

SUMMARY SHEET			
Agenda Nr. 1.05-9.0		Subject	PPM for DOTS Expansion
For Information		For Discussion	For Decision
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Over the last decade, global TB control efforts are focussed on strengthening National TB Programmes (NTP). NTPs have been implementing DOTS largely through primary health care services. While this has helped to make good progress, it has not been sufficient to meet the global TB targets. This is because a significant proportion of TB patients are detected and managed by diverse public and private providers not connected to NTPs. Their TB management practices are also questionable. When many NTPs are claiming to have achieved full DOTS coverage, it is time all other TB care providers -- public, private, voluntary, corporate -- are also engaged to ensure access to quality care for all TB patients. The Subgroup on Public-Private Mix for DOTS Expansion (PPM DOTS) has made considerable ground work in this area.</p>			
<p>Summary</p> <p>Following a global assessment, the PPM DOTS Subgroup has been assisting countries to undertake assessments, set up pilot projects and scale them up in a phased manner. While first addressing the complex issue of engaging private for-profit providers, it was observed that many other institutional providers including general public hospitals, public sector health services outside the scope of the NTPs, voluntary organizations, corporate sector health services etc. cater to significant proportions of patients. The PPM DOTS strategy helps to engage all care providers in DOTS implementation. Practical tools have been developed and are being used in many countries. Evidence shows that PPM DOTS helps to improve access, increase case detection, achieve high success rates and is good value for money. 20 of the 22 high TB burden countries have some PPM DOTS related activities in place. India and Philippines have scaled-up programmes. While there has been some progress, much more efforts on PPM DOTS are required to make a global impact. It is essential to advocate PPM DOTS as one of the top priorities for global TB control. Increased assistance needs to be made available to support implementation and scale up of PPM DOTS. This will require additional resources.</p>			
<p>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</p> <p>1. Support the recommendations of the Third meeting of the PPM DOTS Subgroup held in Manila on 4-6 April 2005:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enhance the profile of the Subgroup within the DEWG and the Stop TB Partnership and strengthen support for Subgroup activities; ➤ Advocate PPM DOTS -- linking all care providers to National TB Programmes -- as a prominent part of the global TB control strategy, especially to improve access to quality TB care for the poor; ➤ Promote PPM DOTS during missions to countries and important events like World TB Day; ➤ Review PPM DOTS progress regularly during DEWG and STB-CB meetings; ➤ Mobilize resources to strengthen capacity for PPM at global, regional and national levels in order to assist in initiating, evaluating and scaling up PPM DOTS. 			
Next steps and time frame			
WHAT Enhancing PPM DOTS	WHO Board	WHEN Ongoing	FOCAL POINT Sub-Group on PPM (M. Uplekar)