### Summary Sheet

**Stop TB Partnership Initiatives Part 6: TB Lancet Observatory**

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#### Background (Including Problem Statement):

At the 18th Coordinating Board meeting, the Board requested “the Partnership to host the Lancet TB Observatory website and to launch it at the Union meeting in Berlin”. (Decision Point 1.10-12.0). While the Lancet TB Observatory has not been launched to date, some action has been taken in this area. At that time, a draft concept note was developed. Human and financial resources are needed to develop and maintain the TB Lancet Observatory.

The TBP did a high level budgeting exercise and determined that the cost would initially be approximately 80,000 USD including a one-time website design fee, website maintenance (annual cost) and at least 20% of a P3 (annual cost). This figure did not include additional funding that would be required to support the meetings proposed.

TBP identified that it could begin to initiate the process if 20,000 USD of funding could be mobilized for this purpose.

Cognisant of the lack of available funding, the Secretariat presented the discussion on the TB Observatory Lancet to the Executive Committee of the Stop TB Coordinating Board. The Executive Committee agreed that the TBLO presented a valuable opportunity, however felt that with the current economic constraint it would be difficult secure the needed financing. Therefore it was decided by the EC that the issue would be put to the Coordinating Board during the meeting in Bangkok where further information about TBP financing would be available.

#### Summary/Outline of the Session:

- Identification of resources needed to launch and maintain TB Lancet Observatory

#### Major Discussion Points or Decision Points Requested:

- Considering the current financial constraints should Stop TB Partnership funds be used to launch and maintain TB Lancet Observatory or should this initiative be postponed pending further resource mobilization by Stop TB Partnership Secretariat or a partner.

Is this a Special Project? *(i.e. Should be undertaken for strategic reasons and is currently partially or completely unfunded?)*

- Yes [ ] No [ ]

If so, what funding is already available? US$ 0 (zero)

What is the funding gap? US$ 80,000

Are there HR implications? Yes [ ] No [ ] If so, what? At least 20% P3

#### Next Steps

**Action Required:** Finalization of concept of TB Lancet Observatory, Securing needed financing, identification of staff responsible within TBP, Updated Budget, Development of website, identification of steering committee

**Responsible Agency/Officer:** Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary

**Timeframe:** Through 2012 and beyond