

Teleconference Executive committee (28 Ex Comm. -- 4 March 2010)
(Draft) Minutes

Attended:	Not able to attend:	Secretariat
Rifat Atun (Chair) Paul Nunn, Diana Weil (<i>representing Mario Raviglione</i>) Ken Castro Jean François de Lavison Peter Small	Mario Raviglione Giorgio Roscigno Jeremiah Chakaya	Marcos Espinal Homero Hernandez Alan Esser
Minutes of Discussion	Decision	Action
1. Global Fund Technical Assistance Debate		
Global Fund stakeholders met in late January to discuss the issue of technical assistance with an aim to prepare recommendations for how the Global Fund and partners can proceed to address gaps in TA which could feed into an options paper for the 20 th GF Board. An advance draft of the paper was to be presented at the recent PIC meeting, but was delayed, raising the prospect that a way forward on this important matter would be postponed further.		
Committee members discussed a number of critical issues involved in the debate, including: coordination of TA and what the GF's role is, if any, in such coordination; the focus of TA, in terms of grant application preparation or implementation support; TA outcomes, and whether or not it provides short-term input or builds institutional capacity; and who provides TA, and if GF has a role to play to ensure quality at the global and country levels. Members discussed how TBTEAM presents a model for TA coordination. It was noted that TB grants outperform others, as will be highlighted in the Global Fund's 2010 Results Report. Members recognized a need to capitalize on this model and experience, while also understanding that progress in the debate is dependent upon many factors.	The Committee unanimously agreed to remain strongly engaged in the process and recognized that TBTEAM offers a model for TA coordination that may prove a useful reference point in moving the debate forward. The Committee agreed to continue to raise the issue of technical assistance at multiple levels and in multiple fora going forward, with the opportunity of using the strong performance of TB grants and the stock-out issue as points of entry.	Committee members to continue to raise the issue of TA with partners and stakeholders of the Global Fund The Chair to facilitate TB TEAM's engagement in the process and to try to explore the possibility to organize a meeting around TA, TB and implementation issues to further show the partnership's engagement in the process, as well as to continue to move the TA debate forward.
2. Round 10: TB TEAM Update		
TBTEAM estimates that 50 countries will apply for TB in Global Fund Round 10. TBTEAM presented a scaled-down version of its proposed assistance to countries, of which USD 1 million was mobilized, resulting in a USD 1.5 million gap. As Round 10 may be more complicated than previous rounds in terms of prioritization and other issues, the need for a strong and coordinated response by the Partnership to support countries is evident.		
Executive Committee members brainstormed around how the value added of the TA provided by Partners	The Committee expressed unanimous approval for the Secretariat to review the budget	Secretariat to review budget to identify additional sums for TBTEAM R10 activities.

<p>through TBTEAM could be demonstrated to support mobilizing resources. Members suggested underscoring TA's impact in terms of grant performance and proposal success rates. However, committee members also recognized that this may be difficult given time constraints associated with an impending R10.</p>	<p>with an aim to find additional funds to support countries applying to R10, while also encouraging TBTEAM to engage with other key donor and partners to see if additional funds could be mobilized.</p>	<p>WHO, Stop TB, UNAIDS and RBM to engage key donors to mobilize resources to bridge the gap for all HTM R10 needs and to work with countries to ensure a robust analysis of unmet needs is included in all proposals supported.</p>
<p>The Secretariat indicated that it could review its budget with a view to identifying any additional funds that might be freed up as a result of savings or postponing activities to prioritize support to countries in R10. It was clearly indicated that this would not completely cover of the gap, and that outreach to donors on the importance and need for these activities would be necessary as well. The importance of this message coming not only from the Partnership, but also from the Global Fund and countries was stressed.</p>		

3. MDG Summit

The Secretariat introduced a draft document focusing on proposed events around the MDG Summit in September 2010 to ensure that TB is part of the agenda. The paper outlined a potential high level panel discussion focusing on MDG 6 with the involvement of other key agencies, as well as a satellite event to launch the Global Plan update. The strategic principles of the paper included: (i) An alliance with key partners (Global Fund, RBM, UNAIDS, Unitaids); (ii) Engagement of champions and leaders to reach out and influence the Summit's agenda preparation (e.g., UN SG Special Envoy on TB recently met with SG and president of General Assembly in NY); (iii) Identification and engagement of at least 10-15 endemic/donor countries that could champion the need to showcase MDG 6 at the Summit.

<p>Executive Committee members agreed with the approach and felt it was important that success in MDG 6 is linked to success of other MDGs. Current reports to be released around the summit, however, miss these linkages, prompting the Committee to brainstorm on how best to underscore this interconnectedness.</p>	<p>Strong endorsement of the approach proposed by the Secretariat</p>	<p>Secretariat to share draft concept note with key partners and to identify countries to advocate for it at UNHQ</p> <p>Special Envoy to relay to SG the need to include TB in the report currently under preparation on MDG 4 & 5</p> <p>GF to share information from discussions with the SG on his programme of health related issues ahead of the Summit</p> <p>Secretariat to identify means to prepare a paper/briefing for the proposed panel</p>
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4. Engaging PEPFAR: TB HIV

<p>Given new leadership and an expanded mandate, committee members were requested to brainstorm on how to engage further with PEPFAR with an aim to advance implementation at the country level.</p>		
<p>Committee members indicated that the time was right to propose a follow-up to the earlier PEPFAR-STBP meeting on progress and unmet needs. Members also discussed the possibility of inviting the new US Global AIDS Coordinator to the 18th CB in Hanoi in May 2010 as well as a potential briefing with the Coordinator in mid-March in Washington.</p>		<p>CDC to check tentative availability of the US Global AIDS Coordinator to be briefed by a small Partnership delegation in mid-March and on his availability to attend the CB in May</p> <p>Secretariat to draft 1-page strategic brief and potential issues to be discussed if March meeting is confirmed</p>
<p>5. Any Other Business</p>		
<p>Prior to closing, members briefly discussed recent changes in leadership at the Aeras Foundation.</p>		