

SUMMARY SHEET			
Agenda Nr. 1.05-13.0	Subject	FIDELIS	
For Information	<u>For Discussion</u>	For Decision	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>The DOTS Expansion Working Group has identified the challenge of case finding as the rate limiting step for reaching the targets set by WHO for global tuberculosis control. As a direct result of the discussions in the DEWG, CIDA has provided a fund to encourage innovative local solutions to the problems of case finding and successful treatment through a granting fund to evaluate these ideas and has requested The Union to manage this project, FIDELIS</p>			
<p>Summary</p> <p>The concept of FIDELIS is to invite applications for funding of \$150,000 to \$250,000 to increase case finding while maintaining a high level of treatment success, with a focus on persons with limited access to health care. In its first two years of operations, FIDELIS has approved funding for 32 projects in 18 countries throughout the world with the largest number (10) in China. Each project commences with a Memorandum of Understanding, is monitored closely for technical and administrative matters and is required to submit regular reports in order that progress can be monitored. Site visits focus on verifying reports, examining procedures and their results and interviewing patients. Successful projects have the option of applying for a second year of funding, depending on the results of an Independent Results Assessment Group which, in addition to verifying the reported results, must compare results with non-project areas.</p>			
<p>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</p> <p>The FIDELIS model may be applied to other areas such as HIV, PAL to get local experiences and results and ideas within a short period of time to allow scaling up successful projects with larger funding such as GFATM.</p>			
Next steps and time frame			
WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT