



**KENYA COORDINATING MECHANISM
KCM MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020 BETWEEN 9.10
AM AND 11.44 AM**

Present

1. Ms. Susan Mochache, CBS	KCM Chair/PS Health
2. Ms. Faith Ndung'u	Member/Vice Chair-NGO
3. Mr. John Kamigwi	Member/NACC-Gov
4. Mr. Stanley Bii	Member/DP-BL
5. Mr. Pierre-Yves Bello	Member/DP-BL
6. Mr. Philip Nyakwana	Member/PLWD-TB-NSA
7. Ms. Eva Muthuri	Member/ Malaria-NSA
8. Mr. Peter Njane	Member/KP Rep-NSA
9. Ms. Rosemary Kasiba	Member/KP Rep-NSA
10. Dr. Joe Lenai	Member/COG
11. Dr. Jonathan Kiliko	Member/FBO-NSA
12. Mr. Lattif Shaban	Member/FBO-NSA
13. Dr. Ischar Oluoch	Member/COG
14. Mr. John Kihui	Member/Private Sector-Inf
15. Ms. Joyce Ouma	Member/AYP-NSA
16. Ms. Maurine Murenga	Member/PLWD-HIV
17. Ms. Faith Muigai	Member/Private Sector Formal
18. Dr. Medhin Tsehiau	Member/DP-ML
19. Mr. Samuel Muia	KCM Coordinator

In Attendance

1. Ms. Pamela Kibunja	Alternate/NGOs
2. Ms. Patricia Kilonzo	Alternate/Private Sector Inf.
3. Ms. Jecinta Mutegi	Alternate FBO/KCCB
4. Mr. Ahmed Said	Alternate /KP Rep.
5. Mr. Vincent Obwanda	Alternate /KP Rep
6. Ms. Zilpha Samoei	Alternate FBO/CHAK
7. Ms. Mercy Thurania	Ad Hoc Committee Member
8. Ms. Josephine Mwaura	KCM Secretariat
9. Mr. Kevin Ogolla	KCM Secretariat
10. Ms. Margaret Mundia	KCM Secretariat

Apologies

1. Mr. Jackson Mwangi	Member/Min. of Devolution
2. Dr. Bernhard Ogutu	Member/KEMRI-Gov

Agenda

1. Introduction/Apologies
2. Opening Remarks by the KCM Chair
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest.
4. Confirmation of minutes of the KCM Meeting Held on 16th September, 2020 and matters arising.
5. Receive Feedback from KCM Ad Hoc Committee on PR Nomination
6. Update on Funding Request Submission
7. Oversight Committee Report; Presentation by the Oversight Committee Chair
8. AOB

Min 1/4/9/2020 Introduction/Apologies

The meeting was called to order at 9.10am, and opened with a word of prayer.

Members were taken through the proposed day's agenda.

Member NACC Noted that the agenda item number 5- "Receive feedback from KCM Ad Hoc committee needed to specifically indicate *Receive Feedback from KCM Ad Hoc Committee on PR nomination*". With this amendment, the agenda was adopted and endorsed as:

Proposed by: Mr. Latiff Shaban

Seconded by: Mr. John Kamigwi

Members were requested to register in the Chat Box. Apologies were registered as above.

The meeting was notified of the presence of the Ad Hoc Committee, on PR selection as they were expected to make a presentation under Agenda item Number 5.

Min 2/4/9/2020 Opening Remarks by the KCM Chair

The chair thanked all members for finding time to join the day's meeting. She informed members that during the last meeting held on 16th September 2020, KCM received an update on submission of documentation for the nomination of two organizations to act as Non-State PRs. The organizations, Amref Health Africa and KRCS, were notified of the KCM decision. KRCS accepted the award however Amref Health Africa raised concerns. In a communication to KCM vide letter dated 14th September, 2020, Amref Health highlighted a recommendation by the KCM Ad Hoc committee report on the need for the two proposed PRs to be engaged for concurrence. The KCM mandated the ad hoc committee on PR nomination to engage with the two PRs for concurrence. It is with this background, that the day's meeting had been called, to receive feedback from the Committee as well as receive a status update on Kenya's funding request application submitted to the Global Fund.

