstitution Update

Decisions: *The 47th Meeting of BCCM*

- 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.

Implementation status: The election for the Vice Chair from Civil Society took place at the 118th BCCM Meeting (31 July 2023) and Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, National Commissioner of the Bangladesh Girl Guides Association was elected as the Vice Chair from Civil Society.

Agenda Item - 6: BCCM Secretariat Budget update

Decision(s): *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*

Implementation Status:

- All the decision points are performed accordingly.

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

Decisions: *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;*
- the BCCM Secretariat would communicate with USAID as decided by the BCCM Oversight Committee in this meeting for this issue.*

Implementation Status: *The extension of the Program Officer was approved and he is working as per his TOR.*

Update on 48th BCCM Oversight Meeting Decisions and Implementation Status

Agenda Item (summary): close out Mr. Rob's work on BCCM reconstitution

Decisions: *The 48th BCCM Oversight Committee:*

- *acknowledged Mr. Rob Ward's work on the CCM Evolution process.*
- *acknowledged Mr. Rob Ward's work plan and the TA objectives. and deliverables*
- *will consider Mr. Rob Ward's request regarding the oversight plan, dashboard options, risk matrix, stakeholder map, and field visit brief;*
- *that a National Consultant would be deployed, in addition to the International Consultant(s), in CCM Oversight Dashboard development.*
- *acknowledged Mr. Rob Ward's recommendations and observations regarding the Oversight Committee.*

Implementation Status: Ongoing.

Thanks

Annex-2



GRANT MAKING UPDATE– TB

49 BCCM Oversight Committee Meeting

Venue: Conference Room, MOHFW
Date: 01 October, 2023

National TB Control Programme (NTP)
Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)



Grant Making Update –Submission 20 March 2023

- Grant proposal was submitted to the Global Fund on 20 March 2023 after the endorsement of the 117 BCCM on 2 March.
- It was Submitted to the GF as following allocation distribution:
- Total amount of the grant proposal for allocation **125.8 Million USD (including 5 M matching fund)**
 - Allocation divided among PRs- NTP: 70.07 M, BRAC: 55.73 M
 - PAAR – 94.2 Million
- TRP approved the grant proposal with the following comments:
 - Transfer SLD from PAAR to the main allocation
 - Transfer TPT from PAAR to the main allocation
 - Increase allocation for HIV test kits, CRG, Child TB, etc. CRG, Child TB, etc.

Grant Making Update- Performance Indicator Revised

In the Grant review meeting in Geneva on 17-21 July: GF recommended to revise a few indicators

- The number of TB Patients Notification Target **increased** from **959,404** to **976,360**
- The number of people who will receive TB Preventive Therapy **decreased** from **648,364** to **556,115** due to scarcity of the fund
- The number of MDR-TB enrolled for treatment **increased** from **7,566** to **7,946**
- Number of TB patients diagnosed with Rapid Molecular Test (GeneXpert and Truenat) Coverage **increased** from **608,232** to **667,699**

Grant Making Update – Revised Submission

- **According to the grant negotiation meeting and efficiency exercise, the revised submission on 30 August 2023 as followings:**
- **Total amount of the grant proposal for allocation 125.8 Million USD (including 5 M matching fund)**
- **Allocation divided among PRs-**
 - **NTP: 66.01 M,**
 - **BRAC: 59.79 M (Including 5 M matching fund).**
 - **PAAR – 58.4 Million**

NTP FR Budget (Module Wise)

Module	Activities	Budget	%
Program management	HR, Capacity Development, Monitoring & Supervision, Meeting, Office Expenses	4,130,118.04	6.26%
RSSH/PP: Laboratory systems (including national and peripheral)	HR, Capacity Development, Meeting, Catridge, Reagents,	194,525.46	0.29%
TB diagnosis, treatment and care	Drugs, Referral Labs, Training	10,021,635.86	15.18%
RSSH: Monitoring and evaluation systems	Screening, Training, Meeting	1,485,096.45	2.25%
Drug-resistant (DR)-TB diagnosis, treatment and care	Cartridge , Reagents, Supervision, Surveillance of TB, HIV & Malaria; Internet Connectivity	38,974,487.88	59.04%
TB/HIV	Training & meeting	375,774.23	0.57%
Key and vulnerable populations (KVP) – TB/DR-TB	Lab Consumables & PSC costs	4,436,284.66	6.72%
TB/DR-TB Prevention	PSM meeting & training	5,997,445.21	9.09%
RSSH: Health products management systems	Warranty for Xpert & TrueNAT	175,415.55	0.27%
RSSH: Health financing systems	PFM Training	138,406.11	0.21%
Collaboration with other providers and sectors	DGDA & ICDDRM	81,550.09	0.12%
Total		66,010,739.55	

