

Report of the 7th Biannual SRCMF Regional Virtual Meeting 16 March 2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South East Asia Regional Coordination Mechanism Forum (SRCMF) organized its 7th biannual SRCMF Virtual Meeting on 16 March '23. It was chaired by Dr. Suriya Wongkongkathep, Member SRCMF, Chair of CCM Thailand. Nine out of 11 Member country delegates participated in the meeting. The participant's list is annexed as Annex 2. The meeting was also attended by donor-RBM Partnership to End Malaria, partners-WHO, APLMA/APMEN and ADB (observer) and Resource persons. The meeting appraised the members on the follow-up of the recommendations of the 6th SRCMF meeting, gave update on the implementation progress of Q2 and Q3 (July-Dec 2022) of ongoing RBM/UNOPS Grant, sought approval on the SRCMF proposed work plan for 2023 from Jan to Nov '23 and briefed the meeting on Resource Mobilisation. The meeting also apprised the members on Secretariate staff situation.

The delegates from Member Countries and Partner Organizations appreciated SRCMF for organizing the meeting and commended the progress made so far in respect of cross border collaboration between the countries in SEA Region. The meeting gave certain directives and recommendations for the secretariat especially on Resource Mobilisation and asked to follow up and report in the next SRCMF meeting. Meeting gave approval to SRCMF to pursue fund mobilisation from World Bank, ADB and asked SRCMF to explore feasibility of mobilising fund through EMC/EMF after further discussions between SRCMF-EMC/EMF and RBM

The recommendations were presented by the rapporteur in the closing session. The meeting ended with closing remarks from the Chairperson at 2:30 PM IST

1. INAUGURAL SESSION

The 7th Biannual SEA Regional Coordination Mechanism Forum (SRCMF) Virtual Meeting started with inaugural session commencing with welcome address by Dr Jigmi Singay, Executive secretary Cum Coordinator SRCMF Secretariate.

He welcomed and thanked honourable Chief Guest Dr Sarthak Das, Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) for gracing the Inaugural session as Chief guest. In equal measure he welcomed Former Board Members, GF SEA Constituency Communication Focal Point (CFP), speakers of the Inaugural session, distinguished SRCMF Members, Alternate Members and CCM coordinators from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste, Donor, Partners and Resource Persons and thanks each and every one attending virtually from far and wide Globally in spite of their busy schedule.

He highlighted that this time, 7th SRCMF Regional meeting has been immediately proceeded by Resource Mobilisation Committee meeting and therefore the agenda is predominantly on Resource Mobilisation because of urgent need for Resources for acceleration and intensification of Crossborder disease elimination activities.

Following which he apprised the meeting about the objectives and expected outcome of the meeting.

Objectives

- 1. To review the implementation status of SRCMF work plan from July2022-December 2022
- 2. To review and approve the SRCMF Work Plan from January '23-November '23
- 3. To finalise the date for next SRCMF Regional Face to Face meeting

Expected Outcomes

- 1. Implementation status of SRCMF work plan from July 2022 -December 2022 reviewed and findings highlighted
- 2. SRCMF Work Plan from January '23-November '23 reviewed and approved for implementation.
- 3. Next Regional SRCMF face to face meeting date tentatively finalised

Lastly, he wished the 7th SRCMF Regional Meeting a very successful deliberation.

Address by Dr Tanu Jain, Director NCVBDC, MoHFW, Govt of India

Dr Jain appreciated the work and efforts of SRCMF in bringing everyone together for better understanding of issues and challenges in achieving common goal of malaria elimination by 2030. She added that in India many states are actively participating and interacting through WhatsApp group and sharing appropriate malaria information with their counterparts on other side of border for appropriate action and responses. She underlined that Regional Directors of Regional Office for Health & F.W and State officials of NCVBDC are also continuously interacting with Cross-border areas/districts officials. She highlighted the need to further strengthening M&E, local level coordination, advance advocacy and community mobilisation, multisectoral coordination and organisation of IEC and awareness campaigns to improve knowledge & awareness for effective preventive, treatment and malaria elimination activities. She reiterated the need to focus on surveillance and screening process at cross-border areas and involvement of BSF for its implementation. She highlighted the importance of seeking approvals and to have a mechanism in place for data security on both sides of border. She apprised the meeting on Greater Mekong subregion (GMS) meeting attended by Joint Secretary, MoHFW, Govt of India where cross-border malaria elimination was discussed. She encouraged all to learn from the Mekong Malaria Elimination (MME) programme initiative which supports malaria elimination across 6 countries of GMS. She

informed the meeting on upcoming meeting in Sri Lanka with four countries and that SRCMF will be invited to attend the same.

