



**KENYA COORDINATING MECHANISM
MINUTES OF THE KCM MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON 14TH APRIL 2021
BETWEEN 9.23AM AND 12.30 PM.**

Present

1. Ms. Susan Mochache, CBS
2. Dr. Bernhards Oguttu
3. Dr. Medhin Tsehaiu
4. Mr. Philip Nyakwana
5. Mr. Pierre-Yves Bello
6. Dr. Stanley Bii
7. Ms. Pamela Kibunja
8. Ms. Patricia Kilonzo
9. Ms. Maurine Murenga
10. Dr. Vernon Mochache
11. Ms. Rosemary Kasiba
12. Mr. Peter Njane
13. Dr. Kamario Joe lenai
14. Ms. Meboh Abuor
15. Ms. Khatra Ali
16. Ms. Eva Muthuuri
17. Mr. Peter Njane
18. Ms. Joyce Ouma
19. Mr. Samuel Muia

KCM Chair (Chairing)
Member/Government
Member/DP-BL
Member/PLWD-TB-NSA
Member/DP-BL
Member/DP/BL-USAID
Alternate/NGOs
Alternate/Private Sector Inf
Member, HIV Constituency
Alternate/NACC
Member Key Populations
Member/KP Rep-NSA
Member/COG
Alternate Member/COG
Alternate Member COG
Member/Malaria Constituency
Member/KP Rep-NSA
Member/AYP-NSA
KCM Coordinator

In Attendance

1. Ms. Soukeyna Sylla
2. Ms. Eunice Fedha
3. Mr. Ahmed Said
4. Ms. Lucy Wanjiku Njenga
5. Ms. Jecinta Mutegi
6. Mr. Washington Omwomo
7. Ms. Margaret Ndubi
8. Ms. Annette Msabeni
9. Dr. Dan Koros
10. Ms. Emily Muga
11. Dr. Kamene Maureen
12. Dr. Pacifica Onyancha
13. Ms. Khalda Mohammed
14. Dr. George Githuka
15. Ms. Elizabeth Magnes
16. Ms. Josephine Mwaura
17. Ms. Margaret Mundia

Global Fund Secretariat
Alternate Member COG
Alternate /KP Rep.
Alternate Member/PLWD-HIV
Alternate FBO/KCCB
Member/DP/BL-USAID
UNAIDS/C19 Writing team
KRCS
PEPFAR/C19 Writing team
KRCS
MOH/C19 Writing team
MOH-Ag. Director MDSPPH
KRCS/C19 Writing team
NDMP
EU
KCM Secretariat
KCM Secretariat

18. Mr. Kevin Ogolla

KCM Secretariat

Apologies

1. Ms. Faith Mwende
2. Mr. John Kihui
3. Mr. Titus Munene

KCM Vice Chair
Member/Informal Private Sector
Member- FBO

AGENDA

1. Introduction/Apologies
2. Remarks by the Chair
3. Declaration of Conflict of interest
4. Discuss Kenya's allocation letter for the additional funding award from the Global Fund to support Covid 19 response.
5. Kickstart the funding request application process for the additional funding award
6. Confirmation of Minutes of KCM meetings held on 11th March and 30th March ,2021 /matters arising.
7. AOB

Min 1/1/4/2021 Introduction/Apologies

Meeting was called to order at 9.23 am. Opened with a word of prayer.

The KCM Chair was held up in a meeting but would be joining the meeting Members nominated Dr. Medhin Tsehaiu to Chair the meeting and hand over to the KCM Chair immediately she joined.

Proposed: Mr. Philip Nyakwana

Seconded: Ms. Patricia Kilonzo

Members were requested to register their presence on the chart box.

Apologies are as above.

The meeting was informed that the KCM had received formal communication from USAID regarding changes in the representation of USAID/ Bilateral Partners where Mr. Washington Omwomo would be replacing Dr. Stanley Bii on KCM. Members unanimously approved the changes

Min 2/1/4/2021 Remarks by the Chair

The KCM Chair joined the meeting and thanked Dr. Medhin for holding brief fort for her. The Chair welcomed Mr. Washington Omomwo into the KCM and at the same time appreciating Dr Stanley Bii for the for the support he provided to the KCM and more specifically exemplary leadership at the KCM Ethics Committee.

The chair welcomed all participants to the meeting and noted that Kenya was currently witnessing the third wave and the number of people testing positive/hospitalized in ICU for Corona virus had been increasing in the recent past. She noted that the positivity rated witnessed so far, in the month of April, had been one of the highest since the first case of Corona virus was diagnosed last year. The Government of Kenya had taken all the necessary steps to contain the current situation

including exploring all possible means to ensure additional vaccines for COVID 19, critical care supplies and equipment's including oxygen. She appealed all stakeholders to take personal responsibility as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health to curb the spread of corona Virus.

