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**Rationale**

To achieve the goals of the Global Plan, the Stop TB partnership should engage more effectively with our 589 member partner base. Currently partners engage through the Partner’s Forum, Coordinating Board, Working Groups, Sub Groups, Task Forces and Constituency meetings. Partners also engage individually in TB control at a country level. In order to develop a strategy to enhance this level of engagement, it is important firstly to ascertain the current composition of the Stop TB partner base.

**Summary**

A comprehensive study of our partner base was undertaken based upon research into all of our partners who have become official members of the partnership. Detailed background information on these partners is presented in the background paper.

To summarize: NGOs constitute more than 60% of the total Stop TB partner base. Many of these NGOs have a limited capacity and would welcome assistance to maximize their potential. Only 2% (a total of 11) of the partner base are Charitable/Philanthropic Foundations, none of which are based in Europe. The Partnership has 56 academic/research institutions as partners, though just one of these is based in Central or Eastern Europe.

Advocacy (35%), Provision of TB Services (21%) and Research (19%) account for 75% of all activities conducted by our partners. Technical assistance constitutes 15% of all activities, while the manufacture of TB products and donor activities account for 6% and 4% respectively.

Partners in India and the United States account for 35% of the partner base. Although 49% of partners are based in High Burden Countries (HBC), over one third of these are in India. Only 4% of partners are based in WPRO.

The majority of high burden countries have less than five partners, though there is strong potential to set up national partnerships in another 6 high burden countries.

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

1. Identify which partner groupings should Stop TB increase engagement with?
2. Identify future direction of the partner base (are we targeting growth of partners numbers, greater commitment from partners, etc?).
3. Direct strategy to achieve this.

**Implications** (political/financial/staffing etc): Secretariat staff time

**Next Steps**

**Action Required: Develop Strategy**

**Focal Point:** Secretariat / Partnership Officer

**Timeframe:** April 2008