

Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET			
Agenda Nr. 1.05-3.0	Subject	Memorandum of Understanding with WHO	
For Information	For Discussion	<u>For Decision</u>	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>The Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, including GDF, is housed by WHO. As a result it is subject to the rules and regulations of WHO. A Memorandum of Understanding is intended to replace a previous agreement signed between GDF and WHO 23 October 2001 (attached as a background document DOC 1.05-3.2). Since this earlier agreement, the nature of the partnership and the scope of our work has expanded and evolved. A revised MOU (DOC 1.05-3.1 enclosed) is needed - to clarify areas of confusion and to ensure that the partnership secretariat can continue to work smoothly within the WHO framework.</p>			
<p>Summary</p> <p>Stop TB partnership secretariat works well within WHO. However in several practical areas such as (for example) hiring and retention of staff, external correspondence and relations with other bodies (use of logo and letterhead for instance), frequent interventions from the Legal Department of WHO and other issues listed in the enclosed draft Memorandum of Understanding need to be formalized. Some of these WHO institutional rules and regulations can affect the effectiveness of the secretariat in carrying out its CB approved workplan.</p> <p>The proposed draft MOU would be the basis of partnership negotiations with WHO to achieve clarity and mutually satisfactory understanding on the adaptations and flexibility the partnership requires in order to function efficiently and effectively.</p> <p>The following areas to be addressed: legal and political aspects, administration, staffing, GDF, financial aspects (incl. PSC) and the Trust Fund.</p>			
<p>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</p>			
<p>1) To decide on the principle of a Memorandum of Understanding with WHO, and if so, 2) To appoint a team to represent the partnership in its negotiations with the WHO administration using as starting point the enclosed revised MOU.</p>			
<p>Next steps and time frame</p>			
WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT
Negotiations with WHO to formalize a MOU	CB negotiating team & Ex. Sec.	June 2005	Secretariat