Orientation of the India Country Coordinating Mechanism

03 December 2015, New Delhi – The national oversight for the Global Fund (GF) grants in India, the India Country Coordinating Mechanism (I-CCM) held a two-day orientation of the newly elected CCM members in New Delhi, bringing together the CCM members elected for the years 2015 to 2018.

The two-day orientation briefed the attendees on the terms of reference, mandate, general principles, and the functions of CCM as well as the roles and responsibilities expected from the members during their three-year term. More importantly, the meeting discussed the Oversight Plan, which aims for a coherent, transparent, and responsible implementation of the Global Fund in the country.

With the guidance from the Global Fund, the India Country Coordinating Mechanism (I-CCM) monitors and supports the engagement of a broad range of stakeholders, including government and non-government constituencies. Established by the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the members’ composition comprises of 26 seats, three of which are allocated to People Living with Disease (PLWD) for the three communicable diseases – HIV, TB, and Malaria.

As the representative of the Key Affected Population (KAP) of TB, Mr. Gokula Rajakumar attended the 64th I-CCM meeting, on behalf of Rainbow TB Forum (RTBF), a Community Based Organization (CBO) founded by Blossom Trust. Director of Blossom T. Mercy Annapoorani who also accompanied Mr. Rajakumar as an alternate member of TBKAP to the CCM.

The Rainbow TB Forum (RTBF) is a TB patients’ charter based organization in the state of Tamil Nadu. RTBF is unique in that it is the only patients’ network in India comprised solely of past and present TB patients who are advocating awareness on TB and fighting for the rights of TB patients’.

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