



SANRU asbl Meeting report

(First Meeting of the SANRU asbl Board of Directors)

Date: October 13, 2011, Kinshasa

Place: IMA, New Windsor, Maryland

Present: Miatudila Malonga, Frank Baer, Sarla Chand, Albert Kalonji, Larry Sthreshley

Absent: Wayne Niles

Ex-Officio members Present: Kintaudi Leon, Félix Minuku

Observers: Rick Santos, Dana McDonald, Esther Ndiang'ui, Doug Gorsuch

The meeting began at 10:00 am. Dr. Miatudila opened the meeting with comments regarding the numerous challenges that have been overcome over past years in developing and pursuing the work of SANRU. He added that we should expect that SANRU's future work will continue to be challenging, and that people will now expect even more. There will be a need to strengthen our cooperation and continue to add members to the SANRU family.

Dr. Miatudila continued by confirming that on behalf of the new official SANRU Board of Directors, that we accept the recommendations of the provisional board for a SANRU board comprising nine voting board members and two ex-officio non-voting board members.

Subsequently the items on the draft agenda (see attached) were approved with clarification for several sub-points of discussion.

1. Update on SANRU NGO legal status and next steps

Leon presented the compilation of documents that have been processed for the registration of SANRU NGO. He noted that this process has included a review and approval by the mayor, secretary general of MOH, and the Minister of Health. The letter from the MOH (see attached) allows SANRU asbl (aka SANRU NGO) to begin operating officially. A final document from the Justice Department is being processed. If the Ministry of Justice does not respond within a month, then SANRU NGO will be automatically complete that final step of approval.

2. Status of planning for the SANRU GF project (Rd 8 Phase 2 & Rd 10 Phase 1)

The legal department of the Global Fund has indicated that they are willing to accept signing subsequent contracts with SANRU asbl. They have, however, raised several questions of clarification, e.g., **Is there an act of transfer of responsibility from ECC to SANRU NGO?**

Leon clarified that we will explain to Global Fund that the current operations by "ECC-SANRU" in managing GF Round 8 Phase I were really based on the capacity of SANRU. We simply need to get people using "SANRU asbl" rather than "ECC-SANRU". This will include writing to the CCM to have them change the name of record from "ECC-SANRU" to "SANRU asbl" with regards to their planning for Round 8 Phase 2 and Round 10 Phase 1. This need to occur within the next

several months. At the same time he indicated that he will be obtaining a designation from the ECC President to confirm that ECC has no objection to changing that level of responsibility.

Albert explained that ECC-SANRU was engaged for Round 8 Phase 1 for Malaria and HIV/AIDS. To date Global fund has been dealing with three Principle Recipients (PRs) for malaria (SANRU, UNDP, PSI) and three for HIV-AIDS (SANRU, UNDP, Cordaid). This arrangement has created problems as our activities have been effectively blocked by the non-completion of a dependent action by another PR. He went on to explain that part of the current negotiations will be to clarify that future work of PRs (Rd 8 Ph2 and Rd 10 Ph 1) will be more self-contained and not so interdependent. This means that some activities now contracted to UNDP for Phase 1 will be transferred to SANRU NGO as part of our Phase 2 contract. We will need to present an analysis of SANRU's strengths and weaknesses and to identify possible needs for technical assistance to reinforce SANRU's capacity for the management of future grants.

At the same time Global Fund also wants to eventually consolidate Rd 8 and Rd 10 assistance in one contract. We will first sign separately for the grants. We will then be requested to consolidate and re-sign in Jul 2012 as a consolidated project.

GF is particularly concerned about Risk Management to ensure that the Sub-Recipients (SRs) are performing as planned. We want to reduce the number of SRs from around twenty to ten (one per province) and increase the presence in the field of SANRU staff through "Control Antenna" and "Implementation Antenna" to provide a higher degree of control of SRs.

Albert reviewed the provincial clusters of health zones programmed for Rd 8 Ph2 and Rd 10 Ph 1 assistance. He highlighted the cluster of health zones in North Kivu for which it has been proposed that IMA manage on behalf of SANRU NGO as a Sub-Sub-Recipient. The question was raised, however, if the work of IMA and SANRU as special partners might not create a way for direct implementation by IMA in North Kivu as a partner implementation rather than as a SR or SSR. Larry indicated that the preferred option would be to have IMA be a SR. DRC is now under an additional safeguard policy which means that the GF can directly designate PRs and SRs. This may provide an opportunity to propose IMA as a SR for N. Kivu (rather than as a Sub-Sub-Recipient). Albert and Larry to follow up on this possibility.

3. MOU between IMA and SANRU for ongoing work, esp. SANRU Global Fund

The issue of signing an "overarching" Memorandum of Understanding between IMA and SANRU NGO was raised and discussed. It was noted that the creation of SANRU NGO with IMA and ECC holding permanent chairs of representation on the Board of Directors provides a sufficient basis for continued and expanded collaboration.

