

Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

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| Agenda Nr. 2.05-8.0 | Subject | Draft Best Practice Principles for Global Health Partnerships |
| For Information | For Discussion | <u>For Decision</u> |

Introduction

The international development assistance community adopted the *Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness* in March, 2005. Participants in a Working Group on Global Health Partnerships of the High Level Forum on the Health MDGs (HLF) proposed the utility of adapting these principles to Global Health Partnerships (GHPs) operating at country level. A writing team took this forward and the document was reviewed and revised based on input at a WG meeting in late September. These principles will be considered by the HLF at its meeting in Paris, November 14-15, 2005. The Executive Secretary will represent the Stop TB Partnership at the meeting.

Summary

There is widespread recognition of the benefits to communities, countries, and to global public health, of new global partnerships in health and the substantial increase in financing for disease prevention and control through new financing mechanisms (eg GFATM, GAVI Vaccine Fund, PEPFAR, GDF etc). At the same time, there is concern that the proliferation of partnerships and the processes and requirements of the financing partners carry a heavy burden for countries. They may result in some important distortions in allocation of time and resources relative to the full array of priorities in health and development in low-income countries, particularly. There is also concern that country ownership is not sufficient in many new initiatives. There is recognition that technical and coordination partnerships may play a role in increasing country leadership in planning and implementation, coordination of inputs to reduce burden on countries and consensus on technical and M&E practices.

The 21-point draft principles adopt the major concerns of the Paris Declaration: ownership (by countries); alignment (with national plans and approaches); harmonization (of procedures and approaches among development partners); managing for results; and accountability. The principles also include measures to enhance clear and transparent governance of GHPs. The draft principles are proposed for discussion at the Stop TB CB, and views on their current and future application by the Stop TB Partnership and partners can also be briefly reviewed. Some agencies, such as counterparts in the European Commission, have expressed interest in learning more from Stop TB and other partnerships on how these principles may already be in place, and or can be adopted.

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Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

- Comments and/or endorsement in principle of these draft principles so that the Executive Secretary can inform participants at the HLF.
- The Board can consider the final principles for adoption, as revised following the HLF, at its next meeting in April, 2006.

Next steps and time frame

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| Presentation of comments and/or endorsement to HLF | Exec. Secretary | HLF, 14-15 Nov 2005. | M. Espinal |