Keeping the Promises: Accountability

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Accountability: A HLM Success

• Don’t let anyone tell you differently: accountability was one of the success stories of the HLM.
• We didn’t get every single commitment we wanted, but we got much more than many thought we would.
• Work on accountability started yesterday!
Multi-Sector Accountability Framework

• Huge thanks to WHO and its Member States for developing such a useful Framework.

• Don’t confuse a framework with a mechanism:
  – Framework = Recipe
  – Mechanisms & Processes = Ingredients
Accountability Processes
Accountability Framework - Draft

**REVIEW**
High-level review(s) of the tuberculosis response at global or regional level, with multisectoral perspective and engagement of key stakeholders, including civil society and tuberculosis-affected communities; and/or independent review
High-level political forum for Sustainable Development Goal review (Goal 3 covered periodically)
General Assembly review of Sustainable Development Goals (next in 2019)

**ACTIONS (examples)**
- Development, funding and implementation of the workplans of global agencies, including strategic alliances across sectors and engagement of civil society and tuberculosis-affected communities
- Resource mobilization and allocation of funding by global financing agencies
- Global guidance, norms and standards – development and dissemination
- Global and regional advocacy and communication, including for increased financing
- Strategic and technical support to countries by global agencies
- Global strategy for tuberculosis research and development, and related convening of international tuberculosis research networks
- Global/regional/country bloc tuberculosis summits

**MONITORING AND REPORTING**
- WHO framework for tuberculosis recording and reporting (cases, treatment outcomes)
- WHO tuberculosis Sustainable Development Goal monitoring framework
- WHO global tuberculosis data collection (annual) and online database
- WHO Global tuberculosis report (annual), regional reports and associated products
- WHO progress reports on End TB Strategy to Executive Board and World Health Assembly and, if requested, to General Assembly
- United Nations data collection and reports on Sustainable Development Goals
- Treatment Action Group annual reports on tuberculosis research and development
- Médecins Sans Frontières/Stop TB Partnership annual report on uptake of WHO policies
- Other civil society reports
Accountability that Works: Monitoring

- The Global TB report
- The Out of Step report
- Legal Environment Assessments
- Gender Assessments
- TAG TB R&D Funding report
- Country-level reporting
- And much more...
What already exists for TB?
Accountability to Expand

• Even when we have sector-leading monitoring such as the Global TB Report or the Out of Step report, we can do better.

• For example, we Out of Step needs to include data from more countries and Legal Environment Assessments should be being done in more countries.

• When we are hearing about initiatives such as these, we should asking ourselves: are we talking about monitoring, or review? At what level is this operating? Is this helping us fill a gap in our accountability framework?
Accountability that’s Missing

• There are very few review mechanisms that exist for TB, at any level.

• These are even rarer when we consider high-level review: that is, getting the Head of State or Government to be personally responsible for delivering on the fight against TB.
Accountability To Whom?

- Heads of State and Government are accountable to...
  - Citizens
  - Cabinet
  - Parliament
  - Each other

...in different ways at different times.
48. Commit to develop or strengthen, as appropriate, national tuberculosis strategic plans to include all necessary measures to deliver the commitments in this political declaration, including through national multisectoral mechanisms to monitor and review progress achieved towards ending the tuberculosis epidemic, with high-level leadership, preferably under the direction of the head of state or government, and with the active involvement of civil society and affected communities, as well as parliamentarians, local governments, academia, private sector and other stakeholders within and beyond the health sector, and promote that tuberculosis becomes part of national strategic planning and budgeting for health, recognizing existing legislative frameworks and constitutional arrangements, so as to ensure that each Member State is on track to achieve the SDG target to end the tuberculosis epidemic;
National Accountability: Commitments

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• ...to ensure each Member State is on track to achieve the SDG target to end the tuberculosis epidemic.
National Accountability: Who

• ...with high-level leadership, preferably under the direction of the head of state or government...
• with the active involvement of...
  – civil society and affected communities,
  – parliamentarians,
  – local governments,
  – academia,
  – private sector,
  – other stakeholders within and beyond the health sector
Regional Accountability

50. Commit to establishing and promoting regional efforts and collaboration to set ambitious targets, generate resources, and use existing regional intergovernmental institutions to review progress, share lessons and strengthen collective capacity to end tuberculosis;
Next Stop, 2020!

53. Further request the Secretary General, with the support of the WHO, to provide a progress report in 2020 on global and national progress, across sectors, in accelerating efforts to achieve agreed tuberculosis goals within the context of achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including on the progress and implementation of the present declaration towards agreed tuberculosis goals at the national, regional and global levels, which will serve to inform preparations for a comprehensive review by Heads of State and Government at a high level meeting in 2023.
2020!

• The next High-Level check-in moment is September 2020.
• This is basically tomorrow: if we want strong high-level review, we need to be working on this.
• High-Level Review by the Secretary General in 2020 and 2023 isn’t a fast enough cadence, and we need more focused and sustained high-level review than the SecGen’s office can provide alone: we need a mechanism.
Accountability Workstream

- Multi-stakeholder STBP working group.
- Post HLM, focus on gathering input from Civil Society that had been energized by the HLM.
- The next major milestone in accountability is the MSAF which is going to the WHA in the spring: It’s critical that we continue the Workstream’s effort, with input and participation of all Partners, to help develop the accountability mechanisms that are missing, and get the ones that we have to have as much impact as they possibly can.
Thank You