She was happy to inform the meeting that the Global Fund has awarded Kenya US\$62,296,526 as a base allocation in 2021 to support covid 19 response. Kenya was also eligible to receive an equivalent amount as above the base allocation when additional funding opportunity becomes available at the GF.

She extended her appreciation to the Global Fund for this support as this would go a long way in saving lives in Kenya. To access this new financing the Global Fund required the country to submit an ambitious and comprehensive funding request application developed through an inclusive dialogue/ engaging a wide range of stakeholders including the national COVID-19 response Committee.

She noted that the days meeting was important to kick start the funding request application process for the additional funding award. The Global Fund had provided four windows upon which Countries can submit their funding request application i.e. (14 May 2021, 31 May 2021, 15 June 2021, and 30 June 2021.). Due to the urgency needed to provide COVID 19 life-saving interventions in Kenya e.g., critical care services including oxygen therapy. She called upon the KCM, the writing team and in country stakeholders to fast-track the funding request development process and ensure that Kenya submits this application during the first window i.e., on 14th May,2021. She requested that Covid 19 writing team to consult closely with the COVID 19 National Task Force and subcommittees. With these few remarks, she wished all members successful deliberations.

Min 3/1/4/2021 Declaration of Conflict of interest

No conflict of interest was declared.

Min 4/1/4/2021 Discuss Kenya's allocation letter for the additional funding award from the Global Fund to support Covid 19 response.

The Global Fund Country team representative thanked the CCM for inviting the Global Fund to the day's meeting. She was glad that the Kenya Coordinating Mechanism had been able to convene the meeting that would be able to kickstart the funding request application process for the additional funding award. She was particularly pleased by the KCM Chair's remarks which embodied the spirit for which Global Fund aimed at supporting Covid-19 response within countries. She encouraged inclusive discussions with all stake holders which had been evident in previous Funding requests applications submission. She informed the meeting that she would remain available in the meeting to provide clarification /address any questions raised requiring Global Fund Country team's response.

KENYA'S C19RM FUNDING AWARD, 2021 -Presentation by the KCM Coordinator

Introduction: The Global Fund has awarded Kenya a C19RM base allocation of US\$62,296,526 (15% /addition to 2020-2022 country allocation). C19RM above base allocation of at least US\$62,296,526 equivalent to a further 15% of 2020-2022 country allocation can be submitted alongside the base allocation for consideration. Any C19RM base allocation amount that is not applied for within the defined timelines will be considered for reallocation to other countries.

C19RM Above Base Allocation Considerations: The extent of disruption of services in Global Fund-supported programs. The amounts of C19RM funding previously awarded and progress in implementing these funds. Availability of funding from other sources. Countries that have been harder hit by COVID-19, with low C19RM Base Allocations relative to COVID-19 need, or where HIV, tuberculosis and malaria services have been particularly disrupted, will receive proportionately higher amounts of C19RM Above Base Allocation funding. **Development of C19RM Funding Requests:** To access this new financing the Global Fund requires applicants to submit an ambitious and comprehensive funding request outlining prioritized programmatic needs. Applicants are invited to submit requests to access C19RM Funding through a C19RM Full Funding Request and/or a Fast-track Funding Request. C19RM Full Funding Request, including the C19RM Above Base Allocation- detailing how the C19RM Base Allocation and the C19RM Above Base Allocation Request will be utilized. Countries are strongly encouraged to submit their C19RM Full Funding Request as soon as possible given the urgency needed to respond to the pandemic. Recognizing that some types of funding requests may take longer to develop, countries will be able to submit their C19RM Full Funding Requests in two parts if needed, as long as their complete submission is received by 30 June 2021. **Full Funding Request Priority Areas:** COVID-19 control and containment interventions, including PPE, diagnostics, treatment, communications, and other public measures as specified in WHO guidance. COVID-19-related risk mitigation measures for programs to fight HIV, TB and malaria including, but not limited to, support for COVID-19 interventions needed to safely implement campaigns, community and health facility-level HIV, TB and malaria programs. Expanded reinforcement of key aspects of health and community systems, such as national laboratory networks, supply chains, and community-led responses, to address advocacy, services, accountability, and human-rights based approaches. **Fast-track Funding Request:** To expedite the provision of urgently required COVID-19 health products, countries will be able to access a portion of their C19RM Base Allocation through a streamlined Fast-track process. Fast-track requests are specifically for the urgent procurement and deployment of COVID-19 health products, including diagnostics, therapeutics (such as oxygen and related equipment) and personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as the support costs related to the effective deployment of these health products. Fast-track Funding Requests can be submitted in advance of the C19RM Full Funding Request and will be reviewed and approved through a streamlined process. **Important considerations/conditions:** Consistent with applicable World Health Organization (WHO) guidance and aligned with National Strategic Preparedness and Response Plans. Gender Equity and Human Rights. Consider appropriate community, rights, and gender related interventions. Alignment and Endorsement. Be in alignment with the national COVID-19 response and be fully endorsed by all members of Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs), including Communities and Civil Society, and in coordination with the national COVID-19 response coordinator. **Evidence-based,** demonstrating rigorous analysis of program disruptions due to COVID-19, and national HIV, TB and malaria program adaptation needs and how these needs will be covered and sustained through C19RM funding, funds from other Global Fund grants, or other sources of funding; **Value for Money** to strengthen efficiency and effectiveness of C19RM resources, including identifying opportunities for integration and linkages with the broader health systems in order to maximize and sustain equitable and quality health outputs, outcomes and impact; **Health Systems Investments.** Ensure that beyond responding to the COVID-19 emergency, C19RM investments lead to long-term outcomes. **Coordination and Engagement:** C19RM Funding Requests are expected to be developed through multi-sectoral consultation, with fully-inclusive dialogue and decision-making process, which must engage partners, communities/communities most impacted by COVID-19, civil society and Key populations. In addition, applicants will need to coordinate with the national COVID-19 response coordinating

