

OVERSIGHT REPORT

Time: 13h30 Tuesday, June 30th 2020

Location: National Lung Hospital - 463 Hoang Hoa Tham, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi

Chair: Assoc.Prof. Pham Le Tuan, CCM Viet Nam Chair

Oversight member: Representative of Ministry of Health, WHO, UNAIDS, CSO, CCM Secretariat.

Main content:

- Global Fund TB Program in 2019 - 2020 and plan for the 2021-2023 period;
- Regional TB grant: Funding Request relating to TB among migrants period 2019 - 2021;
- Funding request for COVID-19 response.

1. IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN TB CENTREAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT

1. Result of Global Fund project for TB control in Viet Nam

(The Project update by National Lung Hospital is attached with this report)

Most of the indicators have been achieved, but some indicators such as the number of TB cases (all forms) notified among prisoners is only 85%, due to a change in the epidemiological situation and the number of prisoners. In 2020, the Tuberculosis Program will apply Gene-Xpert test to detect tuberculosis patients in detention to make sure of this situation.

2. Disbursement rate of Global Fund project for TB control in Viet Nam period 2019-2020

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a. At central level:

The total cost of the project is 51 million USD for the period 2018-2020, and there is currently USD 11 million undisbursed. In 2018, the project disbursed 5.7 million USD (100%). In 2019, disbursement is about 22 million USD over 30.7 million USD (equivalent to about 75%).

From September to November 2019, the CPMU has adjusted the unused local and central savings, with a total budget of about 4 million USD approved by the Global Fund. The adjustment was allocated to proactive detection activities, expanded latent TB detection, and purchased cartridges. These savings is finished disbursed.

By 2020, in the process of adjusting the plan and budget of 2020, the PPMU has continued to review the activities, especially drug-resistant tuberculosis activities because this is a funding activity largely dependent on the ability to implement only detection, acquisition and treatment of patients. After reviewing, earlier this year, CPMU cut 20 billion VND from drug-resistant TB to other activities, mainly active detection

The CPMU has difficulties in WAMBO purchases, such as purchasing N95 masks.

b. At provincial level:

The accumulated fund transferred from the locality (63 provinces / cities) till June 30, 2020 is 303 billion VND, of which VND 130 billion has been settled by the PPMU. Local funding returned to CPMU adjusting 2019 budget: 24 billion VND, undisbursed fund in the provinces/cities until June 30, 2020: 149 billion VND.

The CPMU also had a plan to request the province in July - August 2020 to send to the CPMU plans of the local funding plan, showing the ability to disburse the remaining activities, adjustment need for undisbursed funding, etc.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is almost impossible to carry out activities in the first 4 months of the year, funds transferred to the provinces and directly implemented by the Central Government only started to being used at the end of April and May. , localities need long enough operating time to anticipate the possibility of disbursement. There have been no disbursement reports for the first 6 months of 2020. This year at the end of June, CPMU has transferred 27 active detection vehicles; the PPMU will use X-ray proactive detection equipment which will help improve disbursement speed.

2. FUNDING REQUEST RELATING TO TB AMONG MIGRANTS PERIOD 2019-2021

The project focuses on migrants in the border areas at Tay Ninh and An Giang provinces.

The project has a total budget of USD 1,171,516 but has not been implemented due to a slow domestic approval process (it has been submitted to the Ministry of Health from April 2019 but only got the final approval by June 2020).

3. FUNDING REQUEST FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the CPMU was approved 1,023,455 USD of residual amount in 2019 to carry out outbreak response activities by the Global Fund. This funding is for procurement of molecular testing equipment, medical equipment and consumable supplies for disease prevention and control.

For the C19RM mechanism, the PMU developed a proposal with a cost of 1,111,135 USD with the committed capital and 4,439,597 USD with potential source.

4. EVALUATION OF THE TB PROGRAM IN CPMU

4.1. Advantages and achievements:

CCM Viet Nam highly appreciates the performance of the CPMU for the implementation of TB project funded by the Global Fund. Local disbursement report data has been periodically reported and monitored promptly. The CPMU keeps in touch with disbursement progress nationwide through the BRAVO system. PPMU when disbursing, need to input data on software that is monitored online, ensuring sufficient information to extract

reports as required by the Government and donor. All CPMU staff have extensive experience in implementing Global Fund projects, having a good grasp of organizational, financial, technical and logistics management.

4.2. Challenges and difficulties:

*** Indicators:**

While most of the indicators have been achieved, there are also indicators such as TCP-6a is at 85%, which is theoretically easily achievable because the prison is a tightly controlled environment, also the indicators TB / HIV-6 (M) and MDR TB-2 (M) are still low.

*** Disbursement**

The Central PMU currently has 11 million USD at the central level, a large part of which has to go through WAMBO; According to the CPMU's report, the WAMBO procurement is slow and has many limitations. CCM Viet Nam concerned that the purchase via WAMBO software would not keep up and reduce the absorption rate of Vietnam, also according to the principles of the Global Fund, if the absorption rate is low, it will affect the call for capital for the next rounds. If Vietnam gets low disbursement due to WAMBO purchases, it will need to make recommendations to the Global Fund soon.

The local undisbursed amount remains 149 billion over 303 billion (about 50% of the undisbursed amount) and needs to be disbursed in the last 6 months of 2020. Provinces in two years spend 129 billion, so in 6 months disbursing all 149 billion is very difficult task.

The CPMU also needs to assess how much of the 27 X-ray vehicles that are about to be used will contribute to the disbursement process. The CPMU should pay attention to the difficulties in reallocating funding sources at province level – which can make it impossible for the PPMU to spend the committed aid.

The process of approving projects according to regulations is still slow, it is necessary to monitor all documents and discussions with relevant agencies to accelerate the approval process.

4. RECOMMENDATION

Disbursement: Although the CPMU has made great efforts, the disbursement speed is still a big problem; based on the current figures, there will be very heavy workload in the last 6 months of the year. This is also the last year of the implementing period 2018-2020. Therefore, the CPMU should proactively urge the PPMU with the disbursement, and when the PPMU has a plan to reallocate funding sources, it is necessary to include the province's needs in the plan to suit it.

Report: The CPMU should actively report disbursement progress to CCM Vietnam on a monthly basis, the CCM Vietnam side will organize oversight team in the form of a small group with 1 or 2 members of the Oversight Committee and the Secretariat, ensuring the monitoring is conducted promptly and regularly. If necessary, CCM Vietnam sends a letter to the Global Fund to accelerate the procurement process through the WAMBO system.

C19RM: Regarding C19RM, CCM Vietnam has sent a letter to PRs asking to notify proposals to CCM for CCM to coordinate this issue under the guidance of the Global Fund. However, only TB PR has submitted a proposal for about 5% savings and more recently C19RM. According to the guidelines of the Global Fund and informal discussion with PRs, this is a country proposal and need a focal point, be it CCM or a PR representative. Therefore CCM Vietnam will hold a meeting for the PR to develop a joint proposal.

TB among migrant project: With Ministry of Health approval, the CPMU should start it soon. The CPMU should review and store the exchange documents with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Planning and Investment and other relevant agencies to support CCM Viet Nam solving these problems.