

# Stop TB Partnership

## SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 1.05-2.0	Subject	Progress and Financial Report	
For Information	For Discussion	<u>For Decision</u>	
<p><b>Introduction:</b> The Progress report for 2004 (attached as a background document DOC 1.05-2.1) gives a synoptic view of work done in 2004 in all areas of work coordinated by the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat. It gives the financial position of the Secretariat as of 31 December 2004 and highlights the challenges it faces.</p>			
<p><b>Summary:</b> During the course of 2004, the Stop TB Partnership progressed on its path to evolve into a global force for delivering effective and appropriate solutions for controlling the TB epidemic. From 24 to 26 March a high profile Partners' Forum was successfully held in New Delhi; six countries were presented with medals for sustaining the global targets to control TB for four years. By the end of 2004, the number of partners increased to 303 (from 250 in 2003) and four new national partnerships (Brazil, Mexico, Pakistan and Uganda) were created through proactive support by the Secretariat. The Secretariat continued to promote the open and effective management of the partnership and to support the functioning of its decision-making bodies. It was guided in this through two Coordinating (CB) meetings in March (New Delhi) and October (Beijing) and regular teleconferences of the Executive Committee that was set up after the CB meeting in March. The Secretariat also began coordinating the development of the Second Global Plan to Stop Tuberculosis (2006–2015)-a roadmap for TB control over the next decade.</p> <p>Advocacy and communication activities of the Secretariat were targeted to leverage policy decisions affecting, TB control at global, national and local levels, while ensuring that the views of the TB community are reflected in decision-making processes through preparing and disseminating several informational products. Media tour of the Executive Secretary contributed to raising the profile of the Partnership. The Secretariat served to act as a platform for collaboration among its seven working groups and gave catalytic financial support to them. A Network for Action on TB and Poverty was formally launched during the year.</p> <p>The Global TB Drug Facility (GDF) continued to justify its reputation as a unique and highly successful initiative. By the end of the year GDF had provided high-quality TB drugs to over 4.4 million of the world's poorest people either through approved grants or direct procurement. It also made important contributions through the services it offers.</p> <p>The income of the Secretariat increased to US\$24 million during 2004 (2003, US \$22 million). Its financial management policy and instruments formulated and established during the year helped to better align the available resources with its mission, goals, and priorities. Its expenditure went down to US\$15 million (2003 US\$21 million) as US\$ 5 million was received at the end of December and could not be obligated for activities as per WHO rules. Uneven cash flow posed a problem for the Secretariat though the situation was eased through the establishment of reserves from second quarter onwards during 2004 for the first time. A Stop TB Partnership Trust Fund at WHO was established during the year, its simplified financial structure, and much reduced operating costs (3% for supply of TB control drugs and 6% for other services) made it an attractive financing facility for donors; some of the latter have already made substantial contributions to it. The Resource Mobilization task force with support from the Secretariat developed a long range Resource Mobilization Action Plan during 2004 which was approved by the Coordinating Board.</p> <p>The main challenges facing the Secretariat are the development of a long term strategy for its evolution, proper positioning of the GDF in line with global needs and the GFATM; generating a higher and steadier flow of resources for the Partnership, and keeping the Secretariat's structure, processes, and key areas of its work aligned to the requirements of the environment in which the goals of the Partnership are to be reached.</p>			
<p><b>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</b> Comment on and endorse the progress report and the financial statements included therein.</p>			
<b>Next steps and time frame</b>			
<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>FOCAL POINT</b>
Printing and publishing of the final report and its distribution	Stop TB Partnership Secretariat	July 2005	Partnership Resource Administrator

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