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Minutes of TB Technical Committee Meeting (3rd Quarter)

Date: 29 September 2019

Time: 03:00 – 05:00 pm

Venue: Conference Room of the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP)

Chairperson: Director MBDC & LD TB-Lep & ASP

List of Participants (Annex – 1)

The TB Technical Committee Meeting of 3rd Quarter was held on 29.09.2019 at NTP conference room. Members of TB Technical Committee and Technical Expert and Focal Person from NTP, its partners joined in the meeting (Participants List attached).

Agendas of the Meeting:

- 1) Follow up of last TB Technical Committee Meeting Minutes and update on BCCM & Oversight Activities.
- 2) Presentation on SEM Model & Operational Research Component and Discussion on service charging issues at SEM centers-icddr,b
- 3) Follow up discussion on Phase II/III randomized control trial of VPM1002 vaccine
- 4) AOB

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There was robust discussion on LTBI in the meeting. Prof. Dr. Md. Shamiul Islam, Director MBDC and Line Director TBL & ASP opined that country need a day long consultative workshop to review the global experiences and country capacity to conceptualize country planning on LTBI. In this connection he stated that there are some sporadic treatment by clinician with different concept and regime, which need to be standardized.

Dr. Asif Mustofa Mahmud and, TB Expert and Prof. Dr. Shakil Ahmed, thanked Line Director for taking timely initiative on LTBI. They updated committee from clinician perspective, particularly in chronic disease the demand for LTBI is there and requested to engage rheumatologist, pulmonologist, nephrologistetc in this consultation. Prof Shakil said “opportunity is there, clinicians are interested for latent TB, high time to engage political leader, merge ACSM and Contact Tracing”. Dr. Md. Wahiduzzaman Akhando recommended that NTP need to work for removing the misconception about LTBI and emphasized to orient Specialists on LTBI. Dr. Md. Akramul Islam, Director, TB, Malaria and WASH program, BRAC recommended to develop the concept first and arrange consultative meeting. Prof. Dr Shamiul Islam requested WHO to support the LTBI workshop.

