**Background (Including Problem Statement):**
In line with the operational Strategy, the Global Fund represents a major focus of the Partnership Secretariat’s advocacy activities, aiming at supporting Global Fund financing and grant management policies through partner coordination and strengthened community advocate voices.

Over the last decade, the Global Fund has become the single largest source of external financing for national TB programs, currently providing more than four-fifth of international funding for TB detection and treatment worldwide. The priorities of the Partnership Secretariat in its Global Fund engagement are therefore that the Global Fund is endowed with the largest possible commitment of resources; that as much funding as possible from the Global Fund flows to TB programs; and that funding allocated through the Global Fund is spent efficiently towards the scale-up and impact.

The Partnership Secretariat developed a Global Fund engagement paper that outlines its key areas of work, achievements so far, objectives and suggested activities.

**Summary/Outline of the Session:**
Over the last year, engagement with the Global Fund has been a major focus of the Partnership Secretariat’s activities. While a lot is going on, in light of limited resources it is critical that the Partnership Secretariat focuses these activities on its comparative advantages and on areas where it can have the biggest impact. This is why the Partnership Secretariat has worked on a Global Fund engagement paper, which will be presented to Board members. It focuses on the following main areas of work:

- Replenishment of the Global Fund;
- The New Funding Model; and
- Support on the efficient use of available Global Fund funds/grants.

**Major Discussion Points or Decision Points Requested:**
- Recognising the work of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat’s work so far; continuing the engagement with the Global Fund by leveraging the full capacity of partners and acting on matters of urgency
- Discussion amongst and perspectives from Board members on scale-up needs at country-level

**Is this a Special Project?** *(i.e. Should be undertaken for strategic reasons and is currently partially or completely unfunded?)*
Yes [ ] No [x]

**What is the funding gap?**

**Are there HR implications?** Yes [ ] No [x] If so, what?

**Next Steps**
**Action Required:** None

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**Timeframe:** Ongoing