

## **Minutes of Meeting The GF team visit to Vientiane**

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2015

**Place:** WHO, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Meeting Room.

**Chair:** Dr. Soulany Chansy, Deputy Director Community Health, Lao Red Cross

**Participants:**

1. Dr. Soulany Chansy, Deputy Director, Community Health, LRC.
2. Dr. Juliet Fleischl, WHO Representative
3. Dr. Phasouk Vongvichit, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and International Cooperation, MOH
4. Dr. Boungfeng Phommalsith, Deputy Director General, Cabinet, MOH
5. Dr. Philaysak Naphayvong, OC Chair & Deputy Director, IFMT.
6. Mr. Peter Heimann, CTA of Project Lao/027 Luxemburg Embassy
7. Mr. Angkhansada Muangkham, Deputy Director General, International Financial Affairs Department, MOF
8. Dr. Ricard Dominique, Medical Officer HIV/AIDs and STI, WHO
9. Mr. Kinoy Phongdeth, President of APL+
10. Dr. Bounpheng Philavong, Director of CHAS
11. Dr. Khanthanouvieng Xayabounthavong Coordinator of CHAS
12. Dr. Phannasinh Sylavanh, Director of NTC
13. Dr. Bouasy Hongvanhthong, Director of CMPE
14. Mr. Jérôme Dubois-Mercent , Counsellor for cooperation for cultural affairs
15. Mr. Ryotaro Suzuki, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission
16. Mr. Curtis Borden, USAID Representative to Laos Embassy of United State of America
17. Mrs. Patricia Kehoe, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager, GF
18. Ms. Jessica Hofmans, Program Officer, GF
19. Mr. Thongdeng Silakoune, Country Manager, UNAIDS
20. Dr. Khamlay Manivong, Technical Adviser, CCM Sec
21. Mr. Phouvichit Xongmixay, Technical Assistant, CCM Sec
22. Ms. Sony Sisomvang, Coordinator, CCM Sec.
23. Mr. Budhsalee Rattana, Coordinator Assistant, CCM Sec.

**Agenda of the Meeting:**

**I. CCM Sec Presentation**

1. CCM work plan for 2015
2. Update on progress of CCM Improvement Plan for New Funding Model

**II. Global Fund Team Presentation**

1. Current Status of NFM Processes
2. PSM Issues
3. Finance Issues – Key Messages PR and Programs

**Summary key points**

**I. CCM Secretariat Presentation**

## 1. CCM work plan for 2015

Two kind of CCM work plans were presented:

- Roadmap for Concept note development and submission process during the period of 2014 – 2015, including:
  - CCM Self-Assessment
  - PR and SR Selection
  - Willingness to Pay by Government of Laos
  - New NSAP for TB program
  - New NSAP for Malaria program
  - TB & Malaria Concept Note Submission to CCM
  - New NSAP for HIV program
  - HIV and HSS Concept Note Submission to CCM
- Overview of Oversight Plan October 2014 – September 2015, including:
  - Conceptual framework for grant implementation oversight
  - Oversight activities timeline and budget.

## 2. Updated on progress of CCM Improvement Plan for New Funding Model

- **For Eligibility Requirement** – Three remaining requirements have made a progress, including:
  - The CCM has an oversight plan which details specific activities, individual and/or constituency responsibilities, timeline and oversight budget as part of CCM budget
  - The oversight body (OB) or CCM seeks feedback from non-members of the CCM and from people living with and/or affected by the diseases
  - The CCM has a conflict of interest (CoI) policy with rules and procedures to avoid or mitigate CoI, and all CCM members signed a CoI declaration form.
- **For Minimum Standard** - Three remaining minimum standard have made a progress, including:
  - The CCM takes decisions and corrective action whenever problems and challenges are identified
  - The CCM shares oversight results with the Global Fund Secretariat and in-country stakeholders quarterly through the process defined in its Oversight Plan.
  - CCM has clearly defined processes of soliciting inputs from and providing feedback to their constituencies that selected them to represent their interests in the CCM

## II. Global Fund Team Presentation

### 1. Current Status of NFM Processes

- **Framework Agreement**
  - Overarching Umbrella agreement for all Global Fund grant confirmations to be signed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Government Contribution and sustainability**
  - TB: procure 5 GeneXperts & cartridges; ACF in prisons & high burden districts; renovation of TB wards (district hospitals); addition to National TB Centre

- HIV: construction / renovation of ART sites; lab equipment for blood testing & counselling 22 sites
- Malaria: procurement & distribution of 115k LLINS/year in Years 1&2
- **TB**
  - Final grant: US\$7,062,348 with GF Board; to commence 1 July 2015
  - Maximize GeneXperts & Microscopes utilization: map needs/availability of machines, staff & consumables (1 September 2015)
  - Costed transition plan to ambulatory MDR TB care & phase out of hospitalization (By 31 December 2015).
  - Management of scale up
- **Malaria – Respond to TRP /GAC Queries**
  - LLIN distribution to prioritize Strata 3 (Stratification needed)
  - Ensure timely reporting in transition to DHIS2
  - Community engagement
  - Strengthen malaria program leadership of national response to address fragmented provincial approach

#### Next Steps

- GF to respond - first draft of Budget, PG, Implementation map & TRP Response form (29 May)
- 12 June 2015- Submit full first draft of Grant Making Documents
- Clarify plans for pre-elimination: ADB funding expected November.
- Pilot: on-line grant making
- GF to ensure consistency of RAI grant eg Per diems
- **HIV – Respond to TRP /GAC Queries**
  - Ensure adequate condom & lubricant supply
  - KPs: HIV testing coverage, community based options, PWID: data (IBBS) & coordination with HAARP; risk assessment for prisons
  - Intensify existing services in high burden provinces
  - Peer educators: transparency, accountability and sustainability
  - High STI rates in KPs: legal framework assessment; comprehensive management plan
  - PMTCT: coordination to increase ANC uptake
  - ART Coverage: prioritized phased approach to CD4<500

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- Build on lessons - PWID and X-border funded by ADB
- Technical Working Group to meet to discuss condoms
- Protections & policy framework assessment to increase KPs access to services, to be supported by joint UN Partners, with lead technical support from UNAIDS and UNDP Regional Offices in BKK
- **HSS – Respond to TRP /GAC Queries**
  - Risk Management – TA TORs under development

- M&E Framework revisions - underway
- Communities engagement (CSO/KPs) in HSS planning & CHW recruitment additional TA under consideration
- CHWs and inclusion of gender aspects

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- GF to respond - first draft of Budget, PG, Implementation map & TRP Response form (29 May)
- Skype call 19 June to discuss PF with GF
- 17 July 2015- Submit full first draft of Grant Making Documents

- **Overarching Issue:**

- **Sustainability:**

- Strategy for transfer of key human resources to MOH
- Salaries & top ups: agreed to reduce, managed transition: 2015:100%; 2016:75%; 2017:50%

- **PSM and LMIS**

- Coordination of three disease programs (including RAI) with CHAI

## 2. CCM - Information

- Change in LFA: STPH to PWC with effect 1 June 2015
- Gender Pilot: possibility of training from UNDP
- Assessment: protections & policy framework: to ensure KPs access to services, with support from UNAIDS and UNDP
- Partnership Forum 24-25 June 2015 Bangkok
- PPM Regional Meeting Bangkok Q3/4 (TBA)

Vientiane Capital, Date 19 June 2015

Approved by Chair



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