

Updated report on GRM

In accordance with the guideline on “Community engagement and GRM” issued by the Ministry of Health and endorsed by the provincial and regional authorities, the GRM was established and is implemented under the purview of the Additional Secretary of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, since March 2021.


Following functionalities are enabled in the system at present with provisions for further expansion:

- Grievances can be received through postal mail, e-mail, short-code hotline (1907) and social media, including WhatsApp/Viber
- Grievances are manually analyzed based on selected criteria and forwarded to relevant authorities for action
- Regular reviews conducted to monitor responsiveness and attending to non- responsive grievances
- Generation of status report

In addition to the above-mentioned functionalities, an IT system to automate the GRM was established. A robust and streamlined IT platform, the Grievance Information Management System (GIMS) facilitates smooth functioning of the GRM by managing and processing received suggestions/complaints fed in to the system. This system facilitates multi-modal reception of grievances with provision for automatic report generation.

The Grievance Coordinating Unit (GCU), a separate well-equipped unit with staff specially trained for the management of the GRM, acts as the National Call Centre (NCC) and the National level focal point of this system. Curative institutions from all 9 provinces were selected by the Primary Healthcare Services Strengthening Project (PSSP) for the stage-wise implementation of this programme. Representatives from these selected institutions, as well as from the offices of Provincial and Regional directors of health services were nominated by institution heads.

Implementation of the GRM was piloted in Southern and Sabaragamuwa provinces. Province-wise training programmes with regard to GRM and GIMS software for all nominated


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representatives were conducted virtually by the GRM team in collaboration with the Health Information Unit of the Ministry of Health.

Promotion of community engagement was initiated by creating “Suwa mithuro” community groups from members from the community surrounding the curative institutions where the GRM system has been established.

Updated status report as of 31.12.2022

Summary of Activities of GRM
(01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022)

Mode	Number of grievances received (Up to 31.12.2022)	Number of grievances resolved	Remarks
Postal letters	271	96	The remaining 175 have been forwarded to relevant institution heads for necessary action. Currently being processed.
Email	01	01	
Hotline (with VM)	668	552	The remaining 116 have been forwarded to relevant institution heads for necessary action. Currently being processed.
Social media	05	05	
SMS	None	-	
Total	945	654	


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Summary of Activities

Establishment of GCU in Institutions

PHASE I

9 PDHS Offices

26 RDHS Offices

(63 selected hospitals island-wide)

PHASE II

All Base Hospitals (81)

All Divisional Hospitals (474)

PMCU (532)

(Total – 1185)

Total users of GIMS– 1915


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