Address by Prof. Dr Mohammad Abul Faiz, Former Global Fund Board Member.

Dr Faiz shared that he was happy to see the progress in activities of SRCMF so far . He added that SEA countries jointly started the journey with CCMs of the region with aim for malaria elimination. SEA countries agreed that it would be appropriate to address malaria among community residing in border areas particularly where health system is weak and where cross-border collaboration will be crucial to sustain disease elimination. He highlighted the importance of sharing data at local level between countries. He was happy to see some progress made in cross-border areas/district in information sharing between counties like India-Bhutan and India-Nepal. He further informed the meeting that during the last India-Bangladesh bilateral meeting held in Agartala both NMEPs agreed to share relevant data. There has been challenges due to COVID-19, war in Ukraine. Displaced population camps are experiencing acute surge in dengue cases in Bangladesh and as dengue is recurrent in certain part of the country, the population are at risk of secondary infection and severe disease. Lastly, he reiterated that more efforts are need in cross-border coordination and SRCMF can act as Regional CCM with appropriately modified TOR fulfilling the requirement to be the RCM.

Address by Dr. Kirana Pritasari MQIH, CCM Chair, Indonesia

Dr. Kirana Pritasari added that though Covid-19 Pandemic is declining there are still challenges in improving access to malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS prevention, testing and treatment services. National disease elimination programmes in partnership with community, multisectoral and relevant development partners has taken necessary steps towards the 3 diseases elimination in the country. She underlined that achievements and lessons learnt from each member country through this forum will help enhance and strengthen other country disease elimination strategy. In past two decades Indonesia and other countries have received support from GF and hoped this will help improve health system and contribute in prevention of cross-border disease elimination. She apprised the meeting that Indonesia has started bilateral international cross-border collaboration with Timor-Leste for malaria elimination and hoped to use this collaboration to improve health services in cross-border. She added that Indonesia is also considering similar collaboration with Papua New Guinea for malaria elimination in near future. She hoped that through SRCMF support SEA member Countries can look forward to better coordination and collaboration among SEA Member countries in cross-border disease elimination.

Address by Mr Dai-Ling Chen, Head of Health team, ADB

Dr Chen informed the meeting that ADB is a new player in this area and just had South East Asia One health initiative endorsed by their 6 Member countries namely-India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Nepal. They are in early stage to build partnership with other regional entities. ADBs One Health initiative in SEA Region has regional platform called the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) which initially focused on cross-border trade and also regional economic affairs however considering the importance of regional health security, SASEC during its meeting last year also endorsed establishment of One Health sub group to provide technical support and possible financing to strengthen regional One health approach at both regional and country level in collaboration with relevant partners including WHO, OIE, FAO, UNEP and regional entities. ADB will start consultation with partners and also member countries this year. He ended his address by assuring that ADB will actively explore possible collaboration with SRCMF.

Address by Dr. Melanie Renshaw Co-Chair, Country and Regional Support Partnership Committee (CRSPC), and Chief Technical Advisor, RBM Partnership to End Malaria

Dr Melanie underlined that this is an Important meeting as many member countries have received their GF allocations and many are working on their GF funding requests. However, she noted that with the below target replenishment we have unfortunately less resources compared to what we had originally hoped. Global inflation, increased costs of doing business including higher commodity prices has led to budget constraints. She said that it was encouraging to see that despite Covid-19 pandemic, the vast majority of countries have managed to drive down malaria cases and deaths and strengthened their commitment to fight the disease in the SE Asia region. She added that we should be proud of cross-border activities and outstanding SRCMF coordination. She noted that it is the time to take concerted action to end malaria in region once and for all. This will require more innovation, additional resources as well as prioritisation of the most impactful interventions to drive progress. The COVID-19 pandemic has also shown that malaria is truly a pathfinder for pandemic preparedness and response. The community health workers who test and treat malaria are also the frontline workers in addressing pandemics; improvements in data systems and supply chains benefit malaria and also build pandemic preparedness. She highlighted the need to explore diverse funding resources beyond the global fund including exploring opportunities from domestic and private sectors, tapping into pandemic preparedness funding and working with development banks. She assured support to the region in fund mobilisation for cross-border work and wished the meeting excellent deliberations.

