

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

BCCM Secretariat

Subject: Meeting Minutes of the 50th BCCM Oversight Committee Meeting

Date (DD/MM/YY)	22/11/2023		
Venue of the meeting	Conference Room, MOHFW, Bangladesh Secretariat		
Meeting started	12.00 pm		
Meeting adjourned	1:30 pm		
	Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman		
Meeting Chaired By	Additional Secretary (WH), HSD, MOHFW and		
	Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee		
Meeting Steered by Manaj Kumar Biswas			
Meeting Steered by	BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat		
Total number of participants	31		
	• OC Member(s): 14		
Meeting attendance	 Principal Recipients (PRs): 12 		
2007	 BCCM Secretariat Staff: 05 		
Attendance list	Yes		
Others supporting document	Yes		

Meeting Agenda:

Agenda No	Title of Agenda		
Part – 1			
Agenda Item: 1	Approval of 49 th Oversight Committee Meeting		
The Control of the Co	a) Update on HIV Grantmaking (including PAAR) for the period of 2024-2026		
	b) Update TB and Malaria GC7 Grant Readiness including Plan for PAAR		
Agenda Item: 2	c) Update on the outcome of the C19RM Re-investment funding request		
	d) Update on Central Warehouse Renting (for the interim period) and establish Permanent Warehouse		
	e) Update on the newly formed Technical Committee for TB, Malaria and TWG HIV		
Agenda Item: 3	TB, Malaria and HIV Grant Confirmation (Agreement for GC7 Grant)		
	Part – 2		
Agenda Item: 4	BCCM Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) 2023		
Agenda Item: 5	Endorsement of Yearly Workplan of BCCM and Grant Oversight Plan 2024		
Agenda Item: 6	AOB (Observation of last oversight visit at Panchagarh)		

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.

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Conflict of Interest: No Conflict of Interest has been reported

DISCUSSION(S) AND DECISION(S):

Agenda Item # 1: Approval of 49th Oversight Committee Meeting

The Chairperson: The Chairperson of the meeting guided the BCCM Secretariat to give an update on the implementation status of the 49th BCCM OC meeting decisions.

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat briefly presented updates on the 49th BCCM OC meeting agenda items and the implementation status (Annex1).

Since no comments were made, the Chairperson proposed to endorse the 49th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting minutes.

<u>Decision:</u> The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee endorsed meeting minutes and decisions of the 49th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting.

Agenda Item # 2:

2 (a) Update on HIV Grantmaking (including PAAR) for the period of 2024-2026

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed in the meeting, that grant making of HIV had been completed he requested HIV line director to give elaborate presentation on Grant making of HIV.

PR representative (ASP): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP, informed the meeting that the Grant Approval Committee (GAC) approved the HIV grant on 9 November 2023, and the grant confirmation letter was received on 22 November 2023. In his presentation, he informed the meeting about the final agreed amount after Grant Making, indicating that out of USD 27.39 million, the AIDS/STD Program, DGHS has received USD 4.98 million, Save the Children received 10.89 million and icddr,b has received 11.50 million respectively (Annex-2). Regarding the PAAR Activities of GC7, the HIV Grant was awarded USD 7,580,000 out of the proposed USD 7,880,000. He emphasized that the Survey (i.e., IBBS) has been redirected to ASP, while other activities will be implemented by Save the Children and icddr,b. Moreover, assessment/ study/ human rights-related activities had been increased to ASP grant. Then he gave an update on the C19RM Re-Investment and updated the meeting that while the PR- ASP awarded for C19RM reinvestment amount of USD 93,666, as part of this reinvestment decision, C19RM funding remaining under the PR — Save the Children and PR — icddr,b grants as of 31 December 2023 will be transferred to the NTP grant. Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker pointed out a key change in the agreement, where the Global Fund (GF) had pooled procurement through icddr,b for Year 1,

<u>Vice-Chair</u>: Prof. Dr. Ahmedul Kabir, ADG (Planning & Development), DGHS pointed out the decision of the pooled procurement through icddr,b, and opined that this decision needs to be reconsidered since the Government of Bangladesh would not receive Customs Duty (CD) and VAT for the health products in this process. He also indicated that it is not a sustainable approach, and ASP needs to procure all the products since it is a government entity.

PR representative (TB - L & ASP): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP informed the Vice-Chair that this decision was made to avoid delays in receiving the health products and equipment. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Senior Program Manager, ASP added that some health products are already being purchased by ASP. This pooled procurement was proposed by the GF. Nonetheless, for Year 1, each PR will procure on its own. In the meantime, the PRs will be involved in discussions



with the National Board of Revenue (NBR). If NBR does not allow for pulled procurement, as suggested by the Vice-Chair, ASP will gradually take up the responsibility of procurement.