The Chair also informed the meeting, that the newly constituted Oversight Committee held a meeting on 15th September 2020 and interrogated the performance of the current Global Fund grants in Kenya and was to share a report during the meeting. She wished members fruitful deliberations.

Min 3/4/9/2020 Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

No conflict of interest was declared.

Min 4/4/9/2020 Confirmation of minutes of the KCM Meeting Held on 16th September, 2020 and matters arising.

Members were taken through the minutes of meetings held on the 16th September 2020 and Matters Arising.

The Representative from NACC articulated that Min 5/3/9/2020 on “Update on submission of documentation for the nomination of continuing Non-State PRs; 4th paragraph; 2nd line on the statement –to the 2PRs should be changed to read “the potential PRs”.

With the above amendment, the minutes were confirmed as a true record of the day’s proceedings.

Proposed by: Mr. John Kihui

Seconded by: Mr. John Kamigwi

Matters Arising

On the decision to engage KRCS and Amref HA for concurrence as recommended by the KCM Adoc committee on PR Selection. *Update: Substantive agenda No. 5.*

The meeting was informed that the KCM decision on the ad hoc committee on defining implementation arrangement of GF to counties to discuss feedback from the COG and share report with KCM *Update: The meeting was informed that the Adoc Committee held a meeting on Monday 28th September 2020. The Team felt there was need to engage further as well as expand the Team to include, County Health Caucus Committee Chairs, County Disease Coordinators, among others. A follow up meeting had been scheduled for Friday 2nd October 2020.*

Mr. John Kamigwi- Member Ad Hoc Committee confirmed that a follow up meeting had been scheduled for Friday 2nd October 2020. He said the committee would be able to have a report by the week ending 9th October, 2020.

Member/PLWD-TB-NSA sought clarification on whether the country still had the leeway and flexibilities to introduce new parameters in implementation arrangement, knowing that a suggestion had been made in the just submitted Funding Request.

The secretariat informed the meeting that the KCM had requested the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss letter received from the COG after the Funding Request Application had been submitted to GF and share feedback with the KCM.

The meeting unanimously consented to the ad hoc committee’s request to share feedback with the KCM by 9th October, 2020.

Min 5/4/9/2020 Receive Feedback from KCM Ad Hoc Committee on nomination of continuing PRs

The feedback was presented by Ms. Mercy Thurania- Member Adoc Committee on PR selection. She highlighted that a consultative meeting was held at Four Points hotel on 18th September starting from 9.30 am. She noted that the meeting was attended by 2 of the top-level managers from KRCS and Amref Health Africa.

The ad hoc committee presented the PR nomination report to the two PRs and discussed all issues at length.

The idea for the two PRs to implement the HIV and TB grant in a 50/50 basis was discussed but no consensus reached.

Discussion

The chair thanked the adoc committee for their dedication to deliver on the assignment by the KCM. She then welcomed remarks from the members

Member/PLWD-HIV sought clarification on what KCM aimed at achieving with the meeting between the adoc committee and the two PRs. That the Funding request proposal had been submitted successfully clearly stating that the country had three PRs namely TNT, Amref and KRCS and is currently within the GF TRP phase. She enquired on whether the country was looking to change the PRs as communicated and endorsed.

Member/FBO- intimated that KCM made the decision on PR Selection and communicated the same to Global Fund. He added that opening the window further for PR discussions may derail the submitted funding request forcing the Country to the march window.

Alternate member /KP consortium was concerned that KCM made a decision through a vote out come and members committed to abide by the outcome. Decision made by the KCM was communicated to the GF. The key population endorsed the funding request against this background. He sought clarification on how the decisions by the Ad Hoc committee would then be re-introduced into the submitted funding request. He enquired why the GF Country team was not represented in the last meeting as well as the current meeting.