Address by Dr Sarthak Das, Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA)

Dr Sarthak Das informed the meeting that APLMA is a advocacy platform born out of 2015 East Asia Summit (EAS) were 18 heads of states unanimously agree on the goal of making the Asia-Pacific free of malaria by 2030. APLMA is tasked with creating and implementing a Roadmap for attaining this goal. He added that APLMA is deeply committed to countries who are in cusp of malaria elimination and that speak of relation that APLMA is building with SRCMF to make sure that the voices of those at district level is elevated. He underlined the need for greater political will, data and evidence and resource mobilisation for malaria elimination. He reiterated that malaria elimination needs whole of government approach and true cross-sectorial collaboration therefore Ministry of forestry, Mistry of agriculture and life stock in context of zoonotic transmission, Ministry of foreign affairs, and other relevant sectors need to be involved in cross-border issues. He added that APLMA is here to ensure that true cross-sectorial collaboration can be encouraged. He urged the meeting to use information collected from cross-border areas /districts for program management and as an advocacy tool to articulate why elimination in cross-border is a good investment for mobilisation of additional resources. With reduction in resources its absolutely imperative to figure out strategy for mobilisation of domestic financing.

Vote of Thanks by Dr Monir Islam, Resource Mobilisation Head, SRCMF Secretariate

Dr Islam thanked all distinguished speakers for their inspirational Inaugural address and commitment to support endeavours of SRCMF. He thanked imminent delegates from member countries, Resource persons and partners for their support and attending the meeting in spite of their busy schedule. He added that SRCMF has grown and shown that it can deliver. This forum is an opportunity to member countries to come together to think together, analyse situation at country level and take appropriate action and monitor and follow-up the progress country is making. He highlighted that this forum has become an important platform to take forward the cross-border issues and achieve cross-border malaria elimination by 2030. He reiterated the need to work together in the area of One health as an integrated, unifying approach as its particularly important to prevent, predict, detect, and respond to global health threats such as the COVID-19 pandemic. He also reiterated the need to ensuring universal access to quality-assured malaria diagnosis, treatment and prevention for those at risk. With that he once again thanked all the eminent speakers and participants for attending the meeting.

2. BUSINESS SESSION

The business session commenced with the appointment of Chair, Co-Chair and Rapporteur for the session.

2.1 Appointment of Office Bearers- Chair, Co-Chair and Rapporteur

The Business Session nominated Dr. Suriya Wongkongkathep, Chair of CCM Thailand as the Chairperson and Mr. Filipe da Costa, CCM Vice Chair, Timor-Leste as the Co-Chair and Dr S.N Misra as the Rapporteur for the 7th SRCMF Virtual Meeting. Following which Dr Jigmi then invited Chair Dr Suriya Wongkongkathep to take over the meeting as Chairperson.

2.2 Adoption of Agenda

The Chair invited comments on the draft agenda. The agenda was agreed by all and in absence of any comment, he requested the meeting for adoption of the draft agenda. The provisional agenda was adopted.

The Chair then invited Executive Secretary Cum Coordinator SRCMF to make a presentation on annual report, recommendation of last meeting, implementation of work plan and 2023 work plan Jan-Nov 2023

2.3 Submission of Annual report

a) Status of Recommendations of 6th SRCMF Meeting:

- i. Strengthen participation of community, technical partners and stakeholders and highlighting their roles in international cross-border malaria elimination:
 - ASHAs' in the Indian health service delivery are the main cadre of extension workers in the community.
 - o Their role and responsibility need to be strengthened and supported;
 - o They are the main PHC workers in India;
 - Link between NMEP & ASHA workers need to be further strengthened in the malaria elimination work.
 - ➤ Meetings with Technical partners (WHO) & other stakeholders ongoing & will continue.
- ii. CCMs to facilitate support for data and information sharing by countries on malaria elimination in cross-border areas:
 - > This recommendation is being reviewed by SRCMF and after review appropriate steps will be taken for facilitating information sharing between the two NMEPs
- iii. Mobilise Resource to match with acceleration of NMEPs in cross-border areas to achieve and sustaining elimination by 2030:

