



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
HEALTH SECTION**

**MINUTES OF THE PDWP MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009 UNDER  
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (DEV.) IN  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**

(List of participants attached)

**ITEM NO. 12: STRENGTHENING OF PROVINCIAL TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM, SINDH (REVISED) (ESTIMATED COST: RS. 796.500 MILLION).**

The Chair welcomed the participants and invited Chief, Health to brief the participants on the proposed scheme. The forum was informed that the project originally was approved at a cost of Rs. 318.234 million for 03 years period which ended in June 2009, against which an expenditure of Rs. 145.947 million had been incurred with achievements including treatment of 220,392 patients with a treatment success rate of 88% and case detection rate of 74%. Moreover, that the project had been revised for next 03 years with interventions in line with the Stop Tuberculosis strategy. It was added that the revised project prepared at an estimated cost of Rs. 806.653 million was considered and recommended by Technical Committee in its meeting held on 07<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and that subsequently, a meeting was also held wherein the operational strategy with functional linkages with all the stakeholders including the relevant NGO's were thoroughly discussed.

2. While commenting on the proposed PC-I contents and provisions, Chief, Health added that with the proposed 03 years phasing, a sum of Rs. 208.304 million was required in the current financial year against an allocation of Rs 100.00 million earmarked in the ADP 2009-10. However, a commitment from Health Department was required for the provision of additional amount of Rs. 108.304 million in the current financial year with allocation of Rs. 220.450 million for 2010-2011 and Rs. 220.322 million for the financial year 2011-2012, so that the required sequence in activities could be ensured. The role of respective District Government(s) was to be explored as the financial requirement of all the major areas like drugs, diagnostic system strengthening, trainings, advocacy etc. were proposed to be financed from the Provincial exchequer. The need of the proposed provision of Rs. 120.00 million earmarked for treating 100 MDR

(Multi Drug Resistance) cases per year in the next 03 years was to be justified; Rs. 4.00 million was specified for operational research and Rs. 9.590 million are proposed for 07 Vehicles, 01 Mini Truck and 01 Hiace Van with 02 Motorcycles which were to be reviewed/justified. Moreover, that the component of electronic media, as mentioned, was being exclusively financed by the National Tuberculosis Program, hence, the proposed provision of Rs. 13.500 million by the Provincial Government, which was an underestimated provision and may not yield the desired outcome, as such, was to be reviewed.

3. Responding to the queries by the Chair, the Additional Secretary (Dev.), Health Department clarified that the revised operational plan was designed wherein public private partnership mode with the relevant NGO's including People's Primary Health care Initiative (PPHI) had been ensured. Further, that the provision for development of website and helpline number had been earmarked in the financial estimates whereas the well designed survey (which had not been carried out recently) and study as was suggested so that the disease burden with the geographical areas of the province to be mapped out accordingly, would also be carried out under the provisions earmarked in the PC-I. It was added that the 80% of the requirement for MDR (Multi drug resistance) cases and 50% of the required quantity of medicines required for tuberculosis patients was provided by and or through the Federal Government. Further, that as per the proposed execution framework, the work plan with micro details of operational design and linkages with the relevant organization(s). the NGO's and Peoples Primary Health Care Initiative (PPHI) would be presented before the Project Steering Committee for approval prior execution. It was agreed that the amount required in the current financial year in addition to Rs. 100.00 million allocated for the said project in the ADP 2009-2010, would be provided through re-appropriation within the Health Sector's allocation earmarked in the ADP 2009-2010.

4. The forum after thorough deliberations, also suggested that although the provision for electronic media was specified in the National Tuberculosis Control Program, however, appropriately worked out financial provision, instead of Rs. 13.500 million which was an underestimate, was to be kept under the Provincial Program so that the required messages in local languages were effectively communicated to the targeted population. Moreover, that the financial provision for MDR cases, instead to be provided

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from Provincial exchequer, was to be extensively explored from the Federal Government and that additional inputs in terms of medicine, diagnostics, advocacy etc. was to be considered in the districts with high burden of disease. It was further opined that the website and the help line number to be expeditiously activated and that in addition to World Health Organization, private sector organization(s) and or NGO(s) along with Peoples Primary Health Care Initiative should be actively associated with the program so that transparency, effectiveness and efficiency of the program could be maximized. Further, that the matter of Project Management Unit to be adequately staffed through internal adjustment, to be further reviewed by the Project Steering Committee.

**DECISIONS:**

- i. The scheme was approved.
- ii. The financial provision for MDR cases would be deleted whereas maximal support would be explored. from and or by the Federal Government.
- iii. The provision for operational research would be appropriately enhanced under which the requisite survey and relevant studies would be carried out.
- iv. Likewise, the provision for electronic media and other advocacy activities would be appropriately estimated and accordingly, to be earmarked in the PC-I.
- v. The Website and Help Line No. would be expeditiously activated.
- vi. The matter of Project Management Unit to be adequately staffed through internal adjustment, would be further reviewed by the Project Steering Committee.
- vii. The amount required in addition to Rs. 100.00 million allocated for the project in ADP 2009-2010 would be provided by Health Department by way of re-appropriation within the allocation earmarked for Health Sector in the ADP of the current financial year.

- viii. The Work Plan and Cash Plan along with micro details of operational framework would be presented before the Project Steering Committee for approval and execution process to be subsequently followed.
- ix. The Health Department would rationalize the cost and the PC-I would be appropriately modified in the light of above deliberations, decisions, the comments offered in the working paper and in mutual consultation with Health Section of Planning & Development Department.
- x. On receipt and scrutiny of the modified PC-I, the advice for administrative approval would be issued accordingly.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**  
**PDWP MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009.**

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- ii. Capt. (R) Javed Ishrat,  
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- iii. Dr. Noor ul Haque,  
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- ii. Dr. Ismat Ara,  
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- iv. Mr. Mohsin Ahmed Shaikh,  
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**4. WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (W.H.O.):**

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