

## **Path to independent CCM Secretariat**

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The Bhutan Country Coordinating Mechanism (Bhutan CCM) was formed in 2005 coinciding with the Round 4 TB and Malaria grant. The CCM was then with project management team (PMT) which was under the Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Health. The CCM had no wide CCM composition of various sector. A civil servant as PCM project coordinator headed the PCM. The CCM was restructured in 2007 with additional CCM members from wider sectors.

Again, the CCM was restructured in 2011, a CCM governance manual formed and endorsed by the CCM. In addition, two independent CCM Secretariat staff was also recruited as per recommendation of the 16 CCM meeting held on July 22, 2010, in line with the Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) rules and regulations. The Secretariat has its own (project letter of credit (PLC) account, under the Royal Government of Bhutan, which follows the financial system of Ministry of Finance, i.e., PEMS (Public Expenditure Management System).

The secretariat has come a long way from having no wider CCM's participation to an independent secretariat and wide sector representation.

As the CCM is a multi-stakeholder partnership which includes representatives from both the public and private sectors, including governments, multilateral/ bilateral agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, private businesses, and people living with the diseases, and for each grant, the CCM nominates one or more public or private organizations to serve as Principal Recipients. In line with provision of CCM governance manual, the Bhutan CCM to oversee the Global Fund supported activities in the country has a total 20 members (5 from the Government, 7 Non-Governmental Organizations, 2 from multilateral partners, and 1 each from faith-based organization, academic, private sector, people living with the disease, key affected population and bilateral partners) for two years term.

The nominated/elected members on the CCM before the end by two years, during their last CCM meeting, discussed the proposal to renew/nominate/elect CCM members for another term in line with the governance manual.