

Steering Committee of Partnership for Tuberculosis Care & Control
Minutes of the 4th Meeting
September 10, 2010

Location: Qutub Hotel, Clarion Collection, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi - 110 016

Time: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Participants:

<p>Members present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr.P.C.Bhatnagar- Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI)• Dr. A. Cherian – Emmanuel Hospital Association• Dr. Ramnik Ahuja- Confederation of Indian Industry• Dr. A. Sangma - Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI)• Mr.P.T.Mohanadoss – David & Lois Rees Hospital• Dr. S. N. Misra – Futures Group• Dr. Vijay Edward – NGO TB Consortium <p>Standing Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. L. S. Chauhan – Central TB Division, GOI• Dr. Puneet Dewan– World health Organization ,India• Dr. Nevin Wilson- The Union <p>Other Invitees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Shruti Sehgal - CTD• Dr. Sarabjit Chadha – GF PMU (The Union)• Mr. Subrat Mohanty - GF PMU (The Union) <p>Secretariat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Darivianca E. Laloo• Ms. Manpreet Kaur Matharoo	<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. S. Mukhopadhyay – Catholic Relief Services India
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Proceedings:

Mr. Subrat Mohanty welcomed and thanked all steering committee members for their cooperation and support. He briefly summarized the commendable achievements of the partnership secretariat over the period of last 18 months during his tenure as Technical officer at the Partnership Secretariat. He formally introduced Dr. Darivianca Elliotte Laloo as the new Technical Officer and Ms. Manpreet Kaur Matharoo as the new Assistant project Officer for the Partnership Secretariat and requested all committee members to provide the same support and cooperation as they had provided when he was leading the partnership secretariat. Mr. Mohanty briefly updated all committee members about his new role as the **Project Coordinator of Global Fund R9 project**. Within his new role he expressed that he will continue supporting partnership and will ensure that the partnership grows manifolds. With this he handed over to Dr. Darivianca Laloo.

Dr. Darivianca Elliotte Laloo greeted all committee members and thanked Mr. Subrat for his contribution to the partnership in the past and for his assurance for future support. Dr. Laloo informed all committee members that the partnership is now under the Global Fund R9 Project and she proceeded to introduce Dr. **Sarabjit Chadha, Project Director (GF R 9 project)** who was present at the meeting, to all committee members. She also introduced **Ms. Manpreet Kaur Matharoo**, as the new **Assistant Project Officer** at the Partnership Secretariat. After the introduction she invited Dr. P. C. Bhatnagar to chair the meeting.

Dr. Bhatnagar welcomed the new members, congratulated Mr. Subrat Mohanty on behalf of the committee for his new role and requested him to remain associated with the partnership as attendee representing PMU in future. Dr. Bhatnagar mentioned that one or two more substantial points should be included in the existing agenda for discussion to get more clarity on what Global Fund project is all about what will be the mechanism of coordination between the 3 PRs, and the role of the partnership,. He mentioned that civil society partnership has a mandate that goes beyond Global Fund project implementation, it is not only meant for sourcing resources from Global Fund but also to look into the possibilities of how tuberculosis control activities can be strengthened through civil society partnership.

Progress updates from the last meeting were discussed:-

- **Actions taken by Partners on World TB day 2010** - All activities that were undertaken by all partners were collected compiled and included in the quarterly news letter. Copies of the newsletter were circulated among partners. These activities were also posted on website.
- **Media orientation workshop** – A media orientation workshop was organized by the partnership on March 22, 2010. The objective of this workshop was to provide media personnel some 'media pegs' to report widely on world TB day on March 24, 2010 Three articles by the participants who attended this work shop featured in a few leading newspapers in Delhi and UP. A media organization joined the partnership, known as IMJA (Indian Media Journalists Association) by signing the letter of commitment.
- **Idea for improving the use of partnership website** – The number of partners accessing the website was not much, so keeping in account suggestions given by steering committee members, to link the website with social networking sites and also to monitor the number of hits by maintaining a web counter. The partnership website is now linked to face book and twitter and the response is very good, we have 2380 visits to the website with an average of 20 people visiting the website every day thereby increasing its visibility. Efforts are being made to link it to the RNTCP website and Dr. KS Sachdeva, CMO, Central TB Division (CTD) will support us with this activity from CTD. The website is also featuring jobs and career opportunities offered by different partners.
- **Challenge fund review report** – **Mr. Subrat informed that** the final report of Challenge Facility Fund review is still awaited and will be shared with partners as soon as it is received.

- **Representative of NTC as a regular or sending invitee into steering committee** – Dr. Edward informed that the suggestions given by the chair in last meeting were discussed with NTC partners and most of them endorsed the idea of NTC remaining a full member of partnership rather than becoming a standing invitee. NTC took this decision for now and will reserve or change its final thoughts on this if it finds itself not in the Steering Committee in future.
- **Call of expression of partnership to be advocacy focal point for working groups in Stop TB Partnership** – The communication has gone to the Stop TB partnership but no decision has been made so far.
- **Tenure of steering committee** – The tenure of current steering committee is for the next 2 years after completion of first year as decided in last standing committee meeting but inadvertently recorded as 1 year in last meeting minutes.

