SUMMARY SHEET	
AGENDA NR. 1.13 – 13	**TB REACH**

IS THIS SESSION FOR:	INFORMATION ⊠	DISCUSSION ⊠	DECISION ☐

BACKGROUND (INCLUDING PROBLEM STATEMENT):

The TB REACH initiative has focused attention of Partners on TB cases that remain undetected in vulnerable and underserved populations. It has enabled Partners to think out-of-the-box and to receive fast-track funding to implement additional innovative approaches for TB care delivery, and to demonstrate within a short period of time that the approaches and interventions were effective in detecting and treating additional TB cases.

SUMMARY/OUTLINE OF THE SESSION:

A brief presentation will be made on the progress so far, results of projects, findings of the mid-term evaluation of TB REACH initiative and future plans. A total of 109 projects have been implemented in 44 countries. Overall results show substantial improvements in case detection within a short period of time. Some of the interventions/approaches have demonstrated success and have been sustained/scaled-up via other funding opportunities. Some other projects are waiting for funding opportunities or collection of additional evidence for effecting policy changes.

The presentation will be followed by a discussion wherein guidance will be sought from the Board on the next call for proposals, scale up of successful interventions and future strategic direction of the TB REACH initiative, to be further discussed with the TB REACH Programme Steering Group.

MAJOR DISCUSSION POINTS OR DECISION POINTS REQUESTED:

- **DISCUSSION POINTS:**
    1. What concrete steps are needed to ensure that successful TB REACH projects are sustained and their interventions are scaled up for impact.
    2. How best to use the forthcoming opportunity of TB REACH Wave 4 call for proposals.
    3. Guidance regarding the areas on which TB REACH should focus, that will stimulate innovations in care delivery from partners.

Is this a Special Project? (*i.e. Should be undertaken for strategic reasons and is currently partially or completely unfunded?*)	Yes ☐ No ⊠
If so, what funding is already available?	
What is the funding gap?	
Are there HR implications? Yes ☐ No ⊠. If so, what?	

NEXT STEPS
ACTION REQUIRED: Based on outcome of discussions the secretariat will prepare concrete plans and seek further guidance from the TB REACH Programme Steering Group.
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/OFFICER: Suvanand Sahu
TIMEFRAME: By December 2013