

**CONSTITUENCY CONSULTATION
PUBLIC & PRIVATE SECTOR, CIVIL SOCIETY AND KEY
POPULATIONS
DECEMBER 29, 2023**

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Country Coordinating Mechanism is national level forum that submits funding applications to the Global Fund on behalf of the country. CCM includes representatives from government, private sector, technical partners, civil society including people living with and/or affected by diseases and key populations. CCM coordinates the development of the national request for funding, nominates the Principal Recipient, oversees the implementation of approved grants, approves any reprogramming requests and ensures linkages and consistency between Global Fund grants and other national health and development programs.

Private sector constituencies have been paid huge importance by the Global Fund while designing, planning and implementation of grants. Accordingly, CCM Secretariat conducts consultations with all the private and govt. sector constituencies each year. The constituency consultation was planned in Lahore on December 29, 2023 at Ramada Hotel. The purpose of consultation was to orientate all the public sector provincial stakeholders on functioning of GF, CCM the implementation of GF Grants in the province and get inputs from civil society. All the PRs, and SRs both the public and private sector were invited to participate in the meeting. Provincial AIDS and TB programs, Department of Health, District Health Authority and other private sector provincial stakeholders were engaged in the consultation. This activity is considered extremely essential as the GF attaches lot of importance for civil society especially PLWDs & KAPs. This has provided them the information related to GF funding in Pakistan and will help to create close coordination amongst each other resulting in efficient, effective and timely implementation of the GF Grants.

OBJECTIVES OF CONSTITUENCY CONSULTATION:

There were two key objectives of this consultation,

- 1) To provide an opportunity to the people living with and/or affected by three diseases/their associated family members, and being key affected populations who have been attaining services from any center supported by the Global Fund and get feedback from beneficiaries to improve services and address issues being faced by the communities in accessing diagnosis/treatment services and also get inputs for future planning.
- 2) To orientate all the private sector stakeholders on GF Guidelines as well as functioning of CCM, role and responsibilities of CCM members.

AGENDA OF THE MEETING:

S. No	Description	Time	Facilitation
1.	Recitation from Holy Quran	09:30 AM	
2.	Introduction of Participants	09:35 AM	Participants
3.	Welcome & Opening Remarks	09:50 AM	
4.	Presentation about GFATM, CCM Pakistan and Update on New Funding Request (2024-2026), and upcoming CCM Elections	10:15 AM	CCM Coordinator
Working Tea			
5.	Presentation – Current & Future interventions in Punjab - TB PRs a) CMU – NTP, b) MC	10:40 AM	TB PRs (10 minutes each)
6.	Interactive Session with Beneficiaries/ PLWDs/KPs – Questions and Answers Session	11:00 AM	Participants
7.	Presentation - Current & Future interventions in Punjab - HIV/AIDS PRs a) UNDP , b) NZ	11:15 AM	HIV/AIDS PRs (10 minutes each)
8.	Interactive Session with Beneficiaries/ PLWDs/KPs – Questions and Answers Session	11:40 AM	Participants
9.	Vote of Thanks	12:00 PM	
Lunch			

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING:

The meeting started with recitation of some verses from Holy Quran. After the recitation, CCM Member Mr. Muhammad Hanif welcomed all the participants on the behalf of CCM Pakistan. He thanked and appreciated CCM secretariat for holding this important event in Lahore with Public and private sector and key populations.

After that, Mr. Muhammad Azhar, Manager Operations PACP thanked CCM Secretariat for playing a significant role for bringing civil society on one plate form. He specially appreciated the support being provided by the Global Fund for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Punjab.

After the guest speakers, Mr. Hafiz Hamad Murtaza CCM Coordinator thanked all the PRs and public and private sector SRs for supporting CCM to organize this activity in Lahore. He gave brief presentation about GFATM, CCM Pakistan and update on New Funding Request (2024-2026), and

upcoming CCM Elections. He shared objectives of holding this consultation with private sector. He also elaborated the responsibilities of PRs and SRs in implementation of Global Fund grants.

At the end of the interactive session, CCM Coordinator requested to all representatives of all the Principal Recipients for brief presentations in Urdu/Punjabi on their respective programmatic areas, disease prevalence and interventions/various services being provided in various geographic areas of Lahore for the key populations as well as general public.

Presentation on Current & Future interventions in Punjab - TB PRs (CMU-NTP and MC):

The PRs of TB disease components were asked to present their work which they are doing in Punjab for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of TB with targeted populations. They were asked to present their work in Urdu or Punjabi for facilitation of beneficiaries and not to use power point presentations in English. Both the PRs gave detailed presentations on their interventions in Punjab. PRs talked about various services being provided in various geographic areas of Punjab for the key populations as well as general public. PRs also talked about the data being reported from various sites and the hurdles being faced during the implementation.

Questions/Answers - Interactive Session with Beneficiaries/PLWDs/PWIDs/KAPs:

A session of half an hour was given to the beneficiaries of TB disease to share their experience of how they reached on the service delivery outlet, what kinds of difficulties faced while reaching on the service delivery site, what kind of services provided to them and they were asked to share their point of view on satisfaction level for various services provided. The beneficiaries shared the following concerns about the service delivery in Punjab province;

Sr. #	Area of Improvements /Suggestions/Feedback	Way Forward
1	<p>Ms. Rubi TG appreciated the program interventions and shared some points for the PRs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPM model needs to be assessed in terms of its cost efficiency and value for money. Whereas investment should be made to improve health responsiveness. Currently timings of hospitals are 8am to 2pm. Investments should be made to arrange double shift for health care providers can be supported in public sector for sustainable response, building trust of general public and reduction in out-of-pocket expense. There is need to improve the coordination between PRs and hospital staff. 	The representatives from MC and CMU responded that they will work on it and try to solve all these discussed issues.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She highlighted the space issue in hospital. The space is very short for the patients. 	
2.	<p>CCM member Mr. M. Hanif shared his views regarding TB program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper monitoring and coordination need to be ensured at all levels. • Community awareness, sputum collection mechanism by all partners involved, need to be carefully assessed and implemented as currently there are areas of improvement that need to be looked into. • Facility Coverage expansion both in Public and private sector • Optimal utilization of resources for diagnosis Preventive treatment services needs to be fast tracked • Schedule of chest camps should be shared with ART clinic. • There should be mechanism where HIV Patients need not to visit TB Clinic for TB testing and subsequently TB treatment should be available for HIV patients at ARV Clinic for infection prevention and control. 	

It was found that none of the beneficiaries shared any inconveniences faced during the whole process of diagnosis, treatment or follow up. All the patients showed their profound satisfaction provided by all the PRs and SRs.

Presentation on Current & Future interventions in Punjab – HIV PRs (UNDP and NZ):

The PRs of HIV disease components were asked to present their work which they are doing in Punjab for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of HIV with targeted populations. They were asked to present their work in Urdu or Punjabi for facilitation of beneficiaries and not to use power point presentations in English. Both the PRs gave detailed presentations on their interventions in Punjab. PRs talked about various services being provided in various geographic areas of Punjab for the key populations as well as general public. PRs also talked about the data being reported from various sites and the hurdles being faced during the implementation.

Questions/Answers - Interactive Session with Beneficiaries/PLWDs/PWIDs/KAPs:

A session of half an hour was given to the beneficiaries of HIV disease to share their experience of how they reached on the service delivery outlet, what kinds of difficulties faced while reaching on the service delivery site, what kind of services provided to them and they were asked to share their point of view on satisfaction level for various services provided. The beneficiaries shared the following views about the service delivery in Punjab province;

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1	<p>A participant Ms. Saba shared that some following points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrimination and stigma Issues faced by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The representative from UNDP briefly explained the criteria of the distribution of food Items. He said that these lists are

	<p>PLHIVs in the health care settings, specifically in surgical issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no referral mechanism between TB and HIV clinic as vulnerable immune compromised patients are at verge of getting infections due to lack of mechanism of testing • She asked about the criteria of distribution of food items which were distributed among HIV patients. These food items should be distributed among all HIV positive patients. 	<p>prepared and provided by SR (APLHIV)/CDC on the basis of patient's social Economic status (family income etc). He suggested to the participants that if you know any needy persons then you let them inform to visit nearest ART center and share your detailed information's. You can also contact APLHIV helpline for any complaint.</p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the participants has requested to PRs/SRs that the timing of ART center should be extended from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM because some patients return from job in evening. They should be facilitated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The representatives from PRs responded that they will work on it and try to fix this issue.
3	<p>CCM Coordinator shared his view from recent Oversight visit of Punjab to the participants regarding HIV interventions in Punjab;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV testing kits should be monitored in HIV sentinel sites. Only WHO qualified testing kits should be provided • Proper monitoring and coordination need to be ensured at all levels. • Community awareness, sputum collection mechanism by all partners involved, need to be carefully assessed and implemented as currently there are areas of improvement that need to be looked into. He also said that before starting campaign we should keep in mind the confidentiality of the patients. • INH Prophylaxis must be provided to ALL HIV patients who are ruled out as not suffering from TB as per National TB & HIV Guidelines. • Cupboards should be provided for file maintenance at ARV Clinic 	

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At the end of the meeting, Mr. Ch. Muhammad Nawaz CCM Member concluded the meeting with thanks and said that there should be some follow up of these inputs. He appreciated the initiative and desired that CCM shall arrange such consultations on regular basis in smaller cities.

PHOTO GALLERY:

