

Meeting Minutes of the 29th HIV/AIDS Technical Working Group (TWG) of BCCM

Time : 02:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Date : 11 April, 2019
Venue : ASP Conference room, Mohakhali
Participants : List attached (Annex 1)

Dr. Md. Belal Hossain, Deputy Director and PM and Member Secretary, TWG welcomed every one and requested to introduce each other. Then he requested Director, NASC to deliver his speech. Dr. Aminul Islam Mian, Director, NASC described the purpose and agendas of the meeting, he expected that all the PRs and stakeholders will be supportive to prepare the next round global fund concept note. Respected member of TWG Dr. Samir Kanti Sarkar, Director of MIS and LD, E Health expressed his gratitude to ASP for keeping as member of this important committee. Dr. Md. Belal Hossain informed that respected chair of the TWG, Prof. Dr. Md. Shamiul Islam advised to start the meeting and he will join as soon as possible.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Sharing road map for developing next funding request for the Global Fund
2. Form a core team for developing funding request with TOR
3. Sharing a case study of HIV testing by GAMCA affiliated diagnostic center and way forward

Agenda 1: Sharing road map for developing next funding request for the Global Fund

Dr. Md. Belal Hossain, Deputy Director & PM of ASP presented the draft roadmap of developing the concept note for next GF funding for Bangladesh. It was suggested to revise the roadmap keeping the sequential order of activities like previous funding cycle and also should follow the Global Fund next funding strategy. Mr. Manaj Kumar Biswas, Coordinator of BCCM will share the GF strategy with the member of Technical Working Group (TWG). The presented roadmap was as follows;

List of the Activities	Time Line	Responsibility
Meeting of the 29th HIV/AIDS Technical Working Group (TWG) of BCCM	11 April, 2019	ASP
Roadmap of Concept Note development	11 April, 19	TWG, ASP
Formation a core team of the Concept Note (CN) writing as assigned by TWG	11 April, 19	TWG
Decision of hiring of a consultant and the writing team start writing	Next 3-4 months	CN writing group
Review the investment case, AEM, and other strategic information	Ongoing for next 3 months	ASP, UANIDS, Other stakeholders
First Country Dialogue	August, 2019	ASP, UNAIDS and other stakeholders



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Decision of hiring consultants for the review of the National Strategic Plan (NSP)	11 April, 19	TWG and ASP, WHO and UNAIDS
Review of NSP began	July-August, 2019	Review team, Other stakeholders
Ongoing Country Dialogue	October, 2019	ASP, Other stakeholders
Review of NSP completed	December 2019	Review team, Consultants

It has been discussed that, in the next oversight and in the BCCM meetings, agenda should be kept on Concept Note development and delegation should be given to Line Director to navigate the process. Participants also expressed their views that mid-year review of the National Strategic Plan is due in FY 2020 considered the NSP is 2018-2022, however, as a requirement of next funding cycle, a review should be done by an expert team with definite TOR. WHO will be requested to commissioned international and national consultants. Review will be disease specific and epi analysis would be important for the review. The participants also highlighted that proven interventions such as educational institute, mass media for the prevention information should be considered using health sector or other funding support. It is also discussed that considering the growing epidemic among the KPs, major focus should be given to 90-90-90 first track strategy.

Decisions:

1. Roadmap for developing concept note for next GF funding will be submitted to BCCM for endorsement.
2. An orientation session of "GF next funding Strategy" will be organized by ASP for one or two days. WHO will provide the funding support for this event.
3. Mid- term review will be disease specific and TB and HIV component will follow separate TOR and timeline for that

Agenda 2: Form a Core Team for developing Concept Note with TOR

Dr. Md. Belal Hossain, Member Secretary of TWG and Deputy Director & PM of ASP declared the name of the core team member for developing fund request with TOR. Participants expressed their view that the core team should be formed with diverse experts especially considering PWID concentrated epidemic and its impact on other KPs and general population and ART and Epi-analysis. It has been discussed that the draft will be developed by the core team and external consultant support will be taken for final review and will also follow peer review for finalizing the proposal. The core team will be actively involved in review and also for country consultation process.

Decisions: A twelve-member committee has been formed with the consensus of TWG members, meeting also agreed to co-opt any other expert in the team if required. The agreed committee as follows;

Convener:

1. Dr. Md. Belal Hossain, DD & PM, ASP.

Member:

1. Dr. Fuad Abdul Hamid, DPM, ASP
2. Dr. Saima Khan, Country Manager, UNAIDS
3. Dr. Lima Rahman, Chief of Party, Save the Children
4. Dr. Sharful Islam Khan, Head, Programme for HIV/AIDS, icddr'b
5. Dr. Ziya Uddin, HIV/AIDS Specialist, UNICEF Bangladesh
6. Dr. Sabera Sultana, NPO, WHO
8. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Sr. Manager, ASP
9. Md. ASM Zakir Hossain, Director, T/R, DNC
10. Prof. Dr. Md. Saif Munshi, BSMMU
11. Dr. Salimuzzaman, Sr. Scientist, IEDCR

The following TOR of the team has been approved by the TWG.

1. Prepare a concept note addressing the goal, objectives and strategies
2. Prepare the programmatic gap analysis, financial gap analysis
3. Prepare the programmatic gap of National Strategic Plan (NSP)
4. Consider the key recommendations from the Country Dialogue to incorporate in the CN
5. Consider the results of AIDS Epidemic Model and other relevant documents such as NSP, Investment case etc.)
6. Consider cross-cutting issues such as HSS, CSS and gender
7. Prepare template i.e work plan, budget and performance framework as per guidelines of the Global Fund
8. Enlist all relevant references and CCM eligibility documents in collaboration with BCCM coordinator

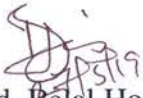
Agenda 3: Sharing a case study of HIV testing by GAMCA affiliated diagnostic center

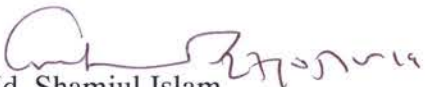
Discussion:

Dr. Najmul Hussain, Medical Director of GAMCA affiliated diagnostic Center shared a case study of HIV testing. GAMCA center found a HIV positive using their reagent, the client referred to BSMMU for confirmatory test and after test the result found as negative. The result created serious conflict between client and GAMCA and BSMMU verses GAMCA.

Recommendation: The respective Director of MBDC & Line Director of TB-L & ASP, Prof. Dr. Md. Shamiul Islam suggests to check with virology department of BSMMU and WHO protocol. GAMCA can ensure western bolt as confirmatory through BSMMU.

Meeting was ended by vote of thanks by LD, TB-L and ASP and requested to execute per decisions by all implementers.


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