ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR TB CARE AND CONTROL IN INDIA IN 2011

Membership:

- 40 new organisations have joined the Partnership in 2011 by signing the Letter of Commitment (LoC) taking the total number from 55 in 2010 to 95 organisations strong by December 2011.
- 3 friends of the Partnership i.e. GHA, Lawyers collective and Ms. Blessi Kumar.
- Constituencies consist of 45 NGOs, 22 CBOs, 4 FBOs, 4 Corporate/ Business sector, 5 affected communities, 2 Media, 3 Academia, 3 Associations, and 7 Technical agencies.

Communication:

- Partnership website [www.tbpartnershipindia.org](http://www.tbpartnershipindia.org) is updated regularly. Number of visitors in 2011 is 12204 visitors with an average of 25 - 30 visitors per day.
- **Face book** has a membership of more than a 100 with news updates and discussion on TB and sharing of experiences among members.
- Uploading of tweets on **Twitter** is regular with a wide list of followers.
- The Partnership **newsletter** is quarterly and has an increasing readership and subscriptions. Issues can be uploaded from [http://www.tbpartnershipindia.org/Newsletters.asp](http://www.tbpartnershipindia.org/Newsletters.asp).
- The newsletter is a source of best practices, success stories, case studies, news and events and knowing partners of the Partnership.
- **Lists serve** of all partners who receive email and updates daily from the Secretariat and other stakeholders.
- A **blog** for sharing stories is also under construction.
- Partnership is on **Skype** "ptccindia" for easier conference calls among partners.

Leadership:

- 2 Steering committee meetings were held in 2011.

- The 6th Steering committee meeting was held on March 29, 2011 at New Delhi. The main points discussed were; (a) Introduction of the Partnership to Dr. Ashok kumar, new national programme manager for India (b) Information on Eli Lilly project (c) Steering Committee work plan, and (d) other issues like formation of subgroups from within the partnership to address women and TB, HIV &TB, and Operational research.
- **7th** Steering Committee meeting held on the 22nd September 2011 at Hotel Parkland, Delhi. The main points discussed were; (a) Round 11 proposal for Global Fund from the Partnership, (b) election of the next steering committee, (c) Co-opt of a representative from affected communities in the steering committee and (d) Conferences; World Lung conference in Lille, Kuala Lampur and Natcon.

Synergy and Collaboration:

Among Partners;

- A National Consultative meeting of Partners was held on the 6th an 7th January 2011. The theme of the meeting was the paper on **recommendations from civil societies for challenges in field implementation for RNTCP Phase III planning**. The meeting developed a joint consensus of all partners and other stakeholders and have been submitted to the Central TB Division (CTD).
- 4 Regional meeting of partners held in 2011.
- Eastern region was held on the 17th and 18th February 2011 at Patna, Bihar.
- Western and Southern regions were held on 7th and 8th April in Mumbai and 28th and 29th April in Hyderabad.
- Northern region was held on the 1st and 2nd September 2011 in Gurgaon.
- An ACSM task force that began in the regional meeting in Mumbai among stakeholders in the state of Madhya Pradesh has taken form when the State TB Officer issued a letter to all suggested partner organizations’ representatives & formally informed the formation of ACSM Task Force of MP. The task force have held their first meeting on the 4th June.
- Another success story is the formation of a state level network among stakeholders working on TB care and control in Tamil Nadu was formed in Trichy. The idea was shared at the regional meeting in Hyderabad. This had a participation of 80. Number of NGOs attended 58 from 23 districts of Tamil Nadu. Report available at website.
- The partners have had 3 exploratory meetings as a group for possible Round 11 proposals from Global Fund and a concept note prepared and shared with CTD. The group is looking at working with IOM to target migrants and improving their access to TB care and control.
- The Secretariat co moderated sessions with IMAX on Twitter, Face book for the Speak up sessions for the UN High level meeting held on June 8th.
- Launched a yearlong media campaign with REACH and Eli Lilly on their Media awards ceremony. This was done to observe World TB day 2011.

**With Central TB Division**

- Representatives from the Partnership participated and contributed in all the strategic working groups preparing for RNTCP Phase III
- The Partnership attended and facilitated group work for the National workshop on ACSM being organised by the Central TB Division in November 2011.