Achievements:-

- 46 Partners currently in the Partnership with a media group also joining in the partnership.
- Organized a media orientation meeting, the event was attended by 19 participants including 9 eminent journalists from Indian media.
- Organized a meeting for scaling up TB care through private sector partnerships.
- 2 editions of quarterly newsletters have been circulated; collection for content is on for the next edition which is due in October, 2010.
- Website counter was introduced on 31st March 2010 and it had received 2380 hits so far. Membership on our face book page is 50 people joining the group. Twitter has 24 followers.
- Organized regional consultative meeting in Dehradun for the northern zone from 15 to 16 July, 2010 and was success in terms of collaboration between the public and private sector.
- Next meeting regional consultative meeting for North East region is scheduled from 23 to 24 September, 2010 in Shillong.
- Partnership joined and contributed to the Global Pulse Web Jamming on PPP organized by USAID.

Discussions and Action points:-

- **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting**– Minutes were approved with votes from Dr. Anil cherian and Dr. A.Sangma
- **Update from CTD**
 - (i) National programme focus is shifting from “70% case detection and 85% cure rate” to “universal access”. The document is available on RNTCP website. Documents to be shared with the Secretariat for updates onto the Partnership website.
 - (ii) Training modules have been revised and soft copies can be made available to partners.
 - (iii) Another shift is in the treatment categories ,earlier there were category 1, category 2 and category 3 patients treatment, but now the programme have revised the categories to (a) new cases (category 1 and category 3 patients)) and (b) previously treated cases (category 2 patients). Information will be shared by Dr.Shruti for the partnership website.
- **Role of Steering committee strengthened** – Keeping in mind that the role of partnership is to assist government efforts to eliminate TB it was discussed that steering committee should perform the advisory role to the national programme with responsibilities that includes; monitor achievements of all partners within and outside G., work towards getting more partners on board will defined coordination mechanism with different partners, decide how partners would report their progress/ achievements/ challenges to

steering committee, ensure all partners are answerable to the steering committee, make efforts to reduce the duplication of interventions in same geographical locations and prepare a baseline report on existing activities and achievements in different states by partners for future monitoring of activities and achievements.

- **Baseline survey: Baseline survey of activities** of NGO and private sector is required so that changes after the interventions are monitored and percentage of the achievements can be shown. Secretariat has already started preparing a matrix and still awaiting information from partners.. A time frame should be decided and constant email reminders needs to be taken to complete this exercise. In the event that the partner's activities do not fall under the matrix format they are requested to send a document that could include best practices, expertise, achievements and lesson learned at the earliest to the Secretariat.. Partners need to be more responsible in sharing their activities to help define baseline and progress monitoring results. Possibility of providing this information on partner website needs to be looked into. Round 9 SRs will be doing an analysis of districts baseline and this date will be available in next 2 months and shared with the Secretariat
- **National Consultative meeting** : To develop a working paper that can be discussed in the national consultative meeting that is scheduled to be held on the 10th of December and come up with final recommendations, for the RNTCP phase 3 planning. The working paper will be the objective of the National Consultative meeting of partners.

Working groups: Dr. Chauhan felt that since steering committee is already in place there is no need for creating separate working groups.. He suggests the Steering committee take on a more proactive role. The Steering committee opined that strategic teams need to be formed to look at 3 components i.e. ACSM, PPM and Service delivery. The members will members of steering committee will inform in which of these teams they would like to be and work on three working papers which will be back ground papers for National consultation which will ultimately provide recommendations into the RNTCP Phase 3 planning. The Secretariat to coordinate in the formation of these subgroups and assist in the process. The next meeting of the Steering committee is scheduled at the 29th October to internally discuss the papers.

- **Global Fund:** Global Fund Round 9 project has a National coordination committee and the Secretariat has a representation in that coordination committee. It was suggested that two members from the Steering committee may join the National Coordination Committee who will keep steering committee informed about achievement by partners within and outside the Global Fund and provide a debrief during each steering committee meetings on all activities of GF. The Chair request to send emails to all PRs for expected activities from the partnership and Budget allocation for it. Secretariat to share the work plan with Steering Committee members.
- **Fund raising for Partnership:** The members agreed that this is a possibility. However based on the work plan, identify each activity and explore financial resources. Secretariat to communicate with Dr.Puneet Dewan for possible WHO support for the strategic groups meetings.

There being no other issue, the meeting was adjourned.

ANNEXE:

Fourth Steering Committee Meeting of Partnership for Tuberculosis Care and Control, India, Agenda

Date: 10. 09.10

Venue: Clarion Collection (Qutab Hotel), Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi - 110 016

Time	Subject	Responsibility
11. 00	Welcome and request Dr. P. C. Bhatnagar to Chair the meeting	Secretariat of Partnership
11. 05	Approval of minutes of last meeting	
11.15 -11.30	Progress updates - from the last meeting	
11.30-11.40	Updates on National Programme – points for Partnership	Central TB Division
11.40-12.40	Issues for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Consultative meeting of Partners• Working group for PPM – Involving private providers in RNTCP.• Any other issues	
12.40- 1.00	Remarks Dr. L. S. Chauhan, DDG (TB), Central TB Division	Central TB Division
1.00 onwards	Lunch	