

SUMMARY SHEET

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Introduction

TB and Poverty has been extensively discussed during three previous CB meetings, resulting in the setting up of the Network for Action on TB and Poverty. The 2004 STAG meeting endorsed the setting of this Network in tandem with the initiative to write a WHO-standard guide for NTP managers on TB and poverty. Progress to date on both elements will be presented and discussed during this session.

Summary

1. Network for Action on TB and Poverty (see background paper 2.04/2a)
The work plan of the Secretariat in Malawi highlights activities of the first year within the Sub Saharan Region (South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya), aiming at developing simple methods of mapping pockets of poverty resulting in low case detection and cure. Also small scale innovative practices are written up and published on the new internet web site that will invite expanded collaboration. The first findings will be presented at the IUATLD meeting in Paris (October 2004). The STB Partnership provides seed funding.

2. WHO Guide on TB and Poverty (see background paper 2.04/2b)
The first outline of the guide has been agreed upon and a selected group of experts is committed to write the guide. The drafts are thoroughly reviewed by a special review committee. The writing and review processes are managed by the DEWG secretariat, in close collaboration with the TB Poverty Core Group

Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

Next steps and time frame

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT