NIGERIA STOP TB PARTNERSHIP HAS RECEIVED A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) FROM THE STOP TB PARTNERSHIP SECRETARIAT, GENEVA, FROM 12TH-17TH MARCH 2012

INTRODUCTION
In its efforts to strengthen the existing National Partnering initiatives in the country, the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Programme (NTBLCP) requested a Technical Assistance from the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, Geneva, through WHO Nigeria country office. Dr Giuliano Gargioni, Team Leader, National and Global Partnerships, Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, WHO Geneva, visited Nigeria from 12th to 17th March 2012 in response to the request. The overall aim of the mission is to provide technical assistance to the Nigeria Stop TB Partnership (NSTBP) to develop, together with all stakeholders a strategic and operational plan for the NSTBP from the national TB strategic plan.

Consequently, a stakeholder’s workshop was held in Abuja from 14-16 March 2012 with the support of WHO Nigeria and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). Participants include the representatives from the NTBLCP, NASCP, WHO, Zankli Medical Centre, NIMR, USAID, TB CARE 1, the TB network/the civil society, the control officers’ forum, ILEP partners and the affected community.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES
- To review the progress made since last stop TB Partnership mission in May 2010.
- To identify and agree on the way forward to move from the Exploration and Building Phase into the Implementation Phase.
- To prepare key decisions about the organization structure and its governance, building on the actual commitment of partners in this phase.
- To identify and provide guidance to the group of partners representatives who will steer the completion of the Building Phase.

WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY AND OUTCOMES
- Each session was introduced by a presentation.
- Each presentation proposed some action points relevant to the session.
- The discussion following each presentation contributed to any necessary clarification and led to adoption of the proposed next step/action points.
- The Abuja Stakeholders’ Workshop therefore produced a set of resolutions and identified and mandated a small group of partners’ representatives to implement these resolutions.

OBSERVATIONS
- The stakeholders noted with satisfaction the immense contributions made by previous protem executives and task team members to see the Nigeria stop TB partnership through the exploratory/preparatory stage.
- The partnership has to now move to the next stage which is that of action or implementation.
- A small time limited task force or core group is needed at this stage to implement the recommendations/action points of the workshop.
- A six member task force(TF) was formed by the workshop consisting of the following members:
THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) OF THE TASK FORCE

1. Completion of NSTBP Operational Plan, including roles of various partners, areas of operations and gaps (for NTBLCP prioritization), costing, source of funding.
2. Finalization of the partnering agreement (Constitution), open to future new partners, letters of agreement for implementation of activities.
3. Preparation of a 2-3 year budget addressing two components: managerial costs and funding of partners' activities. Resource mobilization plan.
4. Factual commitment of partners should drive finalization of initial governance structure. (Proposal by TF to Partners' Forum)

LIFE SPAN OF THE TASK FORCE
The TF has been give a period of one year beginning from 14th March 2012 to implement the following action points:

ACTION POINTS

- To prepare a strictly essential budget to accomplish this task and to commit to the mobilization of the related resources.
- To break down details of the ToR and avail them to the Stakeholders' Workshop participants and other relevant partners within 3 weeks.
- To work with all partners in order to deliver all products based on these ToR.
- To harness contributions from all parties to prepare the NSTBP Operational Plan, in close collaboration with the NTBLCP.
- To start exploring the use of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- To identify and engage partners with experience in successful resource mobilization in public and/or private sector.
- To prepare a draft resource mobilization plan, get inputs from partners to improve it and start its implementation.
- To analyze the current funding situation, identifying current and future needs of the Secretariat (management) and of the partners (implementation).
- To review, edit, circulate for comments and finalize the current draft Constitution, proposing an essential structure based on functions. Same for bylaws.
- To maintain regular two-way communication with partners during the formulation of the governance structure, inviting inputs and ensuring ownership and transparency.
- To organize the (on-line) election of governing bodies, after partners have reached consensus on structure and bylaws and confirmed it in writing to the TF.
- Following the accomplishment of the above tasks, the TF will call a Stakeholders' Meeting to endorse the Constitution and another meeting to ratify the elections' results.

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