body and other in-country COVID-19 response partners. Applicants should meet with national COVID-19 authorities and partners, to plan concrete steps to develop and submit their C19RM Funding Request(s) on time. CCMs already have an operating budget allocated for civil society organization engagement, and flexibility to realign costed workplans to C19RM consultation priorities, as needed. Additional CCM funding is now also available, to support the engagement of key stakeholders to develop C19RM Funding Requests, the Global Fund is immediately making available additional CCM funding of up to 25% of CCM's 2021 budget. USD 375,619= USD 93,904-Exact amount to be determined and approved by CCM Hub. **Timelines/submission windows:** Kenya is strongly encouraged to submit the C19RM Funding Request(s) as early as possible to maximize the impact of funds and immediately respond to urgent needs. C19RM Fast-track Funding Requests can be submitted immediately. C19RM Full Funding Requests, including the C19RM Above Base Allocation request, can be submitted during four submission windows: 14 May 2021, 31 May 2021, 15 June 2021 and 30 June 2021. Deadline to utilize funds 31st December 2023. Application materials/instructions shared. **KCM C19RM FR Writing team C19RM Core team;** Dr Bernard Langat – Amref Health Africa-Chair; Ms. Maurine Murenga – Non-State; Dr Jean Gitau – Resource Mobilization sub-committee; Dr Bello Pierre-Yves – French Embassy rep bilateral DPs; Anastasia Nyalita – Non-State; Prof Matilu Mwau – State, KEMRI (National); Dr Peter Kimuu– The National Treasury; Mike Ekisa – State (County); Khalda Mohamed – KRCS (PR2); Dan Koros, PEPFAR. **Co-opted/consulted based on Expertise:** John Kabuchi, MOH; Anne Goretti, Amref Health Africa; Daniel Mwai-Palldium-HF Consultant; Gerishom Gimaiyo, CHAI-Consultant; Ms. Margaret Ndubi-UNAIDS; Mr. Simon Kibia-TNT; Dr Githuka-Head NMCP; Dr Ngugi-Head NACSOP; Dr E Onyango-Head TB Programme; Dr Ganatra Nazila-Head NPHSP; John Kiiru – Laboratory; Dr Maureen Kamene-MOH; Samuel Muia – KCM secretariat; Josephine Mwaura – KCM secretariat; Margaret Mundia – KCM secretariat.

Next Steps:

- KCM Kick start funding request application process.
- C19RM Funding request writing team-develop road map/budget /schedule of dialogue/prioritization/engagements meetings and share with KCM for approval.
- Select submission window.

Discussion

The chair thanked the secretariat for the presentation and welcomed the KCM Members to give their thoughts/ deliberations on the matter.

KCM Member- ML/UNAIDS congratulated Kenya for the additional C19 funding award that would enhance Covid response and appreciated the Global fund for considering Kenya for this additional funding. She sought additional information on whether the funds could be used in other priority areas, like HIV related commodities and diagnostics, for example supporting early infant diagnosis of HIV

KCM Member-Key Populations sought clarification, on whether the C19 Funding request writing team members previously appointed by the KCM/ Co-opted were available for the assignment available and aware of the current additional funding on Covid-19?