Based on this recommendation SRCMF is intensifying Resource Mobilization through the Resource Mobilization Committee:

- Ongoing, SDF Proposal is submitted and is in SDF Board and the Board is meeting on
 - 3-4 April '23 in Colombo;
- ➤ The Pandemic Fund of World Bank-EOI was submitted by SRCMF Secretariate on 23 March Feb '23;
- ➤ Development of End Malaria Council/ End Malaria Fund is under discussion with RBM Fund Advisor & RBM officials, virtual meeting was held on 7 March '23
- iv. Identify Focal point/M&E officer at cross-border areas/district to facilitate and oversee cross-border collaboration:

- Names exchanged between the two NMEPs officials from both sides at all levels—State, district & local level in some cases responsible district focal points /M&E officials are introduced;
- > NMEPs sharing of information is operational through WhatsApp & Emails with their counterparts as identified & introduced during the bilateral meeting
- v. Strengthen cross-border malaria research to generate evidence to tackle cross-border issues more effectively and document best practices in cross-border collaboration to help in resource mobilisation:
 - > situation analysis to update cross-border strategy with operational plan is ongoing-Consultant will submit the report by 30 April '23;
 - ➤ Scientific Papers on the Bilateral Joint Planning operation and outbreak containment has already started coming up;
 - Article titled "Eliminating malaria, tuberculosis & HIV/AIDS in South-East Asia: Why
 cross-border is so critical" published in Indian J Med Res on September 2022-and
 circulated:
 - o Article under review on Saralpara, Assam Malaria Outbreak on how outbreak was contained in Saralpara through timely exchange and sharing of information
- vi. SRCMF should give more effort for garnering political commitment and resource mobilisation both external and domestic in order to facilitate sustainability of malaria elimination programmes in cross-border areas;
 - ➤ In the current work plan, there are specific advocacy activities for parliamentarians and political leaders, MLAs, MPs Local and community leaders which will be implemented and followed up
- vii. Countries through their respective CCMs to advocate to recognised SRCMF as Regional Body/CCM to address cross-border issues and mobilise Resources for Malaria, TB and HIV/AIDs and Health System Strengthening:
 - > SRCMF will follow-up with member countries and a report will be submitted in time after discussions with CCMs

b) Implementation status of SRCMF work plan from July-Dec 2022:

- Organize SRCMF regional meetings (F2F meeting):
 - o 6th SRCMF Meeting held on 12 Sept 2022 in IIHMR, New Delhi, India;
 - Report of meeting circulated;
 - Activity has been implemented and completed
- > Organize bilateral meetings at selected border districts (face to face) and (virtual):
 - o Indo-Bhutan Bilateral meeting held in Gelephu, Bhutan on 19 September 2022;
 - o Indo-Bhutan Bilateral meeting held in Kokrajhar, Assam on 8-9 Dec 2022;
 - o India-Bangladesh Bilateral virtual meeting held on 6 Dec 2022;
 - o Indo-Bangladesh Bilateral meeting held in Agartala, Tripura, India on 6 Feb '23;
 - o All Reports of meetings circulated and recommendations followed through;
 - o Activity has been completed
- > Organize Malaria Technical Working Group (MTWG) Meeting:
 - o Meeting held on 28 December 2022;
 - o Report of the meeting circulated and comments followed through;
 - o Activity has been fully implemented