With respect to signing a project-specific MOU for the Global Fund Rd 8 Ph2 and Rd 10 Ph 1, Leon proposed that that document be reviewed between the SANRU NGO President and the IMA President outside of the SANRU NGO Board of Directors meeting. This was accepted by the board members.

Dana reported that her research has shown that it is not necessary for SANRU NGO to be registered as an NGO in the U.S. in order to open a bank account. SANRU NGO as a foreign-

based org can request an Employee Identification Number (EIN) without being registered as a US-based NGO. With that understanding, the board recommended that Dana proceed immediately with assisting SANRU NGO in obtaining an EIN, and to open a bank account in New Windsor for for operations. It was recommended (and seconded) that the signatures from SANRU NGO include Felix Minuku, Leon Kintaudi, Miatudila Malonga, Albert Kalonji, Wayne Niles and Frank Baer, and that from the IMA signatures include Rick Santos, Dana McDonald, and Cole Tabler. This was approved. The combination of signatures required for the disbursement of funds would be determined and specified in a separate and subsequent document from the SANRU Direction.

4. Continuing partnerships in DR Congo

SANRU NGO will have agreements with both IMA and ECC as its principle partners. It was noted, for example, that there is a need for some sort of MOU between SANRU NGO and ECC with regards to the use of the SANRU building, e.g., perhaps a twenty year lease.

Similarly IMA will now need to develop a "two track" system of continuing partnerships with SANRU NGO and with ECC. In that respect Larry reported on the types of assistance that Rev. Sanguma has indicated he might be seeking for ECC. This includes,

- 1) How IMA might help with shipments;
- 2) How IMA might help with channeling funding via IMA to Congo; and
- 3) How IMA might help with ECC's collaboration with other groups such as World Vision.

It was noted that there is no action required by SANRU NGO with regards to this collaboration between IMA and ECC. Larry as IMA's DRC County Representative and Sarla as IMA's representative on the SANRU Board of Directors, will keep SANRU NGO informed about this second branch of IMA collaboration in DRC.

5. Upcoming opportunities for possible further collaboration

The following possibilities for future opportunities have been identified and will be tracked:

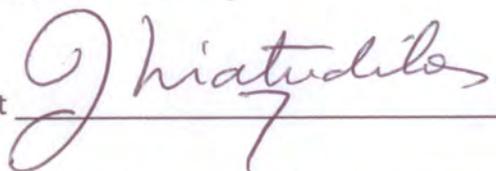
- 1) Opportunity for DFID for a "SANRU III" type project for direct implementation. The preference would be for IMA to lead with a subcontract to SANRU (estimated for April 2012)
- 2) EU possibility for an Agriculture project estimated at \$30 million over six years. The preference would be for SANRU to lead with a subcontract to IMA.
- 3) The World Bank has (again) listed IMA/ECC as a potential implementing partner for the PARSS Elargie (aka continuation of PMURR). The preference would be for IMA to lead with a subcontract to SANRU.
- 4) A USAID-funded project on Neglected Tropical Diseases may be on the horizon for possible funding now that RTI has secured the Global contract for that project; and

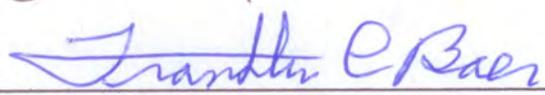
- 5) The USAID-funded Presidential Malaria Initiative (PMI) may come out as a RFA soon for Katanga. The preference would be for IMA to lead with a subcontract to SANRU and possibly with MCDI (RFA estimated for Nov/Dec 2011).

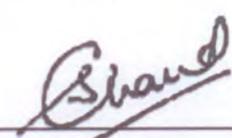
In concluding Rick offered to share IMA's experience with governance issues in conducting SANRU board meetings. Miatudila expressed appreciation for that sharing of experience.

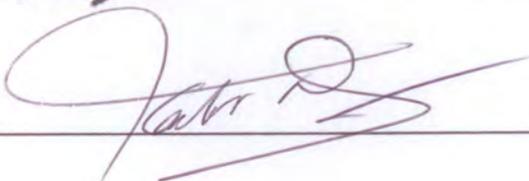
The proposed dates for our next meeting were tentatively scheduled for March 12 & 13, 2012 in Kinshasa. With that the meeting mtg was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

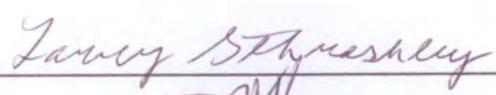
On Behalf of the SANRU Board of Directors, this report is duly signed by all of the board members who were present at this Oct. 13 meeting.

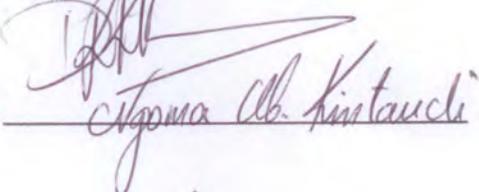
Miatudila Malonga, President 

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Sarla Chand, IMA Representative 

Albert Kalonji, Member at Large 

Larry Sthresley, Member at Large 

Leon Kintaudi, Executive Director (non-voting) 

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