KCM Member-PLWD/HIV appreciated the opportunity to access resources to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. She requested further clarification on whether the fast-track application was

tied to a certain percentage and whether Community level activities will be prioritized in the fast-track application

The Global Fund Country team representative clarified that the inclusion of HIV, TB or Malaria related Commodities and diagnostics in the funding request would not apply in the Covid-19 RM application. That the Global Fund had the expectation that these requests would remain within the grant allocations. That this Covid-19 RM additional funding was expected to support Countries in their Covid-19 response by supporting requests around Covid PPEs, Oxygen, Covid Diagnostics, testing kits and PSM Distribution costs. That the aim of fast track was to launch procurements, and the Global fund had not defined a percentage of the base allocation that would constitute the fast-track application, the decision was to be made by respective countries That the Global Fund was cognizant of the fact that procurements take time to launch so fast track procurements were squarely for procurement of diagnostics, PPEs, oxygen and related PSM Costs.

The KCM Secretariat thanked the KCM Member-Key population for his question on whether the FR team was ready to take up the Covid 19 writing assignment. He informed the meeting that the C19 RM Funding request writing team was ready for the assignment and was in attendance in the days meeting. The application materials had been shared with the team in preparation for the assignment. The KCM coordinator informed the meeting that the KCM was to fill in vacant slots/co-opt experts based on needs.

The chair thanked the members for their contributions and enquired from the Global Fund representative whether there was a position to procure vaccines through the C19RM 2021 funding.

The Global Fund Country team representative clarified that fast track was really to launch procurements clearly defined in the Funding request application materials/ instructions. Global fund encourages parties to use GF-PPM which guarantees speedy procurements. She encouraged countries to consider other activities including community interventions that would mitigate the Covid-19 in the rest of the application to be submitted in May. She added that procurement of Vaccines was not included in the Global C19RM Funding 2021 but remained a preview of COVAX under GAVI and WHO. The country could however include some of the systems strengthening interventions that could be deployed in the distribution of the vaccines /strengthening the supply chain.

Member/DP/BL-French Embassy stated that the COVID 19 Situation especially the third wave was impacting negatively in Kenya and the trend was similar in other countries especially in Latin America and Brazil. He intimated that it would be important to prioritize health systems strengthening in this funding request. He noted that the Global Fund had provided 62 billion in the Covid-19 grant and wondered why Global fund had given short timelines of 1 to 2 months for submission of the funding request application.

KCM Member PLWD/TB Constituency thanked the Global Fund for allocating the funds to Kenya. He however opinionated that the Covid-19 pandemic was an emergency, yet the procurement processes have not been treated as an emergency. He highlighted that there may be need to issue an executive order that would fasten the procurement process as beneficiaries were suffering. He added that whereas vaccination was important, testing was even more important, yet vaccines are offered free of charge, yet Covid-19 testing is being charged.

The chair noted that the concerns by the previous speaker were valid. She informed the meeting that the procurement of oxygen, c19 test kits and vaccines was urgent and the COVID 19 Emergency response Committee and MOH was to ensure that these procurements are treated as urgent

Dr. Dan Koros-PEPFAR thanked the KCM and the team for support, he thanked GF for availing the additional resources and the US government through the American risk act for availing the funds through the Global Fund. He sought to understand whether Global Fund had given an indication on the proportion of the funding that would go to non-procurement activities under the fast track.

The Global Fund Country team representative reiterated that there were no predetermined proportions on how much of the base allocations would go into fast-track Application. This decision would be made by the country. She informed the meeting, the submission timelines reflected on the level of urgency to respond to the COVID 19 Pandemic. She noted some countries had already submitted their fast-track requests.

KCM Alternate member- COG thanked the chair for highlighting the issues that plagued the country. She informed the meeting that she served on the Oxygen committee and the gaps in review as pertaining availability of oxygen were glaring and was indeed an emergency and there was need to avail the Oxygen promptly to the facilities. She also noted that the Covid 19 Writing team had only one COG Representative. She requested that one or two members from the COG be added to the team.

The outgoing KCM Member BL-USAID noted that in addition to the comments by the previous speaker, and having joined some of the subcommittee meetings, it was noted that there were several PSA Oxygen generating plants installed in the country but a number were not functional and piping in most facilities had not been done. He enquired from the Global Fund on whether this funding would be able to support repairs and servicing of these plants.

The Global Fund Country team representative informed the meeting that what was included in therapeutics was Oxygen and related equipment which includes activities which would ensure effective deployment of the Oxygen. It is hence the country's prerogative to indicate how these support interventions would help in the deployment of the Oxygen. These critical plans should hence be justified within the Funding Request. She asked the teams to reflect on any key activities and place them on the FR for deployment of oxygen.

Min 5/1/4/2021 Kickstart the funding request application process for the additional funding award

The secretariat informed the meeting that the next step would be to kick start the funding request application process for the additional award.