- ➤ Conduct situation analysis to update cross-border strategy with operational plan for strengthening cross-border coordination at subnational level in SEA:
 - Ongoing and once ready report will be shared with all.
- ➤ Maintain and update SRCMF website:
 - SRCMF Website Launched on 30 May 2022;
 - Update is Ongoing
- > Organize Webinars on specific malaria themes:
 - Webinar on Integrated Vector Management to support Cross-border interventions to eliminate malaria was held on 27 Jan '23;
 - o Activity has been completed
- ➤ Develop and launch e-learning module for aiding programme implementation management and monitoring and supervision targeting key stakeholders in border districts. [One module: in Q2-Q6]:
 - Module discussion and development ongoing and the work is in advanced stage by the consultant
- ➤ Orient/familiarize on Malaria Matchbox Tool of malaria programme focal points at national, state, district level on in six priority countries:
 - o First one held on 20 Dec 2022 in IIHMR, New Delhi and received well by the participants;
 - Activity has been completed
- ➤ Convene regular coordination meetings with the RBM, WHO, GF (the meeting with GF officials is usually done during Board Meeting), APLMA/APMEN, NMEPs and relevant others agencies:
 - o Ongoing
- Explore additional resource mobilization from SDF/SAARC partners, ADB, World Bank and donor agencies:
 - o Ongoing;
 - o Once SRCMF has FCRA certificate donor base will further increase presently we are allowed to apply to FCRA exempted donor agencies
- > Synthesize impact of COVID-19 pandemic on malaria elimination programs:
 - Ongoing

Dr Jigmi informed all that Q1 & Q2 Technical Narrative & Financial Report has already been accepted by RBM-UNOPS and financial report is under review, once it's clear 2nd Instalment will be released.

c) Presentation on 2023 work plan Jan-Nov 2023

First Year Grant No. CFP-UNOPS-RBM-2021-02:

- ➤ Total amount =USD 299,987 for period 5 July 2021 to 30 June 2022;
- ➤ All activities fully implemented, reviewed and approved by UNOPS-RBM and audited by CA.

Second and Current Grant No: CFP-UNOPS-RBM-2022-001:

- ➤ It is currently under implementation;
- > Grant support agreement signed on: 1July 2022;
- Project Period: 1 Year, 4 months (1July 2022 to 30 Nov 2023);
- ➤ The total approved Grant: USD 596,042;
- > Fund release:

- o 1st Tranche- USD 250,000 released on 11July 2022 for the period 1July 2022-31 Dec 2022
- o Q1&Q2 (July-Dec 2022) Technical Narrative & Financial Report was submitted in end December 2022
- Release of 2nd Instalment is awaited

Work plan Jan-Nov '23 was submitted for approval:

- a) Regional meetings of the GF SEA constituency to update on, the status of malaria elimination, with special emphasis on strengthening of regional/bilateral cross-border coordination (f2f). [July-Sep '23].
- b) Bilateral meetings at selected border districts in six priority countries. [Jan-March'23, April-June'23, Oct-Nov '23].
- c) Bilateral meetings at selected border districts in six priority countries. [Four virtual meetings: Jan-Sept '23].
- d) Malaria Technical Working Group (MTWG) Meeting [virtual]. [In Jan –March '23 & July Sept '23].
- e) Conduct situation analysis to update cross-border strategy with operational plan for strengthening coordination at
- f) subnational level. [In Jan–March'23].
- g) Maintain and update SRCMF website for facilitating regional coordination and initiating sharing of relevant
- h) information. [Jan-Nov '23].
- i) Webinars on specific malaria themes. [virtual webinars: July-Sept '23].
- j) Develop and launch e-learning module for aiding programme implementation management, monitoring & supervision, targeting key stakeholders in border districts. [One module: in Oct –Nov '23].
- k) Orient/familiarize malaria programme focal points at national, state, district level on malaria matchbox tool in 6 priority countries. [In-person in April-June '23].
- 1) Convene regular coordination meetings with the RBM, WHO, GF, APLMA/APMEN, SAARC/SDF, and relevant others. [One-on-one meetings with ten partners: Jan–Nov '23].
- m) Explore additional resource mobilization from various partner and donor agencies. [In Jan-Nov '23].

The above work plan for '23 was approved for implementation.

2.4 Secretariate Staff situation

Dr Jigmi Singay apprised the meeting that currently following 5 staff members are working in SRCMF Secretariate:

- 1. Executive Secretary Cum Coordinator
- 2. Program Officer
- 3. Admin and Finance officer
- 4. IT Technologist
- 5. Office Assistance

Due to budget constraints SRCMF has not been able to recruit planned additional staff.

