



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

AGENDA NR. 1.11 - 4.0	SUBJECT	CIVIL SOCIETY
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<p>BACKGROUND (INCLUDING PROBLEM STATEMENT):</p> <p>Effective Community Engagement is crucial to the fight against Tuberculosis. In order to achieve this it is important to have individuals who can bring local ground realities to the global level, ensure that community voices are heard loudly and bring TB high on the agenda by influencing decision makers and donors. In an effort to realize this, the Stop TB Partnership has been working closely with the Treatment Action Group (TAG) to establish and develop the Community Task Force (CTF) which is comprised of the 16 elected community representatives on the 7 Stop TB Partnership Working Groups and the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board.</p> <p>Until now TAG has provided technical logistic and financial support for CTF. To ensure that the CTF is sustainable and institutionalized within the Partnership, all logistic and financial responsibilities will now be the responsibility of the Partnership and the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups. TAG will continue to support in building the capacity of the CTF members through the annual CTF workshop.</p> <p>Logistic and financial support for CTF members is not consistent across the seven Stop TB Partnership Working Groups and the Coordinating Board, and coordination of CTF activities has not been institutionalized within the Partnership secretariat.</p>		
<p>SUMMARY/OUTLINE OF THE SESSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTF overview (why it was established; Terms of Reference; structure of the CTF; support provided by TAG) - 5 minutes • Supporting CTF members (challenges faced by CTF members to participate; examples of good support to CTF members) - 10 minutes • CTF member activities (examples of work of CTF members in fulfilling TORs; opportunities to support CTF work; what the Stop TB Partnership and the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups should expect from CTF members; opportunities for advocacy) - 10 minutes • Institutional support for CTF members (what is working and what is not; resources needed [budget lines; technical support-mentoring; logistical support]) - 10 minutes • Discussion/Q&A - 25 minutes 		



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DISCUSSION POINTS FOR THE COORDINATING BOARD:

- Challenges faced by Stop TB Partnership Working Groups to fully engage CSO representatives
- Support/commitment needed from CTF, Coordinating Board and Working Groups
- Institutional support for CTF - way forward

DECISIONS REQUESTED FROM THE COORDINATING BOARD:

- Stop TB Partnership Secretariat and Working Groups have specific budget lines for CTF members to support activities (administrative and programmatic) and travel to relevant meetings of the Stop TB Partnership Working Groups
- Stop TB Partnership Secretariat to appoint a specific staff member to coordinate CTF activities.

Financial Implications:

- 300,000 USD for 2011
- 1 million USD for 2012-2013

EXPECTED SOURCE(S) OF FUNDING:

- Not available as of this moment.

NEXT STEPS**ACTION REQUIRED:**

- (i) Ensure proper fundraising to cover the gap followed by recruitment of a focal point
- (ii) Ensure support for CTF members' participation in Coordinating Board and Working Group meetings.

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/OFFICER: Stop TB Partnership Secretariat**TIMEFRAME:** Immediate