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Respected,

- Organizers and Moderators (Stop TB Partnership Pakistan & Pfizer Pakistan),
- Experts from Pakistan, Indonesia, Philippines & Malaysia, Hong Kong & USA,
- Participants,
- Invited Guest Observers.

Sub: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 1ST EXPERIENCE SHARING WORKSHOP OF THREE HIGH TB BURDEN COUNTRIES, PAKISTAN, INDONESIA & PHILIPPINES HELD ON 11TH – 12TH MAY 2014, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA:

Dear All,

This is to share with you, Recommendations from the subject 1st experience sharing workshop, which resulted from two days of extensive discussions and experts opinions (copy attached).

We feel that these recommendations have provided us the right direction and will help especially in reducing the case notification problem. But, at the same time we should not forget that still some practical steps, needed to be taken from all the concerned.

We would like to thank once again to all those who have participated in this two day workshop despite their busy schedule and mainly for providing their valuable ideas, opinion and their experience sharing, which will definitely help reduce the suffering of the people with TB disease.

Thanking you once again for your share and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Prof., Dr. Masood Hameed Khan,
Chairman

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1. Dr. Lucica Ditiu, (Executive Secretary), Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, Global.
2. Dr. Werner Buehler, GFATM.
1st Experience Sharing Workshop of Three High TB Burden Countries (Pakistan, Indonesia & Philippines) held on 11th – 12th May 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Summary:
According to WHO report ‘Every year nine million people get sick with TB and three million people with TB in the world are missing. Large number of these are in African & South Asian region.

In light of recommendations of the 2nd Forum of the National Stop TB Partnerships of EMRO, SEARO & WPRO region countries held in Jakarta, Indonesia 3rd - 4th March 2014, which stressed the need to;

“Create or strengthen structures/ platforms/ partners/ forums/ partnerships at National level with assistance from Global Stop TB Partnership in order to ensure that there are effective, efficient and inclusive structures engaged in TB control in countries”.

First experience sharing workshop was held among three high TB burden countries i.e., Pakistan, Indonesia & Philippines on 11th – 12th May 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

NTP Managers of Pakistan, Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia, experts from national Stop TB Partnerships of Pakistan, Indonesia & Philippines and experts from Private Bodies i.e., Pakistan Chest Society, Agha Khan University Hospital Karachi Pakistan, China’s University of Hong Kong and Pfizer GEP Global Clinical Affairs Department (New York, USA) shared their experiences.

This workshop was organized by Stop TB Partnership Pakistan in coordination with M/s Pfizer Pakistan.

Recommendations

After two days of extensive deliberations, following key recommendations were forwarded in four areas;

1. Role of National Stop TB Partnerships in Care Delivery Areas:
   a) It was recommended that Stop TB Partnership should facilitate NTP, Specialties and Private Care providers,
   b) Should help in integration of diagnostic services in public & private sector,
   c) Should facilitate training for private treatment providers and
d) Promote legislation for case notification and stopping the over the counter sale of TB drugs in their respective countries.

e) It was recommended that NTP of respective countries should purchase Anti-TB drugs from local manufacturer, provided if the bio-availability and bio-equivalence is matched with WHO standards and protocol.

f) It was also recommended that efforts should be made to ensure that International donors supported Anti-TB drugs should be purchased from local manufacturers of the respective countries where the drugs are to be donated provided if the bio-availability and bio-equivalence is matched with the WHO standards and protocol. Local manufacturers should improve upon manufacturing standards i.e., up to WHO standards and should apply for Bio-equivalence Certification from WHO (i.e., WHO approved Laboratory).

2. **Regarding role of National Stop TB Partnerships in Advocacy for TB Control:**

   a) Form joint advocacy groups of public & private sectors consisting of NTP, Professional Bodies, Chest Societies & Medical Associations in their respective countries such as in Pakistan i.e., Pakistan Chest Society, Pakistan Medical Association & Pakistan Anti TB Association,

   b) The Advocacy should approach Private Clinics, Hospitals and Health Care Providers to set correct treatment trends,

   c) To involve academicians & medical health education and

   d) Approach corporate sector and charity based NGOs for finance generation.

3. **Regarding role of National Stop TB Partnerships in Financing Anti TB Activities:**

   a) Should facilitate to tap all resources, Sensitize their respective governments at all levels for increasing government’s share,

   b) build credibility by mobilizing Media & Transparent data sharing with doctors,

   c) National Stop TB should facilitate by identifying gaps in financing in the light of the evidences shared and

   d) National Stop TB Partnerships can help in developing the mechanism for rewarding and recognition of the donors.

4. **Regarding role of Corporate Sector in TB Control:**

   a) Should facilitate in Advocacy at all levels,

   b) Should facilitate in awareness raising,

   c) Should facilitate in health care delivery,

   d) Should facilitate in quality assured drugs and other supplies at affordable prices,

   e) Should facilitate in terms of financial support,

   f) Should facilitate in monitoring and evaluation processes and

   g) Should facilitate in operational research also.

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