Introduction
The Board has previously endorsed the Plan's outline and the members of the Steering Committee that will oversee the activities of the Partnership secretariat in coordinating the Plan's development. This background document describes progress in the development of the Plan.

Summary

1. Members of the Steering Committee

Representative of Stop TB Coordinating Board
Francis Omaswa (current STB Coordinating Board Vice-Chair, with new Vice-Chair to be elected in autumn 2004)

Representatives of Stop TB partner institutions
Olusoji Adeyi (World Bank)
Nils Billo (IUATLD)
Ken Castro (CDC)
Phil Hopewell (ATS)

Representative of Stop TB secretariat
Marcos Espinal (STB Executive Secretary)

Representative of host institution
Mario Raviglione (Director, WHO STB Department)

Representatives of key constituencies
Karam Shah, Chair of DOTS Expansion WG (representing the "operations" WGs)
PR Narayanan, Director, TB Research Centre, Chennai, India (representing field research)
Maria Freire, Chair of Working Group on New Drugs (representing the "new tools" WGs)
Jaap Broekmans, KNCV (Chair, Millennium Project TB subgroup and 2nd ad hoc committee on the TB epidemic)
Roberto Tapia, Vice-Minister of Health, Mexico (Chair of WHO's Strategic and Technical Advisory Group)
Faruque Ahmed, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (representing NGOs)
2. Development of scenarios for joint planning with Working Groups

Epidemiological projections (including costings) for how the regions individually and the world overall can reach the 2015 global TB control targets will inform the development of each Working Group's plan in contribution to the overall Global Plan. Work on the projections (led by Chris Dye, WHO's STB Department) will start in early October 2004 and provide interim projections by the end of March 2005.

3. Contributions of each Working Group's plan to development of Global Plan

The development and implementation of the Global Plan depends on the full and cohesive contribution of the Working Groups. The core group of each Working Group needs to identify one member as the focal point for this work. The chairpersons of the Working Groups will address the following issues at their meeting in Beijing on Saturday 16 October 2004 immediately following the Coordinating Board meeting:
1- How each WG can set milestones for achieving its contribution to the overall TB control goal.
2- How each WG can develop the time lines for its contribution to the development of the Global Plan.
3- How each WG can develop its budget (2006-2015) for achieving its contribution to the overall TB control goal.

Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

Endorsement of next steps: epidemiological and costing projections and proposed contributions of Working Groups

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