The secretariat clarified that invitations to the GF Country team was standard procedure and KCM will continue to extend its invitations to GF CT. that in the last meeting the GF CT was represented by the LFA.

Member/KP-FSW stated that she did not understand the mandate of the Ad Hoc committee as a decision had been made on the 14th august 2020 meeting.

The representative of KPs-MSM was of the opinion that the Ad Hoc committee's mandate was null and void and he did not understand why the Ad Hoc committee continued existing

beyond the 14th August 2020 KCM Meeting. He informed the meeting that KPs consortium endorsed the funding request based on an advisory given by the GF that the endorsement decision was based on the 14th August KCM meeting.

Member/PLWD-TB asked members to be considerate in their sentiments adding that if Amref writes a letter of non-acceptance then Kenya would still be deemed as not to have met eligibility criteria 2. He therefore, felt that there was need for KCM members to respect the work of the Ad Hoc and decorum exercised while debating the matter.

The secretariat clarified to the meeting that the Ad Hoc committee was mandated by the very KCM as a result of a letter issued by Amref HA on 14th September, 2020 requesting the two PRs to be engaged for concurrence as recommended in the KCM Report on Nomination of PRs.

The chair asked members to respect each other's views, listen and come up with feasible way forward. She clarified that the Ad Hoc committee's extended mandate was a decision made by a fully constituted KCM meeting on 16th September, 2020 and clearly documented in the Minutes, a decision that was unanimously endorsed by members present. She went on to clarify that the 2 potential PRs received communication following decision made by the KCM on 14th September, 2020. KRCS responded with an acceptance letter whereas Amref issued a letter of concern.

Member PLWD-Malaria inquired if it was right to trash the work of an ad hoc committee constituted by KCM committee after members spend their time and energy on a voluntary basis.

Member/NACC stated that it was important that processes set up by KCM are taken to a logical conclusion. The minutes confirmed in the day's meeting is clear on how the adoc committee was formed and members resolute and commitment to owning the outcome of the committee. That the adoc committee conducted the assignment as given and it was only logical for KCM to adopt the feedback.

Alternate FBO/KCCB stated that she had listened in and was surprised at the turn of events, she reminded members that KCM had adopted the Ad Hoc committee to engage with the two PRs.

The chair then led members to accept and adopt the feedback shared by the adoc committee after engaging with the two PRs

Proposed by: Mr. John Kihui

Seconded by: Mr. John Kamigwi

Way forward

Following the engagement with the two PRs, the KCM to formally communicate and request Amref HA to make an informed decision on the award granted by the KCM on 14th September, 2020.

Min 6/4/9/2020 Update on Funding Request Submission

The Coordinator gave an update on the status of the country's Funding Request Submission, submitted on 31st August, 2020. He informed the meeting that Completeness and consistency check had been undertaken by GF. CCM Kenya provided responses on the issues/clarifications raised by Thursday 10 September 2020.

On 14th September, 2020 KCM made decision to nominate continuing PRs. KRCS responded with an acceptance letter, while, Amref Health Africa raised concerns.

On 16th September, 2020 the Global Fund sent communication that the Global Fund had completed screening of submitted CCM Kenya documents and was requesting KCM members who had not signed the endorsement form to sign no later than Friday 18th September, 2020.

On 17th September, 2020 The Global Fund clarified that the screening being undertaken by the Global Fund Access to Funding was based on the PR selection documents submitted by the CCM Kenya on 14 September 2020 to retain AMREF as a PR of TB and Malaria; and KRCS as PR of HIV.

For determination of compliance to eligibility requirements, Access to Funding requests submission of a duly signed statement of compliance and the missing CCM members' endorsements noted in the funding request endorsement sheet submitted on 31 August 2020.

Any change of CCM decision made after submission of PR selection documents on 14 September 2020, requires Access to Funding screening for compliance to eligibility requirements and has implications on timelines for TRP review.

On 18th September, 2020 at 4.50pm CCM Kenya Submitted duly signed statement of compliance /clarification on issues raised by Global Fund.

