



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET		
AGENDA NR. 2.10 - 11.0	SUBJECT	TB REACH
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<p>RATIONALE:</p> <p>TB REACH is an initiative of the Stop TB Partnership for promoting early and increased detection of TB cases and their timely successful treatment within the National TB Programme. It is focused on populations with limited access to services, residing in low income countries. At the last Coordinating Board meeting 30 projects were approved under the TB REACH first wave of funding. The Board needs an update on the progress of the implementation of the 30 projects, the system in place for their monitoring and evaluation and the plans for the second wave of call for proposals.</p> <p>The Board, at its last meeting asked for an initial comparative analysis of TB REACH with the Global Fund. The initial work, conducted in consultation with the Global Fund Secretariat, will be presented to the Board for advice on further course of action.</p>		
<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Thirty projects were approved in May 2010 by the Coordinating Board under the first wave of TB REACH funding. Since then the Secretariat has actively engaged with all 30 projects; resolved all narrative and financial clarifications on their proposal; conducted telephone conference calls with each of them; negotiated and signed the Grant Agreement Letter; and made disbursements.</p> <p>For the monitoring and evaluation of the projects an independent agency, i.e. HLSP and KIT (M&E Agency), has been selected through a competitive bidding process. The M&E Agency, in consultation with the Secretariat has developed a detailed plan for the monitoring and evaluation of the projects and will be completing the baseline assessment of all 30 projects by end October 2010. The first instalment of funds has been disbursed to all projects. A summary table on the progress so far on the 30 projects is attached as Annex 1.</p> <p>The launch of the second wave of call for proposals is planned for 1st December 2010 with a closing date for applications of 28 February 2011. The Secretariat is currently revising the application form, eligibility criteria and other related documents. The TB REACH Programme Steering Group is scheduled to meet on 10 November 2010, at Berlin, to provide inputs on the final draft documents and the call processes. The list of eligible countries for the 2nd wave of funding includes all countries with a per capita GNI of US\$ 2000, or less (World Bank data, July 2010) and within these countries, applicants will target population that have limited access to services. The list of suggested interventions, guidelines and other reference documents will be updated and made available on the website.</p> <p>As requested by the Board, the Secretariat has conducted an initial comparative analysis of TB REACH and Global Fund. The analysis was based on a review of the information on TB REACH and the Global Fund websites, a questionnaire based response from the 30 TB REACH projects and a collaborative analysis of TB REACH and Global Fund supported projects in the countries having a TB REACH project. A summary of the analysis is attached as Annex.2. There are opportunities for collaboration and coordination in the timing of the call for proposals, information sharing and conduction of monitoring missions/ field visits. Successful TB REACH projects (after completion of 1 or 2 years) could be</p>		



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included in existing or new Global Fund projects.

DECISIONS REQUESTED (FROM STOP TB COORDINATING BOARD):

- Advice required on further steps for working in close collaboration and coordination with the Global Fund

IMPLICATIONS (POLITICAL / FINANCIAL / STAFFING, ETC):

US\$ 18.4 million is already committed for the 30 first wave TB REACH projects; funding is available with the Secretariat for TB REACH second wave projects.

NEXT STEPS

ACTION REQUIRED:

TB REACH Secretariat is monitoring the implementation progress of the 30 projects and is preparing for the second call for proposals

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TIMEFRAME: May 2011