



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET		
Agenda Nr. 2.06-10.0	Subject	Retooling Task Force
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<p>Rationale</p> <p>For many years, there has been limited innovation in the field of anti-TB drugs, vaccines or diagnostics. However, according to the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015, within the next 10 years and beginning as early as 2007, there will be a continuous pipeline of new and improved products for TB prevention and control. Adoption and timely introduction of these tools, as they become available, will require coordinated action by various members of the Stop TB Partnership. This process of preparing for the adoption and introduction of new diagnostics, drugs and vaccines, has been named "retooling".</p> <p>At the meeting in Abuja, the Coordinating Board endorsed the establishment of a task force on retooling. The board mandated that the task force develop a strategy on implementing new tools in the field and requested a report back later in 2006.</p>		
<p>Summary</p> <p>The task force has held 3 face-to-face meetings since July and with the assistance from Management Sciences for Health, drafted a guide for the adoption, introduction and implementation of new technologies for TB. The task force also developed a work plan for 2007.</p> <p>The development of this guide was funded by USAID, FIND and the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development (US\$ 80K). TDR contributed resources to support travel and other meeting related expenses (US\$ 30K). The Partnership Secretariat supported travel for high burden countries to meetings.</p>		
<p>Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse paper "New Technologies for TB Control: A Guide for their Adoption, Introduction and Implementation" (enclosed); 2. Endorse the 2007 work plan and budget (enclosed); 3. Ensure that each working group and critical sub-group is represented on the task force; 4. Help brainstorm on an appropriate dissemination plan. 		
<p>Implications</p> <p>The task force is requesting US\$150K from the Partnership to continue its work in 2007.</p>		
Next Steps		
Action Required: Implement 2007 workplan		
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Timeframe: End 2007		