**Summary Sheet**

**Agenda NR. 25 – 5.0**

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**Is this session for:**
- INFORMATION
- DISCUSSION ✗
- DECISION ✗

**Background (including problem statement):**

As part of the Operational Strategy, Strategic Goal 2 - the Stop TB secretariat is mandated by the Board to work closely with the Global Fund. In the last 2 meetings the Stop TB Coordinating Board has discussed multiple issues related to the work with the Global Fund, including the New Funding Model, TB allocations and implementation pipelines, engagement and supporting countries for strong applications. It is important that the Stop TB Coordinating Board notes the progress made in these areas and provides guidance to the Secretariat on addressing the emerging issues and opportunities.

This session aims to update the Board on key areas of progress and generate a discussion on emerging issues with a view to seek guidance from the Board on how the Secretariat can support better the TB Community at large in ensuring adequate GF financing for TB interventions.

**Summary/Outline of the session:**

- Update the Board on the progress since the last meeting, especially focussing on the achievements of the TB Situation Room initiative together with TBTEAM, technical support to countries developing concept notes and key inputs provided/decisions made by GF Board and its Committees.
- Generate a discussion on emerging issues in the context of countries applying to the New Funding Model: Prioritization of key interventions and Joint TB and HIV programming
- Inform the Board on the “Strategic Review of the Global Fund 2015” planned by the TERG and start the process of engagement of the Board in this important review.

**Major discussion points or decision points requested:**

- Acknowledgement of the enhanced relationship of the Stop TB Secretariat with Global Fund Secretariat and Committees.
- The Board notes the TRP and GAC observations on prioritization of interventions within the concept notes and provides guidance to the Stop TB Secretariat for facilitating consensus among partners on this issue.
- Guidance to the Secretariat on how to ensure, through the Situation Room, an active monitoring of funding, key indicators and outcomes from submitted Concept Notes in terms of what is funded under allocation funding and above allocation funding.
- Options for regular updating of the Executive Committee on the TB Situation Room initiative.
- The Board notes and provides guidance on the important opportunity offered by the GF request for joint TB and HIV programming.
- Guidance to STOP TB Partnership Secretariat on how to engage Board members and partners in the dialogue and work for the GF Strategic Review 2015 to be conducted by TERG.

**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?

What is the funding gap?

Are there HR implications? Yes ☐ No ✗. If so, what?

**Next Steps**

**Action Required:** Action to be taken by the Secretariat within the context of work already being done on the Global Fund.

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**Timeframe:** December 2014