<u>Disease Specialist –TB:</u> Prof. Dr. Shakil Ahmed suggested that ASP should prepare a plan for procurement as mentioned above and share with the Oversight Committee.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson acknowledged the update of the HIV Grantmaking (including PAAR) for the period of 2024-2026 and directed that the PRs may continue procuring as planned. The Chairperson also directed icddr,b to explore the possibility of pulled procurement for the 3 PRs with the National Board of Revenue (NBR) for Year 1 and report back to the CCM

Decision: The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee

- acknowledged the update of the HIV Grantmaking (including PAAR) for the period of 2024-2026,
- directed that the 3 HIV PRs may continue procuring separately as planned in year 1,
- directed icddr,b to explore the possibility of pooled procurement for the 3 PRs with the National Board of Revenue (NBR), and report back to the CCM,

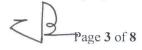
2 (b) Update TB and Malaria GC7 Grant Readiness including Plan for PAAR

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed in the meeting, that grant signing documents of TB and Malaria GC7 had been received, after the approval of GAC. This agreement signing is in progress. he requested the line director of TB and Malaria to give elaborate presentation on Grant Readiness including Plan for PAAR.

PR (NTP): Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP updated the meeting on GC7 Grant Readiness including Plan for PAAR. He updated the meeting that RFQ for External Professional Organization (External Audit will be conducted in next 3-4 months), Framework Agreement by March 2024. He also updated the meeting that DSMOs TOR integrated, orientation given, and the office order yet to be circulated by DG, DGHS. Development of the workplan for Year 1 is ongoing and will be finalized by 10th December. Agreement with the SR – icddr,b is in process. NTP sent a request letter to BRAC for the Central Warehouse Rental arrangement (Annex-3).

PR representative (BRAC): Dr. Akramul Islam, Senior Director, BRAC updated the meeting about the GC7 Grant Readiness of the TB Grant. He started with the preparation of the Diagnostic Facilities and mentioned that 140 GeneXpert sites lists have been received from NTP (94 under the regular budget and 46 under C19 RM). He updated the meeting about the status of the sites till 08 November 2023 (Annex-4). He informed that the renovation of 112 TrueNat sites is expected to be completed by December 2023. Dr. Islam updated the meeting that the recruitment process for GC7 (TB) is ongoing, and will be completed by 24 November 2023. BRAC plans to onboard all HR positions for GC7 from 1 January 2024. He also informed that after getting the implementation site list for 49 portable X-ray machines (procured by NTP), BRAC will provide 49 Radio Technicians to operate these machines at below upazilla level Dr. Islam also informed the meeting that BRAC has already finalized the TB SR consolidation/Transition plan (GC7) with the Global Fund and shared with BCCM and NTP. Finalization of budget for closure plan and asset handover process are ongoing. The agreement with the TB SRs who are going to continue with BRAC in GC7 will be done after signing the grant agreement with the Global Fund.

<u>PR representative (NMEP)</u>: Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & LD, CDC, NMEP updated the meeting that Global Fund requested NMEP to sign and date the grant confirmation document and share it with Global Fund by email, latest by 15 December 2023. The GF will countersign the document if the Board approves the Grant. He also mentioned that ERD proposed



some changes in the 4th paragraph of the Schedule I – Integrated Grant Description. For the Implementation Period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026 (inclusive) allocated grant for NMEP is up to the amount of USD 9,683,062 or its equivalent in other currencies. He added that in order to satisfy the Co-Financing commitment, a total of a minimum of 11.9 million USD for malaria needs to be met from 2024-2026. He informed the meeting that DSMO's accountability arrangements, training and workplan should be agreed upon between NMEP, NTP and NASP (Annex-5).

Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & LD, CDC, NMEP informed the meeting that the Proposed Budget PAAR 2024-2026 is USD 10,862,676 (NMEP USD 6,622,368, and BRAC USD 4,240,308).

PR representative (BRAC): Dr. Akramul Islam, Senior Director, BRAC updated the meeting that the recruitment process for GC7 (Malaria) is ongoing, and will be completed by 24 November 2023. BRAC plans to onboard all HR positions for GC7 from 1 January 2024. He also updated the meeting that BRAC will continue three SRs under Malaria GC7. The agreement will be done after signing the grant agreement with the Global Fund.

Regarding the Prioritized Above Allocation Request (PAAR), Dr. Akramul Islam, Senior Director, BRAC updated the meeting that BRAC has been awarded USD 4,240,308, which was mentioned earlier by Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & LD, CDC, NMEP.

Decision: The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee

- acknowledged the Malaria and TB Grant Confirmation,
- acknowledged the GC7 Grant Readiness Plan including PAAR of the TB Grant,

2 (c): Update on the outcome of the C19RM Re-investment funding request

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM coordinator indicated that the Global Fund has assessed Bangladesh's COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) reinvestment request and Wave 2 funding in Grant Cycle 7. According to his statement, the Global Fund has approved the reinvestment of US\$ 18,600,283 of C19RM funds that were previously awarded to the country and are part of Bangladesh's overall C19RM allocation. The reinvestment covers surveillance system strengthening, laboratory and diagnostics, human resources for health and community systems, medical oxygen, respiratory care, and therapeutics, disease program mitigation, and program management.

<u>PR (NTP):</u> Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB - L & ASP updated the meeting about the C19RM Re-investment funding request for 2024-2026, (Annex-3) had been finalized which includes the continuation of the existing staff, Lab Strengthening, procuring Lab Consumables and Lab Equipment.

PR representative (NMEP): Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Director, Disease Control & LD, CDC, NMEP updated the meeting that the decision about reinvestment of C19RM fund received on 3 Nov 2023 and the total amount approved is 18.6 million USD. An implementation letter will be issued soon about terms and conditions including the extension of the end date (up to 31 Dec 2025), and NMEP has already submitted the total budget and Health product management template (HPMT) capturing the additional amount of 1,197,984 USD (Annex-5).

