

## **Session 2: Building Back Stronger – Sustainable TB Financing Models**

**29 October - 14:00 – 16:00**

### **1. Purpose of the Session**

- Share and discuss the financing situation and reduced funding for development, health and TB response
- Discuss ongoing countries efforts to address sudden changes and decreases in external funding and increase domestic resources for health system, reduce donor dependency and increase sustainability
- Highlight and share few financing models for sustainable TB response
- Engage Board members in efforts to support countries for financing their TB response
- Provide guidance for Secretariat

### **2. Background & Context**

- TB responses in high burden countries have always been underfunded which has limited the roll out of ambitious plans to end TB, and prevented scale up of access to screening, testing, treatment, care and prevention services
- In early 2025 external funding for TB suddenly declined resulting in further deterioration of the situation, particularly in countries dependent on external funding.
- Global Fund grants have been reprioritized with some reductions in total grant amounts. US Government funds are available for TB but reprogrammed and aligned with the new US Government strategy.
- Several high TB burden countries, led by their Ministers of Health have taken extraordinary steps to mobilize funding from domestic budgets and other sources of funds.
- There is an opportunity for countries to reduce donor dependency and diversify to other sources of funding such from development banks, health insurance, health taxes, private sector financing and innovative financing models.
- Efficiency gains are needed in TB responses to ensure more results for less funds,

### **3. Objectives**

- Increase understanding and share latest thinking on funding for development, health and TB
- Discuss ongoing TB High Burden Countries initiatives and efforts to increase funding for health and TB and reduce donor dependency
- Discuss the impact of changes to external funding for health
- Generate strategic discussions on how to increase funding for TB
- Highlight innovative financing models for sustainable TB response

- Engage Board members in efforts to support countries for their TB response, in full alignment with countries agenda and policies.
- Provide guidance to Secretariat to engage in efforts aimed at identifying and presenting different financing models for sustainable TB response

#### **4. Session Flow & Time Allocation**

- Introduction (Vice Chair) – 5 minutes
- Presentations:
  - Setting the scene by Stop TB Partnership – 7 minutes
- Panel discussion - moderated by ED – 70 minutes
- Panelists: Ministers of Health, US Government, Global Fund, Asian Development Bank, Private Sector, Community, John Green
- Discussion – 28 minutes
- Decision points – 10 minutes

#### **5. Speakers & Roles**

- Board Vice Chair: Introduces the session and speakers
- Presenters: Secretariat sets the scene with a 7 min presentation on the financing situation for TB, where we were prior to 2025, what happened in 2025 and the way forward.
- Panel Moderator introduces the panel and calls panel members to speak - 5-6 minutes to speak
- Discussions: Vice Chair opens for comments from Board members
- Board reviews and endorses with adjustments if needed

#### **6. Expected Outcomes**

- Board recognizes the efforts made in 2025
- Board provides strategic direction to the Secretariat to:
  - Support the country stakeholders in their efforts to mobilize resources – especially domestic resources and innovative/alternative sources of funding
  - Identify and present different financing models for sustainable TB response

#### **7. Supporting Documents**

- WHO Global TB Report 2025
- Secretariat Power point slide set
- Global Fund GC7 Adjustments overview