

**Executive Committee Teleconference, 16 July 2015  
Minutes**

Attended:	Apologies:	Secretariat
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Minutes of Discussion		Outcome
<b>1. Operational Strategy 2016-2020</b>		
<p>The Secretariat provided an update on the development of the Operational Strategy 2016-2020.</p> <p>To date, about 14 interviews have been held with Board members to explore what has worked, what has not work and what needs to be reworked in the existing Operational Strategy 2013-2015. Based on these interviews, a first draft version of the Operational Strategy 2016-2020 (excluding the GDF component) has been completed.</p> <p>The Secretariat welcomes comments and feedback from the Executive Committee on the first draft of the Operational Strategy 2016-2020. After incorporating your comments, an updated version of the Operational Strategy 2016-2020 will be shared with the constituency representatives on the Board who will get feedback from their constituencies on the document.</p> <p>The GDF component will be taken forward separately as the Secretariat expects to have a draft of this by October. It is expected that the Executive Committee will have an opportunity to review the entire final draft of the Operational Strategy 2016-2020 including the GDF section before it is presented to the Board.</p> <p>The Executive Committee welcomed the update on progress.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee to provide comments to the Secretariat by Thursday 30 July 2015.</li> </ul>

## 2. Global Fund

The Global Fund is beginning the process of developing the funding methodology for the next allocation, which will span the period of 2017-2019. As part of this process, several aspects of the current funding methodology are being re-examined to ascertain whether any changes will be needed going forward.

The current funding methodology is principally driven by two variables:

- (1) A country's ability to pay; and
- (2) Disease burden – which is then refined considering several other variables (external and domestic financing, performance, historical disbursements, etc.).

As an initial step in the process of developing the funding methodology for the next allocation, the Global Fund is consulting with each disease community to decide whether the current definition of disease burden is still appropriate, or whether any changes will be required for the next period. This is a specific part of the allocation model, related to how we determine relative burden amongst Global Fund eligible countries, and is not a discussion on the broader funding methodology (ability to pay, performance, etc.).

During the past allocation, the decision of how to calculate disease burden for TB was taken amongst the TB community, in collaboration with the Global Fund, and we are hoping for a similar process this time.

Therefore, we need to come together as TB Community and decide whether we agree the current metrics are acceptable to maintain for the next allocation. The deadline for this answer is 30th July 2015. If we collectively think that there is reason to revise this calculation, there will be some limited additional time for related analysis.

The Executive Committee agreed it important to also look at how the Global Fund replenishment can be supported so there are additional resources for all three diseases. The Executive Committee concurred that it was a tight timeline.

- The Executive Committee to hold a follow-up call to discuss the allocation formula.

## 3. GDF/Democratic People's Republic of Korea

GDF provided support to Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) from its inception in 2001 until 2009. In subsequent years, the Global Fund provided Round 8 TB grant to DPRK to cover all provinces in the country except Jagang Province where access was restricted. In 2011 and 2014, GDF provided one year exceptional support of anti-TB drugs to cover adult patients in Jagang Province, acknowledging the extenuating circumstances

- The Secretariat and Global Fund to provide a joint statement that any GDF grant will be a transitional arrangement which will cover the last

<p>faced by the Ministry of Public Health of DPRK.</p> <p>DPRK submitted a concept note to the Global Fund in October 2014, and the Global Fund Secretariat was planning to submit grant documents to the Board for approval in June. However, one Board constituency has voiced concern about including the Jagang Province in the grant as international access is not allowed to this Province. The decision has been postponed to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>The last delivery of anti-TB medicines took place between October 2014 and March 2015 and support is critical to prevent stock-outs and treatment interruption. The Executive Committee is asked to consider the provision of one year support for the Jagang Province for adult and paediatric anti-TB medicines to cover the shortfall, where there will be no support from the Global Fund. The Secretariat confirmed funds are available and a decision is imminent in order to prevent and avoid stock ruptures in the Province.</p> <p>The Executive Committee suggested that the DPRK secure funding or use domestic funding for the Jagang Province, and proposed pro-active communication on a quarterly basis to follow-up and support the transition to alternative funding sources.</p>	<p>year requirements. It is suggested domestic funds and/or additional solutions are explored for the Jagang Province.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quarterly communication to follow-up and support the transition to alternative funding sources.</li></ul>
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