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**Rationale**

In early 2005, a memorandum of understanding (MOU), was signed between the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the Stop TB Partnership to increase cooperation, improve resource allocation, and bring support to TB-affected communities of great need. The MOU is attached for ease of reference.

The purpose of this agenda item is to brainstorm between the Global Fund and the Board on how we might build on the progress made and respond to future challenges in the framework of the MOU between the Fund and the Partnership.

**Summary**

**In Round 6:** The Technical Review Panel (TRP) of the Global Fund reviewed 55 TB components. 62% of TB proposals that were reviewed by the TRP were recommended for funding (34/55) - the highest ever success rate. The Stop TB Partnership TBTEAM, coordinated by WHO, supported 48 countries in the proposal development process in this round. Of those supported by these TB experts, 71% were successful (34/48).

Approved TB proposals constitute 40% of the number of all HIV, TB and Malaria proposals approved in round 6 (34/85); and 22.5% of the 2 year upper ceiling budget amounts requested (US$ equivalent 190 million/846 million).

Considerable progress has been made but several challenges remain:

- Future Rounds - the role of the Partnership in filling the Global Fund funding gap.
- Increasing the share of available resources for TB
- Implications of the Global Fund evaluation
- Technical Assistance
- Procurement

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

1) Next steps for engagement with and support of the Global Fund

**Implications**

Support for TBTEAM (TB TEchnical Assistance Mechanism) in future rounds

**Next Steps**

**Action Required:** Secretariat - DOTS Expansion WG/Global Fund

**Focal Point:** Chair DOTS Expansion/ Dr. Orobaton

**Timeframe:** Ongoing