

## SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 1.06-7.0	Subject	<b>TB and Poverty Action Plan</b>
For Information	For Discussion	<b><u>For Decision</u></b>
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>In 2004, the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) endorsed efforts to advance the integration of pro-poor approaches into TB control.</p> <p>Progress over the past year includes: <b>1)</b> The creation of the TB and Poverty Subgroup of the DEWG; <b>2)</b> the launch of the TB and poverty website; <b>3)</b> The TB and Poverty Symposium in the 36<sup>th</sup> Union World Conference on Lung Health; <b>4)</b> the publication of <i>Addressing poverty in TB control: options for national TB control programmes</i> (WHO/HTM/TB/2005.352), and <b>5)</b> The incorporation of the following targets within the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Plan to Stop TB: by 2010 a) all countries will have developed key strategies for improving access to TB control for the poor and vulnerable along with the capacity to monitor their effectiveness. b) by 2015 all countries will be able to monitor the contribution made by TB control to poverty alleviation.</p> <p>In order to advance the TB and poverty agenda in line with these targets, the TB and Poverty Subgroup and partners initiated an Action Plan in Bellagio, Italy (6-8 December 2005) which has been further developed and endorsed by the Subgroup and the DEWG.</p>		
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>This Action Plan for TB and Poverty proposes a series of pro-poor actions which engage all seven Working Groups of the Stop TB Partnership.</p> <p><b>Activities</b> are organized to deliver the following outputs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- An inventory of strategies for reaching the poor derived from other health interventions and appraised for TB control;</li> <li>2- A set of indicators and methodologies for assessing equity of access for use as part of the evaluation of TB control;</li> <li>3- Documentation of the special access barriers and financial burden faced by patients with TB-HIV and MDR-TB;</li> <li>4- Enhanced capacity and technical assistance for implementing pro-poor strategies (including training courses based on the WHO Guide "Addressing Poverty in TB Control");</li> <li>5- Evaluations of the equity-enhancing effects of existing interventions (e.g. PPM &amp; PAL);</li> <li>6- Strategies for enhanced equitable access to new tools for TB control; and</li> <li>7- New pro-poor approaches in TB control relevant to the Stop TB Strategy and the Global Plan (2006-2015).</li> </ol> <p><b>Implementation of the Action Plan:</b> The Action Plan is projected to be rolled out over 5 years with developing country members of the TB and Poverty subgroup, Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, WHO and Stop TB partners taking ownership for delivering each of the planned objectives co-ordinated by the TB &amp; Poverty Secretariat and TB &amp; Poverty Core Team.</p>		

# Stop TB Partnership

## Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

- 1) Endorse the Action Plan for TB and Poverty
- 2) Identify a volunteer from the Board to work closely with the Sub Group Secretariat.
- 2) Approve the proposed 2 year budget; and
- 3) Recommend a strategy to mobilize resources for this Action Plan

## Next steps and time frame

**What:** Implement the TB and Poverty Action Plan, prepare resource mobilization plan

**Who:** Volunteer from the Board - to work closely with the Sub Group Secretariat.

**Timeframe:** 6 months

**Focal Point:** Chair of the Sub-group, Valerie Diaz