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**FOR INFORMATION ☐ | FOR DISCUSSION ☐ | FOR DECISION ☒**

**RATIONALE:** What is the role of GDF today which was originally established to fill the gap in procurement of TB drugs for National TB programmes?

**SUMMARY:**
Since 2001 when the GDF was established by the Stop TB Coordinating Board, the landscape has changed dramatically for TB treatment activities involving GDF. For example, requests to GDF for free TB grants by countries are decreasing steadily; the Global Fund became a large donor of TB medicines and treatment support. PEPFAR was launched, the largest activity undertaken by the US government to date for treating HIV; TB patients are recipients of this activity since TB is a major co-morbidity in HIV patients around the world. UNITAID is another major player that has appeared in recent years.

GDF needed a strategic analysis of its business model taking into consideration the evolving landscape, TB control needs in country programs and current needs for international access to medicines. With Stop TB Executive Committee approval, The Boston Consulting Group was hired to analyze the path GDF has taken from its initiation in 2001 until today. This took the form of interviews with national TB program staffs, donors, NGOs, WHO headquarters staffs, regional staffs and TB technical partners worldwide as well as review of all pertinent background documents beginning with the prospectus of the GDF and other documents describing services and accomplishments throughout the period. The findings and recommendations will be presented at the Stop TB Coordinating Board for discussion and decision in May 2010.

**DECISIONS REQUESTED (FROM STOP TB COORDINATING BOARD):**
- Choose the appropriate options/recommendations that will guide the GDF from 2010 into the future

**IMPLICATIONS (POLITICAL / FINANCIAL / STAFFING, ETC):**
- To be determined based upon the results of the consultancy and the recommendations and mandate provided by the Coordinating Board

**NEXT STEPS**

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Describe the best option for the future GDF

**FOCAL POINT:** Manager of GDF

**TIMEFRAME:** 6 months