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**For Information**  
**For Discussion**  
**For Decision**

**Introduction**
Empowerment and involvement of people with TB and affected communities are clearly stated in the New Stop TB Strategy and the Global Plan 2. Additionally a Patient Charter for TB care has been developed in tandem with the International Standards for TB Care. Patients and community representatives are involved at different working groups to facilitate GP-2. With these policy documents and patients involvement, there is a need to look at different approaches to make patients and affected community able to play an active role at different levels where strategies and decisions are made. Capacity building and training is an essential component in this approach.

**Summary**
During the last year, a group of patients and affected community representatives have been elected/nominated to the Stop TB Coordinating Board and the different WG's core groups. For these representatives to be able to play an effective role in these forums and to encourage and build up new representatives to play a role at both global and national/local level in the fight against TB there is a need to facilitate these representatives for different types of capacity building and training activities at different levels. With essential financial and technical support to facilitate training workshops in different regions and developing of necessary training and information material, it will increase the pool of patients and affected community representatives who can be a resource and have positive impact on the development of quality TB services and TB policies from local to global level. See background document for different training activities. There also is a need to support these patients and community representatives by promoting their affiliations and nominations by STOP TB and endorsed by the board members.

**Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board**

1. To endorse the need to increase support for training activities, as discussed by the community task force that can strengthen the role of the existing patients and affected community representatives to the different forums of the Stop TB Partnership and develop a pool of TB patients representatives at global, regional, national and local level.

2. To endorse the community representatives and patients nominated by Partnership, Board Members to NTP, WHO and local UN and Government Agencies
   - These training activities will be made possible through the money that has been allocated and approved by the coordinating board.
   - The community task force envisions submitting an annual report to the coordinating board for the activities undertaken.

**Next steps and time frame**

**What:** Patient and affected community empowerment and endorsement.

**Who:** Affected community task force, Stop TB secretariat, WG chairs, Patients and affected community NGOs, Patient and affected community representatives

**Timeframe:** 2006-2007

**Focal Point:** Patients and affected community representatives, Stop TB secretariat focal point

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