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ON TB DRUG
PROCUREMENT.

Drug Management sub-group of the Stop TB Working Group on MDR-TB

6th Meeting of the Working Group on MDR-TB

20-22 Sept. 2007, Tbilisi Georgia





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Background

- At the 5th annual meeting of the Stop TB Working Group on MDR-TB it was concluded that a subgroup on second-line anti-TB drug management and supply should be set up with support from the secretariat.
- Following convergence of the procurement functions of the GLC Initiative with the GDF, the task of establishing this subgroup has been assigned to GDF.
- Prior to the establishment and operationalization of the subgroup the Terms of Reference (TOR) require endorsement by the Stop TB WG on MDR-TB in consultation with the GLC.



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Proposed Terms of Reference - 1

- Support GLC and GDF efforts to improve in-country management of SLDs with respect to quantification, importation, registration, distribution and storage through:
 - development of improved and standardized quantification tools,
 - development of standardized monitoring and evaluation tools for in-country drug management and,
 - participation in drug management training workshops
- Identify resources to fund TA to manufacturers that want to become compliant with WHO's norms and standards, including standards for quality supply of second-line anti-TB drugs.



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Proposed Terms of Reference - 2

- Advise WHO/STB on strategies to promote a smooth supply of quality assured SLDs to meet the demands of the global scale up of MDR-TB management, according to the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015.
- Collaborate with the GLC in promoting sound management of SLDs, in line with WHO guidelines.



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Proposed Terms of Reference - 3

- Assist the Stop TB *Task Force on Market Dynamics*, in collaboration with the GDF Business Advisory Committee, in developing strategies to:
 - catalyse prequalification of SLDs thereby increasing the competitive pool of manufacturers and the capacity for production of SLDs,
 - decrease the prices of SLDs for better accessibility, including further price reductions for products offered by current suppliers of the GLC Initiative and,
 - develop market intelligence on existing and potential new sources of SLDs: finished product formulations and Active Pharmaceuticals ingredients.



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Proposed Membership

- Based on preliminary expressions of interest already made by GLC partners and an attempt to ensure a balance of expertise from among WG partners:
 - *Country representatives (National TB control Programs)*
 - *KNCV*
 - *Management Sciences for Health*
 - *Médecins sans Frontières*
 - *Partners in Health*
 - *Project Hope*
 - *WHO (Dept. for Essential Drugs and Medicines and STB/THD)*
 - *Patient/Community participant*



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Proposed Timetable of activities

- Finalization and endorsement of TOR and membership in Tbilisi Georgia from 20 to 22 September 2007.
- First meeting of the sub-group in association with the IUATLD Congress in Cape Town, 8 – 12 November 2007 to determine a work plan and schedule of operation/activities for 2008.



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Thank you

- Discussion