<u>Decision:</u> The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the outcome of the C19RM Re-investment funding request,



2 (d) Update on Central Warehouse Renting (for the interim period) and establish Permanent Warehouse

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator informed in the meeting, that renting the central drug warehouse that NTP sent a letter to BRAC requesting rental of the central warehouse as soon as possible by June 2024, he requested the line director of TB to give brief discussion on Central Warehouse Renting and establishment of Permanent Warehouse.

<u>PR (NTP):</u> Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker, Line Director, TB-L & ASP stated in the meeting that NTP wrote to BRAC demanding central storage leasing by June 2024. He mentioned that the rental of the central warehouse facilities is in progress. During this period, the Shyamoli warehouse will continue with some of the items which is not destroyable/disposable if renting a space for the Central Warehouse is not accommodative all medical and non-medical products. He also briefs that expire medicine and equipment should be destroyed by maintaining appropriate procedure.

<u>PR (BRAC):</u> The director of BRAC said that Warehouse Renting is in progress, they search an ideal place with all the standard warehouse facilities for rent and will update in next meeting.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson recommended that NTP and BRAC should transfer all the drugs and medical products as well as non-medical products to the rental warehouse by January 2024 if possible.

<u>Decision:</u> The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee

- acknowledged the update on renting the central drug warehouse that NTP sent a letter to BRAC requesting rental of the central warehouse as soon as possible by June 2024,
- recommended that NTP and BRAC should transfer all the drugs and medical products as well as non-medical products to the rental warehouse by January 2024, if possible,
- recommend that the rented warehouse must have all the standard warehouse facilities,
- recommend that Shyamoli warehouse to be continued with some of the items which is not destroyable/disposable if renting a space for the Central Warehouse is not accommodative all medical and non-medical products

2 (e) Update on the newly formed Technical Committee for TB, Malaria and HIV

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat updated the meeting about the newly formed Technical Committees for TB & Malaria and TWG HIV (Annex-6). He also explained that these committees are headed by respective Line Director and the list will be shared. As per Global fund procedure, this committees needs to be endorsed by CCM. Thus, it needs be sent the 120th CCM meeting for Endorsement.

<u>Decision:</u> The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the newly formed Technical Committees for TB, Malaria and TWG HIV.

The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee Also decided to Recommended in 120th BCCM meeting for endorsement.

Agenda Item - 3: TB, Malaria and HIV Grant Confirmation (Agreement for GC7 Grant)

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BCCM Secretariat: The BCCM Coordinator stated that the Grant Confirmation for the TB, Malaria and HIV Grants are completed (Annex – 7). He requested the HIV PRs to send Grant-making (GC7) document for signing.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson asked the HIV PRs to submit the final HIV Grant-making documents to endorse in the upcoming 120th BCCM Meeting.

Decision: The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee

- acknowledged the Grant Confirmation for the TB, Malaria and HIV Grants,
- decided to ask HIV PRs to send the Grant Confirmation (GC7) document for signing,
- decided to ask the HIV PRs to submit the final HIV Grant-making documents to endorse in the upcoming 120th BCCM Meeting,
- decided to recommend the Grant Confirmation (Agreement) Signing with the disease-wise grants for the PRs.

Agenda Item - 4: BCCM Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) 2023

BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Secretariat: BCCM Coordinator reported to the meeting that part of the Performance Assessment (IPA), the BCCM secretariat individual staff's performance, was conducted on October 17, 2023. As some of BCCM activity is yet to complete as BCCM secretariat received fund middle of the year. So, the completion of the Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) and BCCM secretariat evolution is scheduled in January 2024, in accordance with GF regulations

<u>Decision:</u> The 50th Meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the schedule of BCCM Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) i.e. January 2024.

Agenda Item - 5: Endorsement of Yearly Workplan of BCCM and Grant Oversight Plan 2024

BCCM Secretariat: Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, updated the meeting that the Yearly Workplan of BCCM and Grant Oversight Plan 2024 were shared with OC Members and different stakeholders for their comments and feedback. No comments were received, indicating that OC Members agreed with the Yearly Workplan of BCCM and Grant Oversight Plan 2024. This yearly workplan needs to be endorsed by the BCCM.

The Chairperson: The Chairperson mentioned that if there is no further comment, the Yearly Workplan of BCCM and Grant Oversight Plan 2024 can be endorsed in BCCM.

<u>Decision:</u> The 50th Meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee recommended in 120th BCCM meeting to endorse the Yearly Workplan of the BCCM and Grant Oversight Plan for 2024.

Agenda Item - 6: AOB – Observation of last oversight visit at Panchagarh

HSD, MOHFW: Md. Mamunur Rashid, Joint Secretary (WH Branch), HSD, MOHFW, referring to the Oversight Visit in Panchagar District, mentioned that visiting a TB patient made a difference. It shows the Government is committed to the program and its beneficiaries. Also, this visit to the patient is likely to have an impact on the community as well. He proposed that a Zoom meeting with the Civil Surgeons, UHFPOs and the BCCM Coordinator can be arranged, where he will preside over these meetings.