Highlighting the next steps, he noted that the meeting had received a request from the COG to add two members onto the Funding Request writing team. *The next steps were:* KCM Kick start funding request application process. C19RM Funding request writing team-develop road map/budget /schedule of dialogue/prioritization/engagements meetings and share with KCM for approval on the on-line platform and Select a submission window.

The KCM Chair requested that the state also re-think the composition of the funding request core team to turn around the funding request application as fast as possible. She requested that some of the experts on the Co-opted membership move to the Co-team especially lab experts, vaccine and procurement and supply chain. The Non state actors were also requested to nominate two additional members.

The KCM Coordinator noted that the team can be reconstituted based on identified needs and.

the names of COG, Non-State and State nominees were to be submitted to the secretariat by close of business.

KCM Member ML/UNAIDS enquired on whether the country was going to opt for a fast-track funding application or the full funding especially due to the urgency certain commodities are required in the country. She suggested that certain commodities could be agreed on to allow for fast tracking of procurement processes.

The KCM Chair highlighted that fast-track funding application would be the most preferred, due to the nature of emergency and the live saving interventions in request. She however stood to be guided.

KCM Alternate Key population Member wondered whether the PRs who were on the call had dropped off since it was important to get a status update for the current covid 19 procurements across the PRs as the country anticipated the new Funding. He stated that Oxygen was being charged in hospitals and wondered whether Global fund procured Oxygen would be provided free of charge?

The Global Fund Country team representative highlighted that the CCM would decide what needs to go in the fast-track request guided by the priority areas provided and there were no actual deadlines for the fast-track request. That Countries had already started to submit the fast-track request, and it was up to the funding request writing team to meet and forge a way forward and submit the Funding request to the global Fund in the next 1-2 weeks. She informed the meeting that the Secretariat was expected to formally communicate to the Global Fund by 21st April 2021 the selected submission Window. She requested the secretariat to also write to the Global Fund Secretariat indicating it would be undertaking a fast track and submission dates preferably before the end of the month.

The KCM Chair added that good progress had been made in the ongoing reforms/ strengthening systems at KEMSA

She requested the funding requesting writing team to prioritize on Communication especially areas around messaging on Covid 19, Vaccinations and sustainment of the containment measures to raise awareness to the beneficiaries as this was an area that had not received much funding.

The KCM coordinator informed the meeting that the PRs would provide a quick status update for the TNT, AMREF HA and KRCS Covid-19 procurements as part of the Matters arising.

Non KCM members were requested to drop off the call to allow the KCM deliberate on the remaining agenda items. However, PRs were advised to remain, to respond to matters arising.

Min 6/1/4/2021 Confirmation of Minutes of KCM meetings held on 11th March and 30th March 2021 /matters arising.

The KCM Chair requested Dr. Medhin Tsehaiu to continue as the day's chair as she had an urgent matter, she to attend to. She appreciated the KCM Members for their support in the fight against Covid 19, TB, HIV and Malaria. She sought for continued collaboration and unity as the team puts up a spirited fight against the Covid-19 Pandemic. She appreciated the Global fund the continued support.

The Chair guided that during the next KCM Meeting the secretariat, invite the various Covid 19 Committees Chairs to share the most current updates on, COVID 19 situation in the Country including testing and vaccination exercise. She wished members good deliberations.

The KCM coordinator, took members through the minutes of meetings held on the 11th and 30th August 2021 and Matters Arising.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2021 at lake Naivasha resort were adopted as a true record of the day's proceedings.

Proposed by: Ms. Meboh Abuor
Seconded by: Ms. Pamela Kibunja

The KCM coordinator took members through the Minutes of the KCM meeting held virtually on **30th March 2021**. The minutes were adopted as a true record of the days proceeding with amendments *on page 9 of 13, Min on Changes* "Appeals Committee" which indicated that Ms. Eva Muthuri joined the Appeals committee" but should instead read that "Ms. Eva Muthuri had requested to attend Appeals Committee Meeting as "friend of the Community".

To be captured was also, the request by KCM for the Appeals Committee to hold a meeting and invite AMREF Health Africa, Kinda Women Group, for a fair hearing.

KCM Member representing PLWD/TB highlighted that the TB-TRP is currently undertaking SR Selection and was to share their report with the KCM anytime next week.

