



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET		
AGENDA NR. 1.10- 7.0	SUBJECT	THE GLOBAL FUND
FOR INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/>	FOR DISCUSSION X	FOR DECISION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>RATIONALE: To illustrate the current stage of negotiations between Partnership agencies and the Global Fund, and request the Board's input</p>		
<p>SUMMARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 10 All indications are that this Round will start in May, although the final decision is to be taken by the GF Board April 30. Because of funding shortages it will need to be managed very differently from previous rounds. This requires the Partnership agencies to be ready to significantly adapt their support to countries. In addition, there is an estimated gap of \$0.5 million for country support, that Board members will be asked to address. • Technical Assistance (TA) The issue of financial support from the GF for provision of TA by partner agencies was raised again at a meeting in January 2010, at the Portfolio and Implementation Committee (PIC) in March, and will be discussed again at the GF Board. The issues, including the GF Board's decisions, will be presented to the Coordinating Board. The secretariat again urges the CB to request a specific budget line for TA from the GF, especially during the replenishment (see below). • Prioritization Prioritization among proposals becomes much more significant in the context of funding shortages within the Fund, and questions whether the CB should continue to urge countries to put in ambitious proposals. It is proposed that the CB advise countries to identify priority, core activities in their proposals to the GF - as good planning practice - and push for countries to increase their own commitment. • Eligibility The criteria for eligibility to submit a proposal will be modified in Round 11 (not in Round 10). These may affect the proportion of awards going towards TB, and the CB should be at least aware and may wish to react. • Impact measurement Progress has continued with a review of the methods used to estimate burdens, 5 - 6 African countries are ready to start prevalence surveys, and >60 countries have been supported to strengthen their surveillance systems. The support of the Board is requested to mobilize additional funds. • Replenishment The 3rd replenishment process is under way. The case for replenishment submitted by the GF Secretariat (Scenario analysis 2011-2013) has some flaws, notably for TB. The Board should establish its position in support of the replenishment process. 		



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DECISIONS REQUESTED (FROM STOP TB COORDINATING BOARD):

- Board members are asked to address the needs for additional funding for Round 10 support, and impact measurement.
- The Board is asked to encourage member agencies to prepare for the changes that will be inherent in Round 10.
- The Board is asked to support the GF replenishment process, and to request the GF to make clearer the potential gains to be made from greater investment in TB
- The Board is asked to support the case for a specific budget line in the GF for TA, and to address this in a letter to the GF
- The Board is asked to make clear its position on the GF's proposals for prioritization and eligibility
- The Board is asked to establish a small working group to ensure close engagement of the STB Partnership in future prioritisation and eligibility discussions
- The Board is asked to consider development of a clear set of messages on TB successes, benefits and issues that remain to be addressed.

IMPLICATIONS (POLITICAL / FINANCIAL / STAFFING, ETC):

- Political action is required focused on the GF's major committees and board
- Financial implications for the Partnership only occur if the Board requests support for Round 10 support and impact measurement from the current budget
- No staffing implications

NEXT STEPS

ACTION REQUIRED: See decisions

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TIMEFRAME: Within the next 6 months