### Summary Sheet

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**Rationale:** The 2nd external evaluation of the Stop TB Partnership, including GDF, is planned for 2007. The first evaluation was conducted in 2003. The main purpose of the 2nd evaluation will be an objective assessment of the Partnership's work and its impact on TB control efforts globally. The review will give donors and other stakeholders an independent view on the Partnership's contribution to TB control.

**Summary:**
This second external evaluation is to be commissioned by the Coordinating Board at a stage when the Partnership has stabilized. Key objectives are to determine whether the Stop TB Partnership continues to:
- deliver impact and added value;
- have the appropriate strategic focus; and
- have the adequate structure, governance and managerial processes to continue functioning optimally in an accountable manner over the foreseeable future.

The evaluation principles and policy are based on internationally accepted Development Assistance Committee (DAC) OECD guidelines. There will be four key variables: relevance, effectiveness, efficiency; and sustainability. The Evaluation will be directed by a Steering Group (SG) to be set up at the Coordinating Board meeting in Jakarta (or this function could be undertaken by the Executive Committee at the discretion of the Board). The evaluation will be undertaken by a team of consultants from a firm having the requisite experience and managed by the Secretariat. The detailed process is set out in the evaluation note to the Coordinating Board for approval. The evaluation team is expected to begin the work in March 2007 and submit its final report in October 2007. This, together with the management response to it, will be discussed at the Coordinating Board meeting in Autumn 2007, and once accepted by the Board, will be circulated to all the donors. It will also be made available to the public through the Stop TB Partnership website and other mechanisms. The anticipated cost of the evaluation is around US$ 800,000 (the cost of 2003 evaluation of the Partnership, including GDF, was US$ 882,305). DFID has already pledged US$ 700,000 towards the cost of the evaluation.

**Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)**
1) Endorsement of the evaluation objectives, variables and the process
2) Approval of the budget range.
3) Establishment of a Steering Group (5 members) - or mandating responsibility to Ex.Comm.

**Implications**
Launching of the evaluation in 2007, and commitment of funds for the work. Discussions on the findings of the evaluations and the management response to it. Decision on actions to be taken on accepted recommendations. Submission of the evaluation will meet a key condition of donors for their continued support; a positive evaluation will pave the way for an enhanced flow of resources for the Partnership’s work including the GDF.

**Next Steps**
- **Action Required:** Meeting of Steering Group
- **Focal Point:** Anant Vijay
- **Timeframe:** January 2007 to December 2007