**With other stakeholders**

- The Partnership was part of the drafting board of the “Delhi Call for Action” organized by WHO SEARO in March 2011.
- The Partnership participated in the meetings of civil societies in learning more about newer diagnostics, attended partner’s events for World TB day and International Women’s day.
- Partners attended the meeting on TB Drug manufacturers meeting by Global Drug Facility in New Delhi on the 29th and 30th August. A representative from the Partnership presented civil society role in this meeting. Report available on the website.

**Advocacy:**

- Partners of the Partnership along with several other civil societies have come together to issue a statement “A plea from civil societies in India on behalf of the millions affected by TB; Do not withdraw your support to saving lives” for Global Fund continuation. This was in response to the recent decisions by the GF board. This document was released in December in the media and is sent to all concerned especially donor countries of the Global Fund.
- The Partnership was represented in the Lille conference through various channels. A booth (19) shared with Project Axshya, 2 presentations in symposiums and attending partners’ informal meeting, newsletters and flyers were distributed to all. Partnership also attending the sessions by Stop TB Partnership (ACSM) and Eli Lilly.
- The Partnership nominated and voted Mr. Subrat Mohanty, Project coordinator GF PMU (The Union) to chair the ACSM sub group of the Stop TB Partnership – he was one of five shortlisted for the position. Mr Mohanty was elected as core member of the Stop TB ACSM group.

**Capacity Building:**
- Partners from the Partnership were trained on how to engage with media for TB care and control through a project funded by Eli Lilly. Trained partners then submitted media plans for the media campaign which will end on March 2012 World TB Day. The organisation with maximum press coverage on activities for TB will be awarded.

- Attended training on operation research at The Union office by Prof. A.D.Harries in March 2011.

- A mentoring session by Dr. Sanjib Bhakta, senior lecturer from the University of London was organised at The Union South East Asia office to increase and maintain the technical edge of the TB team. Dr. Bhakta mentored on the mechanisms of drug resistance for TB

Service Delivery:

- **Eli Lilly** funded a project to The Union. The Union gave 2 interventions to The Partnership to implement.

- Partners were selected according to their expertise and local presence in the project states.

- **Intervention 3** – Training of traditional healers, began with a pre pilot workshop of the field implementing partners (IPs) VHAP- Punjab, SIR- UP, Inter Aide- Maharashtra and Vasandham Society in Tamil Nadu on how to sensitize traditional healers (THs), follow them on referrals and also on innovative monitoring mechanisms to assess impact in sustaining the interest of the THs involvement with the program. This was conducted by the Secretariat on the 5th and 6th May at the USEA office. Toolkits for THs were assembled and dispatched to the IPs. Work orders have been made for all IPs and the first batch of trainings begins in July.

- Sensitization meetings with RNTCP have taken place in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Trainings of traditional healer had also taken place in the 3 states by the third quarter. Maharashtra was facing a delay due to change of DTO and also the weather conditions but the sensitization meeting have been held.

- Training of traditional healers (THs). First round of trainings have completed in all 4 states and follow up on the trained THs is going on in the last quarter of 2011. UP have received 231 referrals from THs Out of these referrals 18 were positive cases and are being treated. 5 of the THs have been made DOT providers. Punjab has reported 22 referrals. Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu yet to report any referrals made by the trained THs. Total number of Traditional healers trained is 321 in 4 states.

- A monitoring visit to Kapurthala, Punjab was made by the Secretariat and the team have identified challenges with solutions to address them. Recommendations were given to the implementing partner VHAP to further improve the referrals and cross checking.


- **Intervention 4** - training partners on how to engage with the media, by the Partnership began with a training of southern partners of the Partnership on engaging with media by REACH on the 3rd and 4th May in Chennai. Followed by training of the northern partners by IMCFJ on the 4th and 5th June in Ramgarh.

- The 3rd training for the Western zone by IMCFJ in Bhopal was held on the 9th and 10th July and the 4th training by REACH on the 22nd and 23rd September in Puri for the partners from the Eastern zone. **Total 58 partners** trained on how to engage with media. Partners have started to send their media plan to the Secretariat.

- The trained partners are increasingly engaging with the media for any of their activities for TB care and control. We have received a total of 13 organisations’ media plans with activities continuing up to March 2012.

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