

# ANNOUNCING THE TWENTY- SIXTH ROUND OF APPLICATIONS FOR GLOBAL DRUG FACILITY GRANTS

The Stop TB Partnership's Global Drug Facility (GDF) expands access to and availability of high-quality TB drugs to facilitate DOTS expansion. It operates a unique pool procurement system responding to the main barriers to quality-assured TB drug access. GDF's **Direct Procurement (DP) service** allows clients to use their own resources to procure quality anti-TB drugs and diagnostics equipment. GDF's **Grant service** provides quality-assured adult and paediatric first-line anti-TB drugs to countries who lack adequate resources and procurement capacity via grants which are approved by a technical review committee (TRC).

**The twenty-sixth round of applications for grants is now open and the secretariat is accepting applications from governments for grants of first line adult and paediatric anti-tuberculosis drugs to treat drug-susceptible tuberculosis.**

For further details on the available products visit the GDF website:  
[http://www.stoptb.org/gdf/drugsupply/drugs\\_available.asp](http://www.stoptb.org/gdf/drugsupply/drugs_available.asp)

Please note the following main eligibility requirements:

- 1, For adult grants the country's GNI per capita is less than \$3000 per annum;
- 2, For paediatric grants the country's GNI per capita is less than \$10,725 per annum;
- 3, All drugs supplied by GDF will ONLY be used:
  - a. for treatment of TB patients;
  - b. free of charge to patients;
  - c. in treatment regimens following WHO guidelines;
  - d. in programmes following national guidelines for DOTS implementation;
  - e. in accordance with a multi-year plan for DOTS expansion and sustainability to reach the global targets for TB control.

Should your National TB Programme be eligible, completed application forms, drug calculation spread sheet and supporting documents should be submitted electronically, to the appropriate GDF technical officer responsible for your country:

- **Africa (Francophone):** Ms Andrea de Lucia ([deluciaa@who.int](mailto:deluciaa@who.int))
- **Africa (English and Lusophone):** Ms. Annette Kasi Nsubuga ([kasinsubugaa@who.int](mailto:kasinsubugaa@who.int))
- **Europe,:** Ms Elena Mochinova ([mochinovae@who.int](mailto:mochinovae@who.int))
- **North Africa, Middle East, the Americas and Western Pacific:** Ms. Anne Zeindl-Cronin ([zeindlcronina@who.int](mailto:zeindlcronina@who.int))
- **Southeast Asia:** Ms Nigorsulton Muzafarova, ([muzafarovan@searo.who.int](mailto:muzafarovan@searo.who.int))

All application materials are available on the GDF website:  
<http://www.stoptb.org/gdf/applying/grants.asp> in English and French (Spanish will be available soon.)

For applications that are greater than 4 MB please send to [gdf.grantapplications@gmail.com](mailto:gdf.grantapplications@gmail.com)

**The closing date for applications is  
Monday, 23 January 2012.**

Approval of the application is dependent on recommendations by the GDF TRC and on the availability of resources. The next meeting of the TRC to evaluate these applications will be held on 8-10 February 2012.

*If not able to submit the documents electronically please send the application by post to the appropriate Technical Officer to the following address:*

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