



Stop TB Partnership

| SUMMARY SHEET | | |
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| Agenda Nr. 2.06- 9.0 | Subject | TB Research |
| For Information <input type="checkbox"/> | For Discussion X | For Decision X |
| <p>Rationale</p> <p>Discussion of the Partnership's role in TB research at the Coordinating Board meeting in Abuja (24-25 April 2006) led to the call to establish a Stop TB Research Movement. The aim is to promote the research needed to achieve the international targets for 2015 and the goal of global TB elimination by 2050. The Movement's main objectives include the following: 1) to advocate for increased support for TB research, and 2) to facilitate the research activities of partners in ways that reflect the relative advantages of different partners.</p> | | |
| <p>Summary</p> <p>Key issues for the Coordinating Board's consideration include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Resource mobilization (advocacy based on resource tracking). 2) Resource utilization (mapping of research landscape). 3) Resource implications for the Partnership Secretariat. 4) Organizational approach to facilitating the research activities of partners. | | |
| <p>Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)</p> <p>The approval of the Coordinating Board is sought for the Partnership Secretariat to conduct a tender to award a contract for the development of a resource tracking mechanism. The Coordinating Board's advice is sought on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the suggestion for a fair share analysis to help identify new research financing sources; b) how the Working Group on Advocacy, Communications and Social Mobilization can best use the information obtained from tracking R&D spending and from a fair share analysis in advocating for increased support for TB research; c) forming an ad hoc group to map the current TB research landscape and to identify gaps; d) the organizational approach to promoting research activities across the Partnership. | | |
| <p>Implications</p> <p>Taking forward the proposed activities implies adequate staff, starting with the current full-time equivalent in the Partnership Secretariat. Interaction with the basic research community would be facilitated by secondment of respected staff from this community to the Partnership Secretariat or identification of resources to hire appropriately. The contract to track research resources can be awarded using funds from the project grant "Building political and financial commitments to the Global Plan to Stop TB" awarded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat and WHO.</p> | | |
| Next Steps | | |
| Action Required: Implement CB recommendations | | |
| Focal Point: Dermot Maher | | |
| Timeframe: 2007-2008 | | |