On 22.09.2020 Access to funding acknowledge receipt of all missing documents confirmed that KCM submission had fulfilled both CCM eligibility requirements. As per the guidance on CCM Eligibility Requirements, the Global Fund reserves the right to request further documentation documenting compliance at any time.

On 16th September, 2020 Global Fund invited CCM Members and in country stakeholders to participate in Survey for Country Dialogue and Funding Request Development following the submission of FR. This is to ensure that everyone who contributed to this funding request has a chance to provide feedback on the process. KCM Secretariat shared request with FR Secretariat/writing teams/HSWGs. To access survey, click on the following

link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8RRSDY5>. and Complete the survey before 8.10.2020

KCM appreciated FR Core Team/Secretariat/writing teams/HSWGs/IRP Members/partners/KCM who supported the FR Application /PR Selection Process. Letter of appreciation signed by the KCM Chair dispatched on 29th September, 2020.

Min 7/4/9/2020 Oversight Committee Report; Presentation by the Oversight Committee Chair

Mr. Philip Nyakwana presented the Oversight report on behalf of the Oversight committee chair who had registered an apology. Mr. Nyakwana informed the meeting that the Oversight committee held its first quarter meeting on 17th September. He stated that the Oversight committee was reconstituted on 16th June, 2020 and all members assumed office. Orientation meeting for oversight committee members was held virtually on 10th September, 2020 between 9.00 and 11.30am. Oversight Committee held a meeting on 15th September, 2020 met with all PRs, Heads of Programmes, HSWG Chairs /representatives and interrogated grant performance. Implementation of C19 support provided by GF is on course. As per PR Implementation status report shared with OC/KCM. KCM/OC is scheduled to conduct an oversight meeting/visit immediately KCM Workplan and budget for 2020/2021 is approved by GF.

By performance **the National treasury** the *HIV Grant* Rating at A2; Cumulative Budget \$136,587,520; Cumulative Expenditure \$47,398,520; commitments \$36,513,487; Absorption and commitments and expenditure 87.8%; Absorption and commitment and obligation 87.8% *TB Grant* Rating at B1; Cumulative Budget \$25,758,187; Cumulative Expenditure \$20,799,603; commitments \$791,282.23; Absorption and commitments and expenditure \$ 95.5%; Absorption and commitment and obligation 95.5%. *Malaria Grant* Rating at B1; Cumulative Budget \$63,564,562; Cumulative Expenditure \$ 13,033,418; commitments \$3,094,651.64; Absorption and commitments and expenditure 21%; Absorption and commitment and obligation 79%.

KRCS *HIV Grant* Rating at A2; Cumulative Budget \$ 54,388,377; Cumulative Expenditure \$ 44,820,085; commitments \$ 1,085,828; Absorption and commitments and expenditure 84%; Absorption and commitment and obligation 84%

Amref HA *TB Grant* Rating at B1; Cumulative Budget \$24,388,202; Cumulative Expenditure \$ 18,016,691; Absorption and commitments and expenditure Absorption 92% and commitment and obligation 92%. *Malaria Grant* Rating at A2; Cumulative Budget \$11,775,995; Cumulative Expenditure \$9,693,299; commitments \$4,445; Absorption and commitments and expenditure 82.4%; Absorption and commitment and obligation 82.4%

OC Recommendation to KCM included

- Reprogramming/reallocation of saving/postponed activities to improve grant performance; PRs to first track GF grant implementation

- C19 Support approved by the Global Fund; KCM/OC to Undertake a targeted oversight meeting / Oversight field visit *Responsible- Oversight Committee Members/PRs/KCM*
- Request for extension of stipend payment of CHV incentives in 5 Counties (Kakamega, Homabay, Migori, Kisii and Nyamira) PRs to explore and factor this request in reallocation/reprogramming request. *Responsible -KCM, MOH, HSWH, Counties and PRs*
- MOH to provide way forward on the Court ruling on testing by non-medical laboratory personnel *Responsible- MOH*
- Advocate for USAID's DAGA operationalization to resolve tax waiver of malaria commodities *Responsible MOH/TNT/KCM*
- KCM to endorse proposal by MHSWG to distribute LLINs that remains in mass net distribution to Elgeyo Marakwet due to emergent epidemiological trends. *Responsible- Malaria HSWG/KCM*
- Human rights Committee on Gender experts be co-opted in the joint HRG committee of experts at NACC *Responsible MOH/NACC/TB HSWG*
- Fast track Procurement/ distribution of Malaria commodities/LLINs *Responsible- KEMSA, TNT, MOH, Malaria Programme*
- KEMSA to share warehouse construction revised work plan factoring in new completion dates. *Responsible- KEMSA*

Request by the MHSWG on the proposal to distribute GF financed long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs) to Elgeyo Marakwet county.

Quantification for LLINs for mass distribution in high malaria transmission areas (lake endemic, coastal endemic and epidemic-prone areas) was done in September 2019 using population estimates from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS). Following the national census conducted in the second half of 2019, it was found that the mass LLINs requirement for the country was substantially lower than what had been estimated using the previous population figures. Since procurement of LLINs had already been initiated with the higher estimates, there will be a surplus of LLINs at the end of the mass LLINs distribution exercise.

Elgeyo Marakwet county was currently classified under the semi-arid seasonal malaria risk counties which generally have low malaria transmission rates and a malaria prevalence of ~1%. It is therefore not included in the list of counties that benefit from the distribution of mass LLINs.

However, in the last two years, this county has experienced an upsurge on the number of malaria cases presenting to health facilities. The increase in cases was due to prevailing climatic conditions which led to an increase in malaria transmission, particularly in the Marakwet East sub-county (Figure 1). Based on the weekly malaria data, the peaks were visible in week 39 to 41 of year 2019 and subsequently week 4 and 5 of year 2020

The Proposal was interrogated by experts from the MHSWG. And sought KCM endorsement on the request.

Discussion

The chair appreciated the work done by the oversight committee. She hence opened the meeting for further deliberation

The representative from PLWD/TB, who is also a member of the Oversight Committee noted with concern that there was need to strengthen the oversight function and have separation of duties between the PRs, and the health sector working group (HSWG), Oversight Committee, up to KCM.

Alternate FBO/KCCB emphasized that the oversight committee role was very vital in that it enhances the KCM role on implementation on GF funds activities in the country. She requested if the KCM would ensure that oversight activities resume in earnest, to avoid losing out on gains made, and also in the wake of covid.

Alternate FBO/CHAK asked the oversight committee to fast track recommendations made and ensure timelines are kept and responsible persons undertake the action points promptly. She advised that the oversight committee should formulate an acceleration plan that would then help tease out possible bottle necks.

Member/PLWD-HIV stated that the oversight committee needs to re-look issues that lead to poor absorption and the reason why these issues keep re-appearing. That with the implementation of the new grant next year it should not face similar absorption issues.

The secretariat informed the meeting that the Oversight Committee had scheduled an oversight field visit planning meeting on 8th October, 2020 with a view to discuss in details strategies to improve grant performance. The report was to be shared with the KCM during the next meeting.

The meeting unanimously endorsed the distribution of the extra nets to Elgeyo Marakwet.

The Member/PLWD-HIV was proposed by members to hold brief for the Chair;

Proposed by: Mr. Phillip Nyakwana

Seconded by: Mr. Kihui

The acting chair sought clarification from the COG on whether they had any parting shots or any communication they had wanted to bring to the attention of KCM as a way forward.

Dr. Ischar Oluoch Member from the COG appreciated the KCM decision on time extension to allow the adoc committee thrash out issues that may arise. She expressed enthusiasm that the scheduled Friday meeting would forge a way forward.

Min 8/1/10/2020 AOB

The acting chair thanked all members for their contributions and wished them a lovely afternoon.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11.44am

Sign: 

Mr. Samuel Muia
KCM Coordinator

Date: 19/1/2021

Sign: 

Ms. Susan Mochache, CBS
KCM Chair

Date: 20/1/2021