PAAR Request


Row Labels	Difference
Drug-resistant (DR)-TB diagnosis, treatment and care	2,302,385.17
DR-TB diagnosis/drug susceptibility testing (DST)	1,992.47
DR-TB treatment, care and support	2,300,392.70
RSSH/PP: Laboratory systems (including national and peripheral)	300,000.00
RSSH/PP: Biosafety and biosecurity, infrastructure and equipment	300,000.00
TB diagnosis, treatment and care	47,140,792.17
TB screening and diagnosis	47,140,792.17
TB/DR-TB Prevention	4,630,744.16
Infection prevention and control (IPC)	1,398,514.25
Preventive treatment	3,232,229.91
TB/HIV	53,923.19
TB/HIV - Screening, testing and diagnosis	53,923.19
Grand Total	54,427,844.70

Programmatic Gap Table

	Allocation and Gap	Number of people in contact with TB patients who began preventive therapy			Number of bacteriologically confirmed RR-TB and/or MDR-TB cases registered and enrolled		
		2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
Previous Submission	FR Allocation	168,782	213,608	265,974	1,256	1,574	1,285
	Remaining Gap	527,126	498,123	370,495	3,034	2,663	2,929
New Submission	FR Allocation	114,710	124,812	137,293	2,066	2,437	2,658
	Remaining Gap	581,198	591,154	506,129	2,164	1,738	2,455

Thank you!





Update on HIV Grant Making

PR: AIDS/ STD Programme
Save the Children
Icddr,b

Date: 1 October 2023
49th Oversight Committee Meeting

Grant Proposal Status

- Grant proposal was submitted to the Global Fund 14 June after approval of the BCCM
- Total amount of the grant proposal 27.3 Million USD (including 2 M matching fund)
 - Allocation divided among PRs- ASP: 4.37 M (16%), SCI: 12.20 M (44.5%), icddr,b: 10.81 M (39.5%)
 - PAAR – 7.8 Million
- TRP approved the grant proposal on 4 August 2023 with two comments
 - Prepare and finalize a sustainability plan
 - Allocate fund for HIV response for FDMN based on the Mapping Exercise conducted by NIPSOM in current grant



Grant Making Meeting 18-25 September 2023 at Dhaka

Participating organizations/ representatives

- Health Services Division, MoHFW (Addl. Secretary, DS, etc)
- Higher Officials of DGHS (ADG (P/D), Directors/ representatives (Admin, MIS, CMSD)
- Economic Relation Division, MoF (Joint Secretary, DS- UN Wing)
- The Global fund Country Team lead by Gyongyver Jakab, Sr. Fund portfolio Manager
- BCCM and Oversight Committee members
- UN Technical Partners
- Other Directorates/ Department (Prison, Narcotics, etc)
- Community Based Organization / Networks
- Principal Recipients (ASP, Save the Children, icddr,b)



Discussion, Recommendations & Agreed Action point

SL	M & E	Responsible PRS
01	Data systems - Develop comprehensive HIV prevention database, including Unique Identity Code (UIC) KPs	ASP
02	Strategic information - Conduct data audit regarding Lost to Follow Up (LTFU) PLHIV	ASP
03	Strategic information - Finalize investment case and synchronize effort with development of sustainability plan	ASP



Discussion, Recommendations & Agreed Action point

SL	Programme	Responsible PRS
01	Prevention - Develop national Standard Operational Guideline (SOP) on virtual outreach, building on ICDDBR SOP	All PRs
02	Prevention – Assess service integration to public health facilities – access and quality Work Plan Tracking Measure (WPTM) on evaluation of effectiveness of different models	TBD
03	Testing - HTS guideline to be updated to incorporate Viral Load testing; Viral Load External Quality Assurance (EQA) to be completed; WPTM for guidelines for EQA system	ASP
04	Prevention – Assess programmatic and Value for Money (VfM) aspects of mobile van operations	SCI
05	Prevention – Revisit BCC/IEC strategy and develop common approach among all PRs	All PRs
06	Prison - Pause syphilis testing in prison until validation of HIV-syphilis Duotest kits is complete.	ASP



Discussion, Recommendations & Agreed Action point

SL	Human rights	Responsible PRS
01	Strategic planning – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Human rights strategy and action plan, law enforcement engagement strategy, advocacy strategy (WPTM) • Revisit high-level Human Rights (HR) budget lines and reprogram in line with the strategy. Revisit stakeholder engagement strategy, media strategy and training approaches based on outcome 	All PRs
02	Engagement of law enforcement – Work with UNODC to revise police training curriculum to include other KPs, Gender Based Violence, and develop plan for training roll-out	ASP
03	Legal and policy review – Re-review policy and legal reforms already initiated and re-strategise approval submission	UNAIDS
04	Community-led Monitoring- Articulation of joint Community Lead Monitoring (CLM) approach and activities in human rights strategy and action plan	All PRs