Proposed by: Dr. Pierre Bello
Seconded by: Ms. Patricia Kilonzo

MATTERS ARISING:

KCM meeting held on 11th March 2021; 1. The Appeals committee would meet with Amref and review the detailed report and also meet with the Kinda-SR and report back to KCM on the findings. *Update* KCM appeals committee held a meeting on 25th march 2021. Ms Faith Muigai selected as the Chair of the appeals committee. No Party whether PR or SR has been listened to by the KCM Appeals committee. No party has an undue advantage over the other. The issue touches

on the day-to-day Management/running of activities between the SR and PR. The appeal by the Kinda Women Group is premature as investigations are still underway to the level of the OIG-Global Fund. The appeal committee is unable to decide on an ongoing process and there is need to await a conclusion of the matter and if Kinda Women Group is still aggrieved following the conclusion of the matter, then the KCM Appeals Committee would review the finalized report / documentation and make a recommendation to the KCM. *Status-Ongoing.*

COG Report on County Specific Activities and Budget 2021-2024 Implementation Period. *Update:* Report submitted to the Global Fund on 12th March, 2021 for review alongside other final grant negotiation documents. *Status: Done.*

The welfare of KCM Alternates and Members *Update:* Budget Subcommittee consisting of members representing Informal Private Sector, Malaria, GOV-TNT, HIV and KP was established to work with the KCM Secretariat and draft KCM Workplan and budget /reallocation request based on GF Guidelines and present proposal to management committee and KCM before submission to GF. *Status Done.*

Approval of the Management and Oversight Committee recommendations *Update:* Recommendations and KCM Reallocation request approved on 30th March, 2021 and submitted to GF for review and approval. *Status Done.*

KCM meeting held on 30th March 2021;

ARVs stock Status/Situation report. USAID and MOH top leadership to meet and finalize discussion on the pending issues and ensure adequate ARVs supplies to beneficiaries. *Update* Follow up meetings held MOH sought approvals and cleared the ARVs consignment. USAID to hand over the ARV Consignment for distribution through the established systems. *Status On Going.*

2. Approval of TORs for the development of KCM documentary/ constituting the Technical Evaluation Committee/ launching the call. *Update* the TORs for the development of KCM documentary were approved. A technical Evaluation Committee to review CVs was appointed. Call launched on 31st March, 2021. Evaluation of CVs currently ongoing. TEC to share final report with KCM after completion. *Status on Going.*

3. Approval of the KCM Reallocation Request. *Update* Reallocation request submitted to GF for review and approved. *Status Done.*

4. SR Selection/Nomination of KCM and ICC representation on the HIV TRC and TB TRC, Respectively. *Update* Request initiated, after completion list of nominees to be shared with KCM for approval. *Status On-Going*

Covid-19 Status Updates by Kenya Red Cross Presentation by Ms. Annette Msabeni: -

Activities and progress update related to grant flexibilities and C19RM grants: Rapid Assessment on effects of C19 on beneficiaries on going; Training of CHVs, PEs and CATS on COVID-19 this is done. Currently scaling up to reach more community actors. Intensifying sensitization at community level and among the all the beneficiaries. Cash Transfer to PLHIV/KP/AYP household and groups on going. Engagement of Outreach workers and some Peer Educators to deliver

essential commodities on going. Referral of SGBV clients and linking them ongoing. Virtual and physical Mental health sessions and support through line 1199 on going. Carrying out contact tracing, linkage and adherence support on going. Methadone mobile dispensing to decongest MAT clinics in Nairobi on going. Procurement of PPE done under was done. Procurement under C19 grant is ongoing.

PPE PROCUREMENT UPDATE: KEBS has provided technical report for Reusable Masks and Sanitisers. A report will be shared with LFA by COB 14th April 2021. This is a requirement prior awarding. Lead time for delivery 2 – 6 weeks. Medical Masks procurement updates. All suppliers failed the tape strength parameter as per KEBS specification which had changed midway procurement process, yet it is an important parameter to consider for the medical masks. A meeting between KEBS and all the suppliers who bided will take place by 16th April 2021. This meeting is aimed at sharing the new specs with all the suppliers. A report will be share with LFA/GF by COB 15th April 2021. Requesting to give an approval to shorten the retender of surgical masks based on the new specs. *Pending:* 2nd Batch of procurement of PPEs (sanitisers and reusable masks). Procurement documents are ready awaiting to be shared with GF subject after the 1st batch report submission. Planning to start community dialogue sessions on COVID 19. This was to start 1st week of April but affected with the new presidential directives on gatherings hence strategizing to align. To kick start by 19th April 2021

Covid-19 Status Updates by Amref Health Africa in Kenya

The meeting was informed that Amref HA did not have representation in the days meeting as they were held up in a meeting with the Global Fund OIG Audit team during the KCM meeting. Amref HA had however submitted their presentation with the KCM Secretariat.

Global Fund Budget to support COVID-19 Response.

