

**Executive Committee Call, 10 May 2017
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
Joanne Carter (Vice-Chair) & Delia Clayton Erika Arthun Pierre Blais Paula Fujiwara Nalini Lachance Austin Obiefuna Aaron Oxley Thokozile Phiri-Nkhoma Mario Raviglione & Diana Weil Cheri Vincent	Victor Ramathesele – <i>phone out of reach</i>	Lucica Ditiu Jenniffer Dietrich Brenda Waning Andre Zagorski
Minutes of Discussion		Outcome(s)
1. Grants to Fragile Countries		
<p>The Secretariat presented to the Executive Committee a Global Drug Facility (GDF) funding request for grants to Afghanistan and North Korea (DPRK). The Country Operations Manager from GDF, provided details of GDF’s operations in both Afghanistan and DPRK. GDF Terms and Conditions are very specific for the setting in the Northern Province of DPRK. Each time that a GDF consultant goes to that region, the person looks at everything possible in that context. This part of DPRK that does not receive Global Fund funding and has been receiving GDF grants from the beginning. Through-out GDF’s engagement with DPRK there have been no inconsistencies.</p> <p>In Afghanistan, there is a very strong TB program, and nobody has been let down with pediatric medicine. There are also regular missions to Afghanistan, the last one was in November 2016. Afghanistan has asked for an extension of grants for as long as it is possible. In this country, the medicines are not the problem but the war, when for example the storage was bombed 7 years ago.</p> <p>GDF also reported on a new tool for quantification methodology called “One TB” which helps with the prevention of drug stock-outs.</p> <p>Further concerns from Executive Committee members were addressed by the Country Operations Manager as well as the Chief of GDF during the call.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee approved the grants to DPRK and Afghanistan.
2. 29th Coordinating Board Meeting, 16 – 18 May 2017: draft agenda		
<p>The Executive Director briefed the Executive Committee on the sessions for the two day Board meeting (17-18 May). The Minister of Health of Germany will address the Board on the first day. The Ministerial Panel will provide an</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft agenda was well received.

<p>opportunity for Ministers from India, Indonesia, Mozambique and South Africa to present on their countries and, also include a statement about their expectations for the UN High-Level Meeting and to ask the Board to commit to getting their Heads of States to support the UNHLM in 2018. It is expected that the Minister of India will announce that they are hosting of the next Board meeting in March 2018.</p>	
<p>3. AOB</p>	
<p>The Executive Committee requested that the Secretariat send out doodle survey to set up subsequent EC teleconference calls.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat to send out proposed dates for the calls.