Discussion, Recommendations & Agreed Action point

SL	Procurement supply chain management(PSM)	Responsible PRS
01	Pooled procurement - SCI and icddr,b to sign an MoU after getting VAT exemption by the NBR on pooled procurement arrangements and following organizational compliance and procedures from year 2&3. A transition plan will be developed to ensure smooth procurement and supply chain management. GF also underscores the importance of capacity building of national program, ASP to take over the responsibility of all procurements after certain time, as decided earlier. icddr,b will procure lubricants and Hep C drugs for ASP as well, so the MoU will be signed between icddr,b, SCI and ASP. Tax exemption from NBR for pool procurement needs to be addressed jointly by all PRs.	All PRs
02	Health Product Mgt (HPM) planning for grants - ASP to share procurement plan with the GF (5 th OP-draft plan) A joint HPM plan for the grant needs to be prepared and submitted to GF by 31Oct 2023	ASP
03	Customs clearance – Jointly review ASP procurement plan (OP and GF funded) with CMSD to ensure sufficient CD clearance funds calculated and planned, and processes and documents are appropriate	ASP



Discussion, Recommendations & Agreed Action point

SL	Finance	Responsible PRS
01	PRs to provide clarifications on outstanding issues of budget adjustments e.g., supporting documents for non-standard COLA, policy clarifications, etc.	All PRs
03	TORs for new positions to be submitted	All PRs
04	PRs to provide rationalization of peer educator ratio with KP population served and to bring uniformity across the programs	All PRs



Next Course of Actions

4 October

PRs will have to adjusted recommendations and agreed decision and submit all the grant documents to the Global Fund

- 2023

13 October

The Global Fund will back to the PRs with their final comments

- 2023

26 October

Final grant documents have to submit to the Global Fund for upcoming Grant Approval Committee Meeting (GAC) to be held on 2 November 2023

- 2023



THANK YOU

BCCM Secretariat

Budget 2024

Tentative Cost and Source of Finance

Summary of Costed Work-plan

Budget Item	Funding Source					Total Estimated Budget (USD)
	GF CCM Hub	GF C19RM	GF CCM Evolution	HSD/GoB	UNAIDS	
Cost - 2024	\$ 1,36,252	\$ 20,929	\$ 27,654	\$ 53,660	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,44,495
Funding status	Yearly allocation for 2024 = 1,20,000 + Savings of 2023	New allocation to continue Coordination Officer	Only Salary and other benefits	Expected as Co-financing. Request sent to HSD.	Expected funding from UNAIDS for KAP engagement	

Human Resource related Cost

Sl.No.	Budget Item	Funding Source			Total Estimated Budget (USD)
		Global Fund	HSD/GoB	UNAIDS	
1	Salary of BCCM Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator	CCM - 77,944			\$ 74,173
2	Oversight Officer	Evolution -24,150			\$ 23,699
3	Coordination Officer	C19RM – 17,425			\$ 17,099
4	Account and Admin Staff		10,490		\$ 10,490
5	Recruitment of Account and Admin Staff		3,584		\$ 3,584

Office related cost

Sl.No.	Budget Item	Funding Source			Total Estimated Budget (USD)
		Global Fund	HSD/GoB	UNAIDS	
6	BCCM Secretariat Administrative Cost	CCM – 6,552			\$ 6,552
7	Computer accessories and other equipment	CCM – 6,600			\$ 6,600
8	Furniture and equipment for BCCM Secretariat	CCM – 4,500	\$ 1,127		\$ 5,627
9	Refurbishment of BCCM Secretariat Office rooms	CCM - 2,500	\$ 3,381		\$ 5,881

BCCM and Oversight Related Cost

Sl.No.	Budget Item	Funding Source			Total Estimated Budget (USD)
		Global Fund	HSD/GoB	UNAIDS	
10	BCCM Meeting	CCM-9,568			\$ 9,568
11	BCCM Executive Committee meeting	CCM-910			\$ 910
12	Oversight Committee meeting	CCM-5,008			\$ 5,008
13	Oversight visit	CCM-15,183			\$ 15,183
14	Exposure visit to Countries completed transition		23,101		\$ 23,101

BCCM and Oversight Related Other Meeting Cost

Sl.No.	Budget Item	Funding Source			Total Estimated Budget (USD)
		Global Fund	HSD/GoB	UNAIDS	
15	BCCM Ethics Committee meeting (Four Meeting planned)	CCM-1,736			\$ 1,736
16	Performance Assessment Meeting	CCM-782			\$ 782
17	Constituency Consultation Meeting (Eight meeting planned)	CCM-3,504 C19RM-3,504 Evolution-3,504		6,000	\$ 16,512
18	Inter-ministerial meeting		1,487		\$ 1,487
19	Procurement Committee Meeting (5 meetings planned)	CCM-1,465			\$ 1,465

Thank you