Executive Committee Call, 16 May 2018
Minutes

Attended:  
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Timur Abdullaev  
Erika Arthun  
Amy Bloom  
Megan Cain  
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Victor Ramathesele  
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Minutes of Discussion

1. Key Performance Indicators

The Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Framework was conceived to measure progress against the Stop TB Partnership Operational Strategy for 2016-2020. The KPIs were developed based on input from the Secretariat as well as consultations with Executive Committee and Board members. The Framework was adopted at the 28th Board meeting in September 2016.

The Secretariat shared in advance of the call the KPI Results of 2016 and 2017, the Board Decision Points related to KPIs and a KPI Discussion Document.

Over the call, the Secretariat presented the three KPIs that required more in-depth discussion.

1. KPI 1.3 - strengthening community systems
   
The Secretariat recognized that a dichotomous measure is not the best manner to assess progress in a country’s meaningful inclusion of activities regarding gender, human rights, stigma, and/or grassroots strengthening. The Secretariat proposed a composite measure of components (gender, human rights, stigma, and grassroots) and criteria (mention, assessment, implementation, indicators, and budget) as a better method to measure this indicator. A bi-annual target and a denominator of 38 selected high-burden countries was also proposed.

2. KPI 2.1 – R&D financing
   
The Secretariat worked with the Research Working Group representatives to set a baseline and targets (as indicated in track changes in the KPI Framework). The targets for 2018, 2019 and 2020 were placed in a way to capture the additional funding gap. It will be noted in the Framework that the baseline figure excludes the roll-out costs.

3. KPI 3.2 – GDF forecast accuracy
   
The selection of tracer medicines in the original definition of the KPI is not anymore, the most accurate, given the changes in WHO guidelines since 2016.

- The Executive Committee endorsed the KPI Framework with the proposed revisions
2. 31st Board Meeting and agenda items

After verifying with WHO channels that the Executive Board meeting in January 2019 does not clash with participation to the Stop TB Board meeting, the Secretariat proposed the following schedule for the next Board meeting:
- Sunday 27 January 2019: Arrival
- 28 January: Day of pre-briefing sessions, and potential event at United Nations’ Office
- 29 January: Day 1 of the Board meeting, and evening reception
- 30 January: Day 2 of the Board meeting, and departure in the evening

The Executive Committee approved the dates of 29-30 January for the next Board meeting to be held in Geneva.

Agenda items

The following agenda items have been proposed to start developing the program for the Board meeting in January 2019:
- Follow up from UNHLM
- Global Fund
- Financing for TB
- TB REACH
- 40 by 23

The Executive Committee will come back to agenda items in future calls.

3. Preparations for World Health Assembly

The Executive Director explained that there are great opportunities to highlight TB during the week of the World Health Assembly (WHA). For example, already on Sunday 20 May at 1.30pm is an excellent opportunity for different stakeholders to discuss barriers in-country adoption and access to new, quality assured TB innovations. More details and all essential events were shared in the background document provided in advance of the call.

The WHA has an agenda item (11.8) about the UN High-Level Meeting on TB, and it will be important for partners to be present at this deliberation.

4. AOB

Next Executive Committee Conference Call is scheduled for Wednesday 21 June 2018.

Stop TB Secretariat to send a calendar invite.