

Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 2.05-15.0	Subject	Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria: coordinated technical assistance in countries
For Information	For Discussion	<u>For Decision</u>

Introduction

The TB community achieved great success in Round 5 of the GFATM due to the intensive and coordinated efforts made to assist countries in proposal development (extra staff, workshop and planning frameworks, country missions, central support through email). The efforts mounted for round 5 produced a large increase in funding for TB. The total 5 year amount approved for TB was US\$ 500 million of 1.7 billion (total TB, HIV and Malaria); that is 28% of total and it meets the expectations set out in the Stop TB Coordinating Board Meeting held in Addis Ababa. The total 2 year amount approved was US\$196 million; almost doubling funding approved in the previous rounds (83% increase from the average per round). 22 TB proposals were approved (categories 1 and 2) by the GFATM Board. All of the 22 countries that were approved for funding were assisted by WHO and technical partners. More than half of the TB funding (US\$106 million for 2 years) was approved for Africa.

Summary

In order to ensure that these round 5 approvals translate into signed grant agreements, Stop TB is planning to engage heavily with countries. A workshop planned for December 2005 is intended to equip TB experts to support GFATM-funded TB programmes; specifically the phases of grant negotiation and implementation. Following the workshop, these TB experts will visit the countries they have previously assisted in the proposal preparation phase and ensure that the plans (M&E, implementation and procurement) are well constructed (required during grant negotiation) so as to enable good implementation. Given the GFATM's results-based disbursement model, effective implementation is essential for securing the approved amount of resources.

We propose to do the same efforts for round 6 as done for round 5 including a proposal preparation workshop and country missions. Round 6 will focus on

- repeatedly failed in GFATM submissions,
- those countries for which there is very little GFATM funding for TB control per case notified, indicating that they are under-resourced,
- need for lab strengthening,
- need for monitoring (electronic register) and evaluation (impact assessment to reach MDGs),
- expressed desire to apply.

All of this work will be coordinated through the Stop TB technical assistance coalition.

Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

- Endorse plan of DEWG Secretariat for round 5 support and round 6 preparation.
- Support in identification of funding (gap is US\$630,000).

Next steps and time frame

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT
R5 implementation workshop (\$150k)	DEWG Secretariat	December 2005	Secretariat DOTs
R5 grant negotiation country visits (\$110k)		Jan-June 2006	
R6 analysis of countries (\$0)		April-June 2006	Expansion
R6 proposal preparation workshop (\$150k)		August 2006	Executive Secretary
R6 country visits (\$220k)		Sept 2006 - Jan 2007	

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9th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board Meeting
10-11th November 2005 - ASSISI, Italy