



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET		
Agenda Nr. 1.07-10.0	Subject	Research Movement to Stop TB
For Information <input type="checkbox"/>	For Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	For Decision X
<p>Rationale</p> <p>A wide spectrum of research is necessary to speed up progress in TB control. However, TB research remains severely under-funded, despite a significant boost in funding in the past few years for research and development for new tools. Particularly the "downstream" operational research that is necessary for assessment of innovations within existing health systems and the "upstream" basic research that underpins new product development are under-funded. As mandated by the Coordinating Board and WHO's Strategic and Technical Advisory Group, the Research Movement to Stop TB represents an opportunity for the Partnership and WHO to engage the full range of TB researchers in a collaborative and concerted strategic effort to increase the scope, scale and speed of TB research. The full range of TB researchers includes not only those already engaged as members of the Partnership's Working Groups on new tools development and Working Groups on implementation of currently available interventions, but also those working across the wide spectrum of TB research, and especially those involved in basic research.</p>		
<p>Summary</p> <p>One of the aims of the Research Movement will be to help mobilise increased resources for TB research. Persuading key donors to increase TB research funding involves: a) assessing research needs, priorities and gaps; b) analysing what influences the research funding environment; c) developing and articulating the arguments for increased funding for TB research, supported by an assessment of the current funding picture and trends in funding and of the expected benefits of increased investment in research; d) planning for how the Partnership can advance these arguments through the Research Movement to persuade research funders and the "funders of funders" to increase TB research funding.</p>		
<p>Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of key actions planned to deliver on the aims of the Research Movement, and of the development of a) a timeline for action in the key areas outlined in the background document and summarised above, and b) budgetary implications. 		
<p>Implications</p> <p>Actions for Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, including secondment of staff to Secretariat.</p>		
Next Steps		
<p>Action Required: Specific actions for WHO and other Partners according to their relative advantage.</p>		
<p>Focal Point: Dermot Maher</p>		
<p>Timeframe: Ongoing</p>		