Mr Anil Chitkara who is not keeping well is on medical leave and new Finance officer has been recruited in place of existing staff. He informed the meeting that though salaries are approved at pay with NPO of WHO country office none of staff are paid at that level because of resource crunch. Lastly, he added that SRCMF has a panel of Resource persons who advise and provide technical support to SRCMF as and when required and they have been the main strength for SRCMF technical staff.

Dr Jigmi then gave a brief presentation on Resource Mobilisation:

2.5 Resource Mobilisation:

a) SAARC Development Fund (SDF) application status:

- o Date for Board Meeting Scheduled on 3rd-4th April '23;
- o Board will deliberate on the submitted proposal and SRCMF is hopeful it will come through in the end;
- o Total amount requested from SDF USD 596,042.00

b) Status of SRCMF Registration in Bhutan:

- MoH has referred to Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- o SRCMF will try to fast track the process and get it as early as possible.

c) Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of India:

- SRCMF can't receive foreign funds from FCRA non-exempted donors and agencies till it has FCRA;
- SRCMF will be eligible for FCRA application in June '23 after completing 3 years post registration;
- o SRCMF taking necessary steps to file application in time in June '23

The Chair thanked Dr Jigmi Singay for his presentation and then invited Dr Olavi Elo to present on SRCMF initiatives with Asian Development Bank and World Bank.

d) ADB South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC)

- i. ADB and SCRMF have initiated discussions on potential partnership in health sector program development.
- ii. Health is now to be included in ADB SASEC programme, which aims to promote regional prosperity, improve economic opportunities, and build a better quality of life for the people of the subregion.
- iii. SRCMF presented to ADB ongoing and planned activities of SRCMF including cross-border Malaria, TB, HIV health systems and services strengthening in India, Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh in close coordination with the national and local authorities, community organizations and communities.
- iv. Currently, SRCMF's malaria elimination related activities have progressed well in implementation, planned activities for TB and HIV elimination are being prepared with focus on cross border pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

e) World Bank Pandemic Fund

- i. World Bank Pandemic Fund has been established to provide a dedicated stream of additional, long-term financing to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response capabilities and to address critical gaps in low and middle-income countries through investments and technical support at the national, regional, and global levels.
- ii. The Pandemic Fund Governing Board has approved an envelope of \$300 million in financing for its first round of funding.
- iii. The Pandemic Fund opened its first Call for Proposals (CFP) on March 3, 2023 and inviting interested Eligible Countries, Regional Entities and Implementing Entities to develop full proposals by May 19 for potential projects
- iv. SRCMF has submitted an EOI to Pandemic Fund, requesting funding to support three priority areas:
 - o surveillance and early warning, to strengthen cross border prevention, preparedness and response capacity;

- laboratory systems support to improve national capacities through collaboration between SEA countries and to strengthen cross border transport and referral networks;
- Human resources/workforce development in cross border areas, within One Health concept.
- v. SRCMF plans to conduct desk studies and interviews with the national and local representatives of governments, the private sector, and community representatives, to share information and organize regular meetings of participating entities, scientists, and governing bodies.
 - The project will identify the challenges and needs for strengthening integrated health services and propose steps to address those, resulting in strengthening these services, including adequate training of health and community workers.

vi. As an outcome of the project:

- o an effective early warning surveillance system is established to detect potential outbreaks of infectious diseases in the cross-border areas;
- o strengthened border area laboratory network improves rapid diagnosis and informing the service providers of the nature of the pandemic;
- o capacity of health personnel in border areas enhanced to effectively plan, prevent, detect, treat and share information of impending disease outbreaks;
- o south-south cooperation improved to build and strengthen the disease surveillance and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response regional network.

SRCMF Secretary Cum Coordinator requested the meeting for approval to mobilise resources from ADB and World bank and to explore feasibility of additional resource mobilisation through EMC/EMF. The above proposal was approved.

