



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

AGENDA NR. 1.11 - 5.0	SUBJECT	RESPONDING TO THE TB/HIV Co-EPIDEMIC	
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BACKGROUND (INCLUDING PROBLEM STATEMENT):

1. The US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has identified increased access to HIV care and ART for co-infected patients as a priority for scale-up of ART in its new Five Year Strategy. Between 2005 and 2010, PEPFAR increased funding for TB/HIV from \$26 million to \$160 million per year. In 2009, PEPFAR supported TB treatment for 308,000 HIV-infected patients. PEPFAR fund also provide technical assistance to comprehensive national efforts to integrate TB and HIV activities, including the development of national policies, guidelines, and operational tools, to improve the standardization of approaches across countries. The model for the PEPFAR response on TB/HIV was catalyzed initiated through partnership with WHO in three countries during 2005–2007. In Kenya, HIV testing of patients with TB increased from 41% to 84% during the period. Similarly, in Rwanda, 88% of patients with TB were tested in 2007 (increased from 45% in 2005), and in Ethiopia, testing rates increased from 3% to 16%.
2. The Joint United Nations Programme on AIDS and the Stop TB Partnership signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at increasing political commitment and resource mobilization for HIV and TB service integration to achieve universal access and reach MDG targets. It also aimed at strengthened knowledge, capacity and engagement of civil society organizations, affected communities and the private sector in jointly addressing TB/HIV through an evidence-informed and a human rights-based approach. At the 19th Coordinating Board Meeting, the STP TB/HIV WG and UNAIDS were asked to develop an implementation plan and to report on progress at each Board Meeting until end of the MoU, (end 2011). The implementation plan and progress note are attached for information of the Board.
3. The United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS will be held in June 2011. Discussions are now ongoing on key areas for panels during the meeting. HIV/TB is proposed to be featured as one key area for the meeting.

SUMMARY/OUTLINE OF THE SESSION:

PEPFAR's strategy on TB/HIV will be presented by the Global AIDS Coordinator and discussion will be held with Board members on how to synergise efforts between PEPFAR and the Stop TB Partners. An update will be provided on the global TB/HIV response including the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between UNAIDS and Stop TB Partnership and the UN High Level Meeting on AIDS.

The Board will be invited to provide feedback on the progress in the implementation of the UNAIDS and Stop TB Partnership MoU and provide guidance on follow-up mechanisms to maintain and further increase collaboration between the Partnership and UNAIDS to reduce TB deaths in people living with HIV and achieve our common goals.



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DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF SESSION (FOR DISCUSSION OR FOR DECISION):

DISCUSSION POINTS FOR THE COORDINATING BOARD:

1. How can the Board and the different structures of the Stop TB partnership help the roll out of the TB/HIV strategy of PEPFAR?
2. Guidance and feed back from the Board on the follow-up of the implementation of the UNAIDS and Stop TB MoU and on the continuation of the MoU beyond 2011.

DECISIONS REQUESTED FROM THE COORDINATING BOARD:

- Decision on the continuation of the MoU between UNAIDS and Stop TB Partnership MoU beyond 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Working Group has a regional strategy focusing on nationwide scale up of collaborative TB/HIV activities with increased engagement of TB and HIV stakeholders. Initial regional meetings were held in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia Pacific and Eastern Europe and Central Asia regions. A meeting is planned for the Americas and Caribbean in 2011. The follow up of the recommendations of these meetings and reinforcing the engagement of Stop TB Partners in the most cost efficient way requires financial resources.

NEXT STEPS

ACTION REQUIRED:

- The continuation of the Joint UNAIDS and Stop TB Partnership MOU beyond 2011
- Continued financial support of the Working Group activities from the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat.

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TIMEFRAME 2011-2012