Project Reprogrammed funds towards COVID 19 (was a one-off activity in 2020): In the period January - June 2020, Amref received approval from the Global Fund through Kenya Coordinating Mechanism to reallocate USD 223,791 for malaria grants to support COVID-19 response in Kenya with the aim of ensuring continuity of malaria services at the community level. The main activity was to support Infection Prevention Control at level 1. **IPC Community Level;** Procurement of Clean Gloves *Implementing entity PR; Budget (USD) 30,196; Status updates* the beneficiaries were CHVs. 8500 CHVs received a box of 50 pairs each of clean gloves. All the 10 counties in the lake endemic region were covered. Procurement of face Masks- 3 ply surgical masks; *Implementing entity PR; Budget (USD) 143,850; Status update* 6300 boxes of 50 pieces were procured. Each CHV was receiving 25 pieces of the disposable masks, CHEWs, PR and SR staff were receiving 50 pieces each. Procurement of hand sanitizer; *Implementing entity PR; Budget (USD) 33,158; Status update* 800 bottles of 500ml hand rub was procured. The beneficiaries included community CHEWs, SR, PR staff who all received the items for use. This would facilitate during report collection, compilation review and reporting. Distribution cost; *Implementing entity PR; Budget (USD) 16,576; Status update* Amref vehicles were used for distribution and project staff facilitated the exercise. The items were delivered directly to the CHVs at the community units. **Target beneficiaries:** The above items were distributed in the following counties: Bungoma, Busia, Vihiga, Kakamega, Kisumu, Siaya, Homabay, Kisii, Nyamira and Migori. The distribution was undertaken between July and August 2020. **Bungoma county-** No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 1,060; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 310; SR staff (beneficiaries) 2. Busia county; No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 1,050; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP; (beneficiaries) 215 SR staff (beneficiaries) 2. **Kakamega-** No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 1,340; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC,

C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 268; SR staff (beneficiaries) 3. **Vihiga-** No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 1,070; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 204; SR staff (beneficiaries) 2. **Kisumu** - No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 770; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 142; SR staff (beneficiaries) 2. **Homabay-** No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 690; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 138; SR staff (beneficiaries) 6 (3 SRsx2). **Siaya-** No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 620; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 144 SR staff (beneficiaries) 2. **Kisii-** No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 680; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 146; SR staff (beneficiaries) 2. **Nyamira-** No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 350; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (Beneficiaries) 70; SR staff (beneficiaries) 2. **Migori-** No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 870; NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 174; SR staff (beneficiaries) 2. **Nairobi (PR staff)-SR staff (beneficiaries) 20. Total No of CHVs (beneficiaries) 8,500. NO. CHEWs, C/SCMCC, C/SCHSFP (beneficiaries) 1,811-SR staff (beneficiaries) 45.**

Challenges: Items procured were inadequate i.e., 6300 masks against a need of 8500 CHVs and 1680 CHEWs, 22 SR staff and 20 PR staff. **Mitigation measures;** Amref is reaching out to other actors in the community for resource mobilization for the same. Counties have also been encouraged to procure some PPEs for the community. Some counties wanted the PPEs to be left at the county level for them to plan for the distribution. **Mitigation measures:** Amref dialogued with the concerned officers on the need for the items to be taken to the CHVs directly, which they finally accepted. However, the counties said there was greater need at the formal health facilities which they requested to also be prioritized. **Global Fund Tuberculosis update on procurement of Gene Xpert cartridges** the country transitioned to bundling cost for maintenance and servicing of Gene Xpert machines with an SLA agreement between MOH and Cepheid. There have been delays in procurement due to the country transitioning to procurement under a Service Level Agreement. The SLA was signed on 28th March 2019. To cater for foreseen shortages in 2018, emergency procurement of 231,421 initiated (less the bundling cost) with GF approval and an agreement to ensure that all future procurements are in line with the SLA. Procurement of 641,300 cartridges 2019 and 65,200 cartridges for 2020 consignments were affected with the SLA and all cartridges delivered in country. The SLA expired on 30th March 2020 and since then the country has been following up on renewal. To that effect the PR has been unable to initiate 2021 consignment of 118,786 cartridges (USD 1.4M). Amref has consistently followed up on the SLA signing and the same has been escalated to NTP, KCM and GF for support.

Global Fund Malaria update on PPES for Mass Net distribution; Activities under this funding for malaria include Procurement of PPEs for mass LLINs distribution. Distribution of the PPEs in 27 counties. The items to be procured are as given below.