2.6 Recommendations of the Meeting

The Meeting deliberated on each agenda item and made the following recommendations:

- a) Timor-Leste is allocating Resources for cross-border from their country allocation similarly other member countries are recommended to consider the same.
- b) Meeting recommended documentation of best practices in cross-border districts
- c) Next Webinar should be on Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), Malaria Elimination programme initiative success story to learn lessons for application to this region.
- d) SRCMF is recommended to pursue fund mobilisation from World Bank and ADB
- e) Meeting recommended member countries to identify focal points for World Bank Pandemic fund proposal preparation
- f) SRCMF is recommended to do feasibility study of mobilising funds through EMC/EMF mechanism and put it up to the meeting with the detailed proposal.
- g) Considering the Resource Mobilisation is for all Member States of the region and from World Bank and ADB it is recommended that all Member of SEA Region should now become members of Resource Mobilisation Committee

3 CLOSING SESSION

The draft summary report was presented by the Rapporteur Dr S.N Misra. He mentioned that all the comments and recommendation have been duly noted and secretariat will reflect in the draft report. All the participants were requested to comments on the draft report for finalization. The Head of Resource Mobilisation unit of SRCMF briefly addressed the closing session.

He thanked the Chair for his leadership in conducting the meeting to a successful conclusion. He thanked all the member delegates, inaugural session speakers, donor, partners and resource persons, for their kind participation, contribution, valuable guidance and suggestions. He looked forward to the support, guidance and active advocacy from all member delegations in mobilisation of Resource and added requested all to provide their valuable inputs after draft World Bank Pandemic Fund Proposal is circulated. The Chair addressed the closing session by thanking each and every one for their active participation, very productive deliberations and making a very successful meeting.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 2:30 PM IST.

Annexure 1

AGENDA 7th SRCMF Regional Virtual Meeting on 16 March '23 at 11:00 AM-2:10 PM IST

Time		Responsible person(s)				
10:45-11:00	Registration	SRCMF Secretariat				
Inaugural Session						
11:00-11:05	Welcome address by Global Fund SEA Constituency Board Member	Dr Rajendra P Joshi				
11:05-11:10	Address by Director NCVBDC, MoHFW, Govt of India	Dr Tanu Jain				
11:10-11:15	Address by Former Global Fund Board Member	Prof. Dr Mohammad Abul Faiz				
11:15-11:20	Address by CCM Chair, Indonesia	Dr. Kirana Pritasari MQIH				
11:20-11:25	Address by Head of Health team, ADB	Mr Dai-Ling Chen				
11:25-11:30	Address by Co-Chair, Country and Regional Support Partnership Committee (CRSPC), and Chief Technical Advisor, RBM Partnership to End Malaria	Dr. Melanie Renshaw				
11:30-11:35	Address by Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA)	Dr. Sarthak Das				
11:35-11:40	Vote of Thanks by ABM GF SEA Constituency	H.E. Vice Minister of Health, Indonesia, Dr Dante Harbuwono				
11:40-12:00	TEA BREAK					
	Business Session					
12:00-12:05	Appointment of Office Bearers-Chair, Co-Chair and Rapporteur	-Dr. Jigmi Singay				
12:05-12:40	Submission of annual report Status of Recommendations of 6 th SRCMF Meeting Implementation status of SRCMF work plan from July-Dec 2022 h) Presentation on 2023 work plan Jan-Nov 2023 -Comments and Discussion	-Dr. Jigmi Singay				
12:40-12:50	2. Secretariate staff situation and new proposals	-Dr Jigmi Singay				
12:50-1:20	Resource Mobilization a) SAARC Development Fund (SDF) application status	-Dr Jigmi Singay				
	b) Status of SRCMF Registration in Bhutanc) Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of India	-do-				
	d) The Pandemic Fund of World Bank -EOI submitted by SRCMF Secretariate	-Dr Olavi Elo				
	e) ADB and SRCMF propose collaboration -Comments and Discussion	-Dr Olavi Elo				
1:20-1:25	4. AOB	-Dr. Jigmi Singay				
1:25-1:40	5. Preparation of Report by Rapporteur	Rapporteur				

1:40-2:10	6. Presentation of Report by Rapporteur	-Rapporteur
	-Discussion & Adoption of the Report	
	-Remarks by Head Resource Mobilization, SRCMF	-Dr. Monir Islam
	-Remarks by Chair	-Chair
	-Formal Closing of the Meeting by Chair	

Annexure 2

List of participants 7th SRCMF Regional Virtual Meeting on 16 March '23

SL	Name	Designation	Organization	Country	Email Address		
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COU	INTRY DELEGATION MEN	MBERS					
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