

## SUMMARY SHEET

<b>Agenda Nr. 1.07-13.0</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>GDF</b>
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### Rationale

#### *Business Advisory Committee*

In March 2007 the GDF Business Advisory Committee (BAC) met for the first time. The primary goals of this initial meeting were for BAC members to discuss the GDF Strategic Plan and how they will support GDF's implementation of this plan i.e. defining the manner in which BAC members will provide advice to the Secretariat over the next few years on how to (a) address the challenges and (b) capitalize on the opportunities, which currently exist and will arise in the future, in relation to GDF's business operations. A secondary goal was to prepare clear recommendations and issue points for consideration by the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board (CB) during its first biannual meeting in Geneva April 17-19 2007. The recommendations of the BAC will be presented to the CB on April 19<sup>th</sup>

#### *Coordinating Board sub-group Round-table consultation on evolution of GDF Grant Service (April 17<sup>th</sup>)*

Among the topics discussed by the BAC in relation to GDF's Strategic Plan was the "Evolution of GDF's Grant Service" over the next few years within an environment of significant new public health funding for TB drug access from large financing mechanisms and donors such as the Global Fund and UNITAID, which did not exist at GDF's inception. This topic will be considered in much greater detail by a sub-group of the CB on April 17<sup>th</sup> during a half day "Round-table" consultation prior to the official CB meeting. The outcomes of this consultation will be presented to the CB on April 19<sup>th</sup> for discussion.

### Summary

#### *Business Advisory Committee*

The BAC prepared clear recommendations and issue points for consideration by the CB in the following areas:

- ❖ GDF and GLC convergence
- ❖ GDF visibility and branding at the global and country level
- ❖ Introduction of Supply of Diagnostic kits
- ❖ Acceleration of TB drug prequalification
- ❖ Evolution of GDF Grant Service
- ❖ GDF technical assistance strategy

The recommendations and issue points for CB consideration will be presented to the CB on April 19<sup>th</sup>

#### *Coordinating Board sub-group Round-table consultation on evolution of GDF Grant Service*

The focus of the consultation will be on "Evolution" of the Grant Service and not its complete phase out, since some high-burden countries and other low income countries will continue to need GDF in the near to medium term. However, GDF is not likely to continue serving all these countries. Some countries no longer need GDF Grants; others need GDF Grants to varying degrees. The level of impact that GDF will have will also vary by country. Accordingly, based on certain dimensions as they relate to funding gaps/procurement inefficiencies; government commitment; and the presence of technical partners in-country, GDF's potential beneficiaries will need to be classified into: *natural, challenging and opportunistic*, with GDF's future Grants serving the *natural* and *challenging* beneficiaries as its "core constituents." \*

The CB sub-group will further consider GDF's Grant rationale in an environment where significant funds are now available for the purchase of TB drugs through financing mechanisms and donors such as the Global