Hand Sanitizers 500 ML bottles; *Unit of measure-* Bottles; Quantities -83,200; Hand Drying Tissue (Serviettes Napkins); *Unit of measure-* Packets; Quantities-124,800; *Status update:* Awaiting delivery of items by the supplier after tax exemption certificate is processed. 3 ply surgical masks; *Unit of measure-*Boxes of 50 pcs; Quantities -19,968; Infrared Thermometer; *Unit of measure-*pieces; Quantities -8,320; Face shields; *Unit of measure* -pieces; Quantities-66,560. *Status update:* Tender evaluation done; samples submitted to KEBS for evaluation awaiting results by 15th of April 2021. Examination gloves; *Unit of measure-*pieces; Quantities -873,600; HE Plastic apron disposable; *Unit of measure-*Pieces; Quantities-332,800; Biohazard bags; *Unit of measure-*pieces Quantities-166,400; *Status update:* Tender evaluation done, samples sent to KEBS for evaluation and results for all samples received on 12/4/2021. waiting finalization of tender report and award of tender to supplier. Hand Wash Stations 50 Ltr tanks; *Unit of measure* -Units. Quantities -8,320; Bar soap (200gm bars); *Unit of measure-*Pieces; Quantities 41,600 *Status update-* Tender for potential

suppliers re-advertised. Tender opening done and evaluation to commence on Monday 19th April 2021 for one week.

The National Treasury was to share via email the implementation status of C19 RM as of 14th April, 2021 online review/comments by members

DISCUSSION

The chair thanked the members for their presentations and noted that she looked forward to receiving the National treasury updates on their Covid 19 Procurements. She added that the suggestion by the KCM Chair to have the Covid 19 updates and country's response from a multisectoral view was a welcome move as it would allow members familiarize with the situation on the ground. She hence opened the meeting for deliberation.

The Chair sought clarification on what progress AMREF HA had made from July to present since they had reported the timelines from January to June 2020.

The Coordinator informed the meeting that since Amref was not present, all issues/concerns raised would be noted and forwarded to them and responses shared via email.

The KPs Alternate Member thanked the presenters for the clarifications given. He noted with concern that additional funding had been accessed by the country, yet the previous funding had not been fully utilized. He requested the secretariat shares the TNT Covid-19 updates to allow the KCM appreciate where the country was with the covid 19 procurements. He sought ratification on which population dynamics had been reached by activities at the community level by KRCS.

KCM Alternate Member private Informal Sector sought clarification from the PR2 on whether they employed the distribution of the procured PPEs, Sanitizers and reusable masks procured, through the local communities as a way of building the locals economically at these hard economic times especially on the tendering process.

Ms. Annette Msabeni -KRCS, thanked the presenters for the concerns raised and assured the meeting that community level activities had continued to progress well despite the current pandemic. These included the sensitization, awareness creation, trainings, and delivery of health services. However, like the rest of the PRs, some difficulty was experienced in the areas of procurement. She highlighted that this was an area that required strengthening to unearth any bottlenecks to be better able to launch the procurements as emergencies. The activities that remained unfinished were the cash transfers scheduled to take place in June and May following the final verification. In terms of tender/procurement process, this was done guided by the policies and guidance by the Global Fund. That procurement was by open tender, and everybody was free to apply and meet the required specification in terms of KEBS Certification. She invited her KRCS team to offer additional clarifications.

Ms. Khalda Mohammed- KRCS added that from the community perspective, KRCS had reached out to KRCS implementing partners and was currently scaling up. She assured members that they had adopted on going targets that would be implemented till the end of June 2021. They have reached different populations with health messages including mental health for PLHIV network. Other target groups include AYP, CHVS, Key Populations in the various typologies, PLWHIV networks and other vulnerable populations. She went on to further explain that that following

reprogramming, the initial procurements were utilized at the community level and KRCS relied on the facilitation by the community actors to roll out implementation.

The chair thanked the KRCS for their responses and member remarks, she added that Global Fund was here to help in an emergency mode, it was hence important for the PRs to fast-track the implementation and the delivery of results.


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The meeting was informed that the Global Fund OIG Team had started its audit planning mission in Kenya. The OIG Team held a meeting with the KCM Leadership and KCM Secretariat on 12th April, 2021 and OIG audit team meeting with the full KCM had been scheduled for the first week of May, 2021

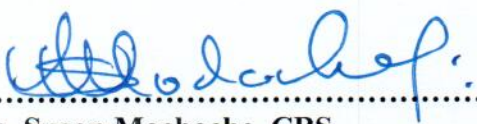
The outgoing member representing BL/USAID, Dr. Stanley Bii took this opportunity to thank members for their support and cooperation during his tenure, as well as giving him the opportunity to serve as the Chair of the Ethics Committee. He asked KCM to accord his successor Mr. Washington Omuomwo the same support.


The Chair thanked the outgoing Ethics Committee Chair for his contribution on the KCM and she reassured the meeting that the BL/ML partners would be nominating a suitable replacement for the vacant slot on the Ethics Committee. She appreciated the inputs from the various members and the KCM for having appointed her as the complementary chair for the days meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12.30pm


Sign:
Mr. Samuel Muia
KCM Coordinator


Date:


Sign:
Ms. Susan Mochache, CBS
KCM Chair


Date: