

**Minutes of the CCM Malaria Committee Meeting on 06 June 2018, 4th floor boardroom
kaguvi building, 1415 hours**

Present	Organization
1. Mr G. Tinarwo	Abt/AIRS (chairing)
2. Dr. J Mberikunashe	MOHCC
3. Dr C. Basera	MOHCC
4. Mrs. F Manjoro	MOHCC
5. Ms P.N Magande	MOHCC-PCU
6. Dr. P Dhliwayo	MOHCC
7. Ms V Machiwana	NMCP/E8
8. Ms. C Billingsley	PMI
9. Mr. F Zvenyika	Tongatt Hullet
10. Mrs. H Mafunda	UMC Health
11. Mr O. Mundida	CCM Secretariat
12. Mr E Mushambi	CCM Secretariat
13. Mr L. Chikondowa	CCM Secretariat
14. Mrs N Mujuru	UNDP
15. Ms T. Chezhira-Mukunga	UNDP
16. Mr R Taruvinga	ZINQAP
17. Mrs J Chaumba	PEPFAR
18. Mr A Chisada	ZAPIM
19. Ms E Chikoto	LFA

Narration	Action
<p>1. Opening remarks The meeting was called to order at 1420 hours with the CCM Secretariat informing the house of the dissolution of the previous committee membership and the need to select a chairperson for the day pending appointment of the substantive chairperson by the CCM. Mr Tinarwo was selected to the chair the meeting.</p> <p>2. Adoption of the agenda and declaration of Conflict of Interest The meeting's agenda was adopted with no amendments, and the call for declaration of conflict of interest was done with no member declaring to be conflicted.</p> <p>3. Adoption of the minutes of the CCM Malaria Committee Meeting of 27 February 2018 The minutes from the meeting of 27 February 2018 were adopted as a correct record of the previous meeting's proceedings.</p> <p>4. Matters arising from the minutes The following items were discussed as action points from the previous meeting: 4.1 Update on opening of Stan Chart bank accounts: The MOHCC PCU indicated they had opened the Standard Chartered Bank account and it was ready for use. 4.2 Update on procurement of IEC materials for the Malaria Day Commemoration: The meeting was informed that the materials were successfully procured and the day had since been commemorated. 4.3 Update on Rectal Artesunate stock status (at zero during 1st qtr meeting): NMCP indicated the commodity was now in stock and the MOHCC DPS was going to update on the quantities available in stock.</p>	

5. New Business

5.1 MOHCC Update - Dr P Magande

- The presentation started by highlighting the status of the 2 outstanding conditions precedent for the grant i.e PCU External Review scheduled for week beginning 18 June 2018 and the HRH plan to transition from the retention scheme. Work on the HRH long term plan was reported to be in progress for submission to the GF by 31 December 2018.
- The meeting was informed that the SR disbursements for Q1 were made rather late on 17 March 2018 with only two weeks of implementation left. PFMS configuration was complete and the GF satisfied – budgets for the 3 grants MOHCC grants were now seated on the PFMS and split down to the district level. The Malaria NFM grant had a performance rating of A2 for Q5.
- The MOHCC had an RBF learning visit to Rwanda end of April 2018 and the report would be shared once it is signed off.
- The current grant was at 5% burn rate at 31 March 2018 (excluding procurements) – the low burn rate was mainly attributed to delayed disbursement. With commitments, the burn rate would get to 59%. Procurement of pharmaceuticals was at 99% and 100% for IRS commodities for the period under review. Laboratory commodities procurement had commenced.
- A proposal for inclusion in the PAAR amounting to \$1,735,186.10 was presented for recommendation for CCM endorsement as per below breakdown. A detailed update was circulated to the committee before the meeting.

Activity	Cost
Supply & Delivery of 40FT Containers	272,160.00
Procurement of VHWS medicine boxes	274,400.00
Storage and distribution of IRS insecticides	268,814.81
Procurement of giemsa stain and methanol	10,182.90
Procurement of riders suits	250,869.05
Procurement of lorries for IRS	638,400.00
Procurement of laboratory reagents	20,359.34
Sub-Total - USD	1,735,186.10

Comments

- It was clarified that most of the proposed items for inclusion in the PAAR were in the grant that ended on 31 December 2017 but the MOHCC could not procure the commodities before grant closure. The products were very essential for the programme. Following some engagement with the GF CT during the January 2018, the country was advised to make a submission of those essential commodities and services for inclusion in the PAAR for the current grant. The 1st item had already been endorsed by CCM – it was being resubmitted following the GF's request for a consolidated PAAR. The meeting advised the MOHCC PCU to add summary justifications for the \$1.7 million request to be presented to the CCM for endorsement. The house was assured that some explanatory notes would be added on the slides to be presented to the CCM on 11 June 2018. It was agreed that the request should be presented to the CCM for endorsement for submission to the GF.
- There was a request for the MOHCC to share the indicator performance for the 1st quarter of the year and the NMCP indicated the performance was very good for Q1 as most of the indicators achieved more than 90% of the targets.
- The CCM Secretariat informed the meeting of the pending GF CT visit scheduled for 24-30 June 2018 and the need for the committee to come up with any issues that may need the attention of the GF CT for discussion during the mission.

5.2 Update from the NMCP – Dr Mberikunashe

- The NMCP indicated they had recorded a huge decline in malaria incidences and deaths for the 2017-2018 season compared to the previous season. Mt Darwin in Masonaland Central had the highest cases. The country was slowly coming out of the peak period of transmission but outbreaks were still a common feature especially for Chipinge District in Manicaland.
- The meeting was informed that the E8 Grant was supporting with 5 health posts in the country, 3 of which were operational and 2 were still under construction. Data collection for the SBCC study in Angwa completed and the results would help strengthen the NMCP in its programming. A capacity assessment for expansion of the elimination districts has been completed. Preparations for the 2018/2019 malaria season were in progress. There were plans to improve transportation for IRS teams by having benches in the lorries. More lorries were procured but yet to be delivered.
- The NMCP had received a total of USD1,903,212.80 for Q1 of the current grant and had disbursed 100% of Q1 provincial budgets. Burn rate for the quarter was at 71% as at 31 May 2018. Planned activities for the month of June 2018 were shared including an accelerated plan for Q1 outstanding activities.
- The NMCP shared a number of issues and challenges as reported by provinces with the most common challenge being delayed payments for activities. The PFMS was reported to be pausing real challenges for district and community level activities. There was a call to consider an assessment on the functionality of the PFMS at all levels. The need to consider alternative payment modes was emphasised (it was taking at least 3 weeks to pay participants after the activity is carried out).

Comments

- The meeting noted with concern the reported delays in payments for activities through the PFMS and requested the MOHCC (PR) to consider other payment modes. It was clarified that it was the decision of the Government of Zimbabwe (through the Ministry of Finance) to have all the funds flow through the PFMS and the GF was agreeable to the arrangement and satisfied with the PFMS – the MOU with the GF states that the funds should flow through the PFMS. The PR acknowledged that the system was still new and a number of challenges were expected. However, the MOHCC was identifying the problems in order to come up with the solutions. Most of the issues were administrative and would be easily addressed. An assessment on the system indicated the system was very good. The PCU Finance team was looking into the challenges and would come up with the solutions. The PR and the SRs would constantly meet and try to resolve challenges. The issue about PFMS was a government position and the MOHCC would need to engage both the GF and the Ministry of Finance.
- The meeting maintained that the PFMS operational issues needed to be addressed and the PR indicated they receive quarterly reports which are reviewed and discussed with SRs during the quarterly review meetings. A representative from PMI indicated they could help the MOHCC engage with the GF if there were any areas the MOHCC needed support, including the PFMS.

5.3 Update from ZINQAP – Mr. R Taruvinga

- The presentation covered the January – March 2018 implementation period for 2 activities for the SR i.e. malaria microscopy EQA and malaria RDT EQA. Samples for malaria microscopy external quality assurance were sent to 150 of the targeted 170 testing sites for last quarter – the SR could not get the list of sites on time. The other

sites have since been identified and distribution was to continue in June 2018.

- A total of 1700 sites were targeted for RDT EQA for the 1st semester of 2018; planning and logistical arrangements were underway for the activity. The delay in the implementation of the activity was mainly due to high costs of the panel slides (a discount has since been negotiated – from \$27 to \$17/slide). There were negotiations for the SR to get the RDT panels directly from the supplier to avoid further delays in the implementation of the activity.

6. Selection of New CCM Malaria Committee Membership – CCM Secretariat

- The meeting was informed that the term of the previous committee ended on 31 May 2018 and there was need to nominate members for the June 2018 to May 2021 tenure – the proposed list would be presented to the CCM for endorsement. The Chairperson of the committee (who should be a CCM member) would be selected by the CCM. Below is the proposed 2018-2021 CCM Malaria Committee membership which was to be presented for CCM endorsement.

1. Mr. D. Zinyengere
2. Dr. P. Dhliwayo
3. Dr. A Chimusoro
4. Mrs.H.S Mafunda
5. Mr. F Zvenyika
6. Mr S Sigauke
7. FBO TMPC
8. Mrs. C Kampila
9. PMI/CDC

7. End of meeting

There being no any other business, the meeting adjourned at 1555 hours with a prayer.