<u>The Chairperson</u>: The Chairperson mentioned that there should be a record after the TB patient is cured. He suggested that the TB patient, who had been cured needs documentation, and the last one year's data on the TB patients, who had been cured, can be presented as a sample in the next OC Meeting.

<u>Disease Specialist – TB:</u> Prof. Dr. Shakil Ahmed suggested that a qualitative assessment of TB program needs to be conducted.

<u>Vice-Chair</u>: Prof. Dr. Ahmedul Kabir, ADG (Planning & Development), DGHS pointed out that a fixed target is set for the DOTS centers, which needs to be revisited. For this reason, he pointed out that conducting a National TB Surveillance is crucial. He also highlighted the involvement of the Civil Surgeons in the TB program, which is pivotal to the transition readiness.

<u>Disease Specialist – Malaria:</u> Prof. Dr. Amir Hossain informed the meeting that Bangladesh is on the brink of Malaria elimination. Therefore, as directed by the Chairperson, a holistic effort, involving different stakeholders is a must.

Decision: The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee:

- recommended the BCCM secretariat to incorporate above mentioned issues in Visit report.
- also recommended to take necessary action, by implementing PRs, on the basis of aforementioned observation (Without waiting for the oversight visit report)

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 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee:

- endorsed meeting minutes and decisions of the 49th BCCM Oversight Committee meeting
- acknowledged the update of the HIV Grantmaking (including PAAR) for the period of 2024-2026.
- directed that the 3 HIV PRs may continue procuring separately as planned in year 1,
- directed icddr,b to explore the possibility of pooled procurement for the 3 PRs with the National Board of Revenue (NBR), and report back to the CCM,
- acknowledged the Malaria and TB Grant Confirmation,
- acknowledged the GC7 Grant Readiness Plan including PAAR of the TB Grant,
- acknowledged the outcome of the C19RM Re-investment funding request,
- acknowledged the update on renting the central drug warehouse that NTP sent a letter to BRAC requesting rental of the central warehouse as soon as possible by June 2024,
- recommended that NTP and BRAC should transfer all the drugs and medical products as well as non-medical products to the rental warehouse by January 2024, if possible,
- recommend that the rented warehouse must have all the standard warehouse facilities,
- recommend that Shyamoli warehouse to be continued with some of the items which is not destroyable/disposable if renting a space for the Central Warehouse is not accommodative all medical and non-medical products
- the BCCM Oversight Committee acknowledged the newly formed Technical Committees for TB, Malaria and TWG HIV.
- The 50th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee Also decided to Recommended in 120th BCCM meeting for endorsement.
- decided to ask HIV PRs to send the Grant Confirmation (GC7) document for signing,

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- decided to ask the HIV PRs to submit the final HIV Grant-making documents to endorse in the upcoming 120th BCCM Meeting,
- decided to recommend the Grant Confirmation (Agreement) Signing with the disease-wise grants for the PRs
- recommended in 120th BCCM meeting to endorse the Yearly Workplan of the BCCM and Grant Oversight Plan for 2024
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- recommended the BCCM secretariat to incorporate above mentioned issues in Visit report.
- also recommended to take necessary action, by implementing PRs, on the basis of aforementioned observation (Without waiting for the oversight visit report)

Md. Saidur Rahman

Additional Secretary (WH)
Health Services Division,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
and

Chair, BCCM Oversight Committee







Bangladesh Country Coordinating Mechanism (BCCM)
Health Services Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW)

The 49th BCCM Oversight Meeting Decisions and Implementation Status

Manaj Kumar Biswas

Bangladesh CCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat 22nd May 2023

Agenda Item # 1: Approval of 47th and 48th BCCM OC meeting minutes

Decision: The minutes of the 49th Oversight Committee (OC) Meeting confirmed and approved the minutes of the 47th and 48th meetings of the BCCM.

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 # 1: Approval of 47th and 48th BCCM OC meeting minutes

Decision: Directed 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 on continuation or discontinuation of the GF Funded employees in the next grants (GC7).

Implementation Status: NTP NMEP and NASP notified the GF-supported employees that the contract will end in December 2023.

Performance Evaluation of the Global Fund's funded employees is ongoing.

Agenda Item # 2: Update on TB and Malaria Grantmaking

Decisions: Decided to review the procurement progress of the GF Grants by NTP, NMEP and NASP to remove the procurement bottlenecks and smooth release 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.

Implementation Status: Yet to be reviewed by the Procurement Review Taskforce Team.

Agenda Item # 3: Update on HIV Grant Negotiation

Decisions: 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.

Implementation Status: *Grant Approval Committee (GAC) approved the grant on 9 November 2023.*

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

Decisions: 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.

Implementation status: Pre-CCM Meeting Orientation was conducted for the (NGO, KAP, PLWD, FBO & and Academia Constituencies) by the BCCM Secretariat on 16 November 2023.

Agenda Item # 5: Endorsement of Visit Report

Decisions: The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee

- endorsed the visit report at Nilphamari and Thakurgaon Districts (Rangpur Division)
- decided that PRs would update the implementations of visit recommendations in the next Oversight Meeting

Implementation status: The BCCM Secretariat followed up on the recommendations of the Oversite Site Visit in Nilphamari and Thakurgaon Districts (Rangpur Division), and the recommendations of the OC visit are being followed.

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

Decision(s): The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee decided to send the Costed Workplan (budget) 2024 of the BCCM Secretariat to the 119th BCCM Meeting for approval.

Implementation Status:

The Costed Workplan (budget) 2024 for the BCCM Secretariat was approved in the 119th BCCM Meeting.

Agenda Item # 7: BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment

Decisions: The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee decided to conduct the BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment by October 2023 by the Performance Evaluation Committee composed of

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

Implementation Status: The Performance Evaluation Committee conducted an assessment of the BCCM Secretariat and Staff Performance on 17 October 2023.

Agenda Item # 8: BCCM Secretariat HR Policy

Decisions: The 49th meeting of the BCCM Oversight Committee decided to discuss about the BCCM Secretariat HR Policy further during the BCCM Secretariat Performance Assessment.

Implementation Status: Ongoing (discussion took place on 17 October 2023).

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

Decisions: 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. The committee members are the 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.

Implementation Status: Two meetings took place with the Damien Foundation and BRAC on 13 November 2023 and 15 November 2023, respectively.

Annex 2



Update on HIV Grant Making

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

Date: 22 November 2023

50th Oversight Committee Meeting

Grant Making 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 DFMN based on the Mapping Exercise by NIPSOM in current grant



Final Agreed Amount after Grant Making

(18-25 September 2023 at Dhaka)

Name of the PR	Amount in USD (In Million)	%
AIDS/ STD Programme, DGHS	4.98	18.21
Save the Children	10.89	39.79
Icddr,b	11.50	42
Total	27.39	100

Major Reason's for changing among PRs

- MSM/ MSW/ TG coverage increased
- Pool Procurement through icddr,b
- Assessment/ study/ human rights related activities increased to ASP grant

Grant Approval Committee (GAC) approved the grant on 9 November, 2023



PAAR Activities of GC7 (HIV Grant)

Total Proposal	Approved	Items removed	Remarks
USD 7,880,000	USD 7,580,000	USD 300,000	1 proposal was merged among PRs

Module	Intervention	USD	Comments
RSSH: M&E systems	Surveys (IBBS)	500,000	Redirected ASP grant
Prevention package for FSW, their	Condom and lubricant		
clients and other sexual partners	programing for sex workers	1,500,000	SCI
Prevention package for PUD and	OST and other medically		
their sexual partners	assisted drug treatment	800,000	SCI
RSSH: M&E systems	Surveys (Assessment)	500,000	SCI
Prevention package for MSM and	Condom and lubricant		
their sexual partners	programing for MSM	1,500,000	Icddr,b
Prevention package for MSM and			
their sexual partners	PrEP programing for MSM	800,000	Icddr,b
RSSH: M&E systems	Operational Research	280,000	Icddr,b

স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর, স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়

PAAR Activities of GC7 (HIV Grant)

Module	Intervention	USD	Comments
RSSH: Monitoring and evaluation			
systems	Operational Research	280,000	Icddr,b
	Sexual and reproductive		
Prevention package for men who	health services, including		
have sex with men (MSM) and their	STIs, hepatitis, post-		
sexual partners	violence care for MSM	850,000	Icddr,b
	Analyses, evaluations,		
RSSH: Monitoring and evaluation	reviews and data use		
systems	(Assessment)	50,000	Icddr,b
Prevention package for men who	Removing human rights-		
have sex with men (MSM) and their	related barriers to prevention		
sexual partners	for MSM	200,000	Icddr,b
RSSH: Monitoring and evaluation	Analyses, evaluations,		
systems	reviews and data use	500,000	Icddr,b
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systems	reviews and data use	100,000	Icddr,b
Total (USD)		7,580,000	

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Update on C19RM Re Investment

• PR- ASP awarded for C19RM re investment amount of USD 93,666

• As part of this reinvestment decision, C19RM funding remaining under the BGD-H-ICDDRB and BGD-H-SC grants at 31 December 2023 will be transferred to the BGD-NTP grant.







Progress on TB Programme

50th BCCM Oversight Committee Meeting

Venue: Conference Room, MOHFW

Date: 22 November 2023



National Tuberculosis Control Programme
Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)
Bangladesh



Progress of Key Indicators

Indicators	Achievement 2021	Achievement 2022	Achievement 2023 (Jan-Sep)
1. Number of notified cases of all forms of TB	105%	88%	99.36%
2. Treatment success rate- all forms	105%	105%	105%
3. MDR TB-Number of TB cases with RR-TB and/or MDR-TB Notified	79%	61%	92.33%
4. TB/HIV - Percentage of registered new and relapse TB patients with documented HIV status.	20%	65%	95.65%



Progress of Key Indicators (Cont.)

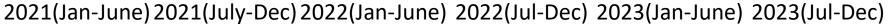
Indicators	Achievement 2021	Achievement 2022	Achievement 2023 (Jan-Sep)
5. Number of TB cases notified among prisoners	68%	57%	52.65%
6. Number of people in contact with TB patients who began TB Preventive Therapy	35%	115%	104.91%
7. TB facilities which record and submit data using the electronic information system (e-TB Manager)	136%	112%	100%



Number of Notified Cases

(Target Vs Achievement)

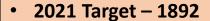






Number of Enrolled MDR Cases

(Target Vs Achievement)



2021 Achievement –1383

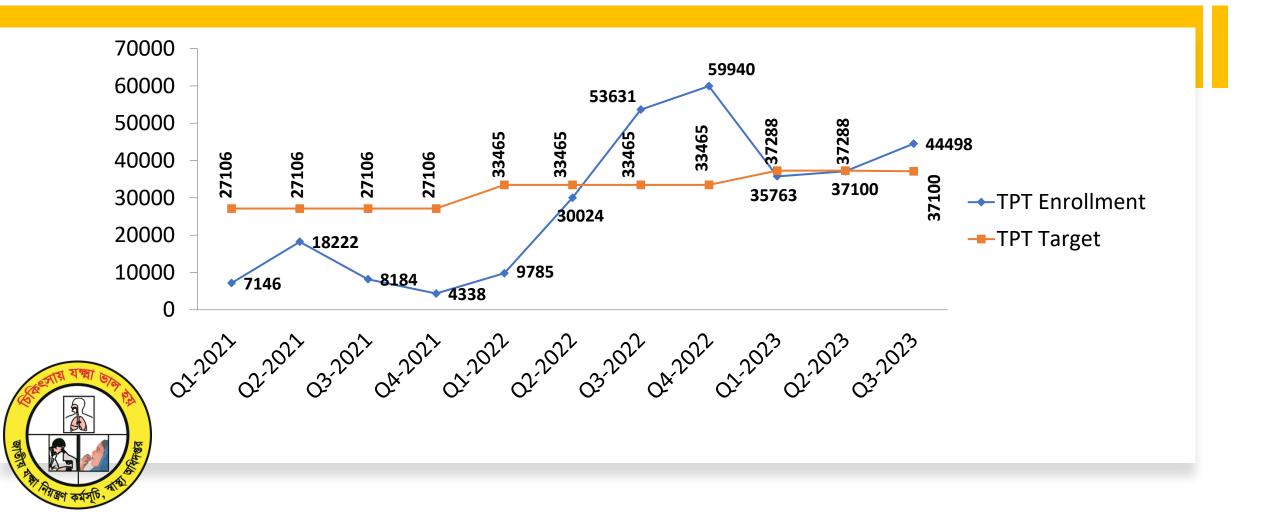
- 2022 Target 2250
- 2022 Achievement 1285

- 2023 (July Dec)Target 1299
- 2023(July Dec) Achievement 636





TPT Enrollment Vs Target (All age group)



TB - HIV

2023	# of TB Patients tested for HIV screening	# of TB Patients screened HIV positive
Q1	27, 460	07
Q2	35,380	13
Q3	24,965	20



Update TB GC7 Grant Readiness including Plan for PAAR

Module	Intervention	Activities	Amount (\$)	PAAR Plan
TB diagnosis, treatment and care	TB screening and diagnosis	GX Cartridge,	47,004,332	Procurement will do in the
		TrueNAT Chips, X-ray		year 2026 based on the
		Film etc.		availability of additional
				fund from GF or grant
				savings
TB/DR-TB Prevention	Infection prevention and control (IPC)	N95 Mask & PPE	1,864,395	Procurement will do in the
				year 2026 based on the
				availability of additional
				fund from GF or grant
				savings
	Preventive treatment	TPT Medicine, TST Kits	7,263,631	Procurement will do in the
				year 2026 based on the
				availability of additional
				fund from GF or grant
				savings

Update on the outcome of the C19RM Re-investment funding request for 2024-2025

Particulars	Amount (US\$)	Comment
Human Resources	1,852,597	Continuation of existing staff (Savings)
Training, Supervision & Monitoring	914	Meetings (Savings)
External Professional Service	1,644,998	Lab Strengthening (Savings)
Lab Consumables	16,641,929	GX Cartridge, TrueNAT Chips (3.4
		Million additional funding)
Lab Equipments	2,812,483	Aspect Software, rtPCR maintenance
		(Savings)
Total	22,952,921	

G7 Grant Implementation Readiness

- RFQ for External Professional Organization (External Audit by next 3 m-4 month)
- Framework Agreement by March 2024
- DSMOs TOR integrated, orientation given office order yet to be circulated by DG,DGHS.
- Year one workplan development is in process will be finalized by 10th December.
- SR –icddrb agreement is in process.
- NTP sent request letter to BRAC for Central Warehouse Rental arrangement.

GC7 TB-Grant Readiness

PR-BRAC

Subject	Update		
HR	 Recruitment ongoing, will be completed by 24 November 2023. Planned to onboard all HR positions for GC7 from 1 January 2024. 		
Diagnosti c facilities	 Gene Xpert sites: 140 sites' list have been received from NTP (94 under regular budget and 46 under C19 RM). Status of the sites till 08 November 2023 is as below- a. Already handed over: 70 (60 are fully ready for starting, AC and UPS installation is ongoing in 10 sites) b. Civil work completed and hand over process is ongoing: 13 c. Civil work ongoing: 57 BRAC construction department is going to hand over all the sites by the end of December 2023. TrueNat sites: Renovation of 112 TrueNat sites are expected to be completed by December 2023. Portable X-ray machines: After getting the implementation site list for 49 portable X-ray machines (procured by NTP), BRAC will provide 49 Radio Technicians (already reqruited) to operate these machines. 		

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SR Consolidation	BRAC has already finalized SR consolidation plan (GC7) with TGF and shared with BCCM and NTP. Finalization of budget for closure plan and asset handover process is ongoing.	

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GC7 TB-Grant Readiness

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Prioritized Above Allocation Request (PAAR)

Module Module Module	Budget (USD)
TB diagnosis, treatment and care	10,427,839
Drug-resistant (DR)-TB diagnosis, treatment and care	281,556
Key and vulnerable populations (KVP) – TB/DR-TB	75,189
Collaboration with other providers and sectors	2,527,084
RSSH: Community systems strengthening	9,270,747
Program Management	1,899,659
Total	24,482,074

C19RM Re-Investment Funding Request

Module	Year 4 (Amount in USD)	Year 5 (Amount in USD)	Grand Total (USD)
COVID-19	3,172,158	3,277,096	6,449,253
Program management	232,690	242,937	475,627
Total	3,404,847	3,520,033	6,924,880



Annex 5

Update on Malaria GC7 Grant Readiness including Plan for PAAR and outcome of the C19RM Re-investment funding request

Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam Director, Disease Control and Line Director, CDC, DGHS

Status of Grant Confirmation – Malaria (PR1 – NMEP)

- Grant Approvals Committee recommended Grant BGD-M-NMCP (the Grant) to the Global Fund Board for approval. The Board's decision is expected between 13-17 November 2023.
- Global Fund requested PR1 to sign and date grant confirmation document and share with Global Fund by email, latest by 15 December 2023.
- The Global Fund will only countersign the document if the Board approves the Grant
- ERD proposed some changes in the 4th paragraphs of the Schedule I - Integrated Grant Description

Grant Confirmation at a glance

- Program Title: Journey Towards Targeted Malaria Elimination in Bangladesh
- Grant Funds: Up to the amount of USD 9,683,062 or its equivalent in other currencies
- Implementation Period: From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026 (inclusive)
- Principal Recipient: Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (Attention: Director Disease Control, CDC, DGHS
- Fiscal Year: 1 January to 31 December
- Local Fund Agent: Price Waterhouse LLP, Gurgaon, India
- In order to satisfy Co-Financing commitment, a total of minimum
 11.9 million USD for malaria need to be met from 2024-2026

Concern about Malaria Grant

Funding Gap:

- ➤ ITN distribution in Khagrachari district has shifted from universal coverage to targeted village-level distribution due to financial constraints
- intensified activities in high-endemic districts are currently limited to the first two years
- ➤ GF requested all stakeholders to seek opportunities to allocate domestic resources and mobilise other sources of financing towards these key gaps.
- Global Fund will keep seeking opportunities to nominate Bangladesh for any additional available financing (from PAAR).
- DSMO's accountability arrangements, training and workplan should be agreed upon between NMEP, NTP and NASP.

Proposed Budget PAAR 2024-2026 (USD)

Module	NMEP	BRAC	Grand Total
Case Management	591,563	3,374,828	3,966,392
Program Management	176,605	552,887	729,492
RSSH or PP: Laboratory Systems including national and peripheral)	31,134		31,134
RSSH/PP: Laboratory systems (including national and peripheral)	91,991		91,991
RSSH: Health Sector Planning and Governance for Integrated People centered Services	124,153	10,459	134,612
RSSH: Monitoring and Evaluation Systems	3,446,513	175,439	3,621,952
Vector Control	2,160,409	126,694	2,287,103
Grand Total	6,622,368	4,240,308	10,862,676

Outcomes of the C19RM Re-investment funding request

- Decision about reinvestment of C19RM fund received on 3 Nov 2023
- Total amount approved is 18.6 million
- For NMEP: 1,197,984 USD (from 1 Jan 2021 Dec 2023 to be extended up to Dec 2025)
- Implementation letter will be issued soon about terms and conditions including extension of end date (up to 31 Dec 2025)
- NMEP already submitted the total budget and Health product management template (HPMT) capturing the additional amount of 1,197,984 USD

Annex 6

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate General of Health Services National Tuberculosis Control Program

Approval of Memberships of TB Technical Committee: TB Technical Committee proposed to update the technical committee membership and after discussions among the team member the following members are proposed in the committee

Proposed Member of the TB Technical Committee				
SI	Name & Details	Designation		
1	Dr. Md. Mahafuzer Rahman Sarker Line Director TBL & ASP DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Chair		
2	Dr. Md. Akramul Islam, Senior Director, BRAC Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	Vice Chair		
3	Dr. Khairul Anam, Director, NIDCH, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	Member		
4	Dr. Shah Mohammad Jashim Uddin, Director National AIDS/STD Control (NASC), DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member		
5	Dr.Afzalur Rahman, Assistant Director(TBC & Admin)& PM-TB, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member Secretary		
6	Dr. Pronab Kumar Modak, DPM (Training) NTP, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member		
7	Khandoker Al Mamun, DPM (Procurement & Logistics), NTP, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member		
8	Dr. Rupali Sisir Banu, National Program Coordinator, NTP, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member		
9	Dr. Ahmadul Hassan Khan, M&E Expert, NTP, DGHS, Dhaka	Member		
10	Dr. M.A Hamid Salim, Advisor to NTP Bangladesh on Global Fund & MDR- TB	Member		
11	Prof. Dr. Shakil Ahmed, Independent Consultant, Childhood TB Prof. of Pediatrics	Member		
12	Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud, TB Expert &Senior Consultant Respiratory Medicine, Asgar Ali Hospital.	Member		

13	Dr. Samina Choudhury, Infectious Disease Team Lead, USAID, Bangladesh	Member
14	Dr. Anupama Hazarika, Medical Officer - WHO CD'S, Bangladesh	Member
15	Manaj Kumar Biswas, BCCM Coordinator, MOHFW, Dhaka	Member
16	Dr. Sayera Banu, Senior Scientist, ICDDR'B, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member
17	Dr. Shayla Islam, Associate Director,Communicable Disease Program, BRAC, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member
18	Dr. K. Zaman, Senior Scientist & Epidemiologist ICDDR'B, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	Member
19	Dr. Paul Daru, Chief of Party (COP) ACTB Project, ICDDR'B, Mohakhali,	Member
20	Sardar Munim Ibna Mohsin, Project Management Specialist (Tuberculosis), USAID, Bangladesh	Member
21	Dr.Tapas Roy, Country Director, IRD Bangladesh	Member
22	Dr. Nazis Arefin Saki, NPO (TB) WHO, Bangladesh	Member
23	Dr. Mahfuza Rifat Country Representative, DAMIEN Foundation. Bangladesh	Member
24	S M Abdur Razzaque, Associate Prof. Respiratory Medicine (PMDT Coordinator), NIDCH	Member

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National Malaria Elimination and Aedes Transmitted Diseases Control Program Disease Control Division Directorate General of Health Services Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

Update Members of Technical Committee for Malaria Elimination Program

1.	Director General, Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Advisor
2.	Director, Disease Control & Line Director, CDC, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	Chairperson
3.	Prof. M. A. Faiz Ex. Director General, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member
4.	Director, NIPSOM, Mohakhali, Dhaka (or Competent Representative)	Member
5.	Director, IEDCR, Mohakhali, Dhaka (or Competent Representative)	Member
6.	Line Director, CBHC, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member
7.	Head of the Department of Medicine of CMC, Chattogram.	Member
8.	Competent Representative from Directorate General of Medical Services (DGMS) Ministry of Defense, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka	Member
9.	Director, BITID, Foujdarhat, Chattogram	Member
10.	Deputy Director, M&PDC, DGHS, Dhaka	Member
11.	Head of the Department of Medicine, Rangamati Medical College, Rangamati.	Member
12.	Competent Representative from BPMPA, Dhaka	Member
13.	Medical Officer (MO), CDS, WHO, Bangladesh	Member
14.	NPO (Malaria), WHO, Bangladesh	Member
15.	Dr. Rashidul Haque Deptt. of Parasitology, ICDDRB, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	Member
16.	Mr Azizur Rahman Choudhury Ex WHO-Consultant (Entomologist).	Member
17.	Deputy Program Manager, Malaria & Aedes Transmitted Diseases Program PM, BAN-MAL, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka	Member Secretary



Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh National AIDS/STD Programme (NASP) Directorate of General Health Services

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Proposed Technical Working Group (HIV/AIDS)

Advisor: Director General, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka

(Not in order of precedence)

SI no	Designation and department
1	Line Director, TB-L and ASP
2	Director, Disease Control and Line Director, CDC, DGHS (nominated representative)
3	Director, IEDCR/ (nominated representative -virologist)
4	Director, National AIDS/STD Control, DGHS/ (nominated representative)
5	Coordinator, BCCM secretariat
6	NGO-PR representative
7	NGO-PR representative
8	Country Director, UNAIDS
9	National Professional Officer/ HIV Expert, WHO
10	President/Secretary, Sex Workers Network of Bangladesh
11	Sr. Consultant/ ART Focal point, IDH, Mohakhali
12	President/Secretary, PLHIV network
13	Representative of IG-Prison, Prison Directorate
14	President/Secretary, NPUD
15	Deputy Director and Program Manager, ASP, DGHS

The role, responsibility, and composition (Quorum) of the meeting will adhere to the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Technical Working Group (TWG) as stated in the BCCM Governance guidelines. The chair, vice-chair, and the member secretary will be selected during the first meeting of TWG.









Bangladesh Country Coordinating Mechanism (BCCM)
Health Services Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW)

TB, Malaria and HIV Grant Confirmation (Agreement for GC7 Grant)

Manaj Kumar Biswas

Bangladesh CCM Coordinator, BCCM Secretariat 22nd May 2023

TB and Malaria Grant Confirmation (Agreement for GC7 Grant)

Disease Component	Principal Recipient (PR)	Grant Amount
Tuboroulosis	NTP	USD 66,011,495
Tuberculosis	BRAC	USD 59,799,584

Disease Component	Principal Recipient (PR)	Grant Amount
Malaria	NMCP	USD 9,683,062
	BRAC	USD 13,108,131

Disease Component	Principal Recipient (PR)	Grant Amount
HIV	NASP	USD 4,988,831
	Save the Children	USD 10,899,767
	icddr,b	USD 11,505,121