

Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET			
Agenda Nr. 1.05-7.0	Subject	MSF	
For Information	<u>For Discussion</u>	For Decision	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Over the past two years, conflicting statements by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) regarding the effectiveness of the DOTS strategy have raised confusion and concern within the international tuberculosis community; including among some Stop TB Partners and in countries.</p>			
<p>Summary</p> <p>The President of MSF International, Dr Rowan Gillies will give a brief presentation to introduce the MSF perspective.</p> <p>A sample of MSF press statements and publications are attached as background material. As are responses received from Indonesia and India.</p> <p>MSF criticism of DOTS is perceived to undermine international credibility of the strategy.</p>			
<p>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</p> <p>The Board is requested to discuss the issue and voice concerns with the MSF President in order to reach agreement on how to jointly move forward.</p>			
Next steps and time frame			
WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT
MSF position regarding DOTS	Board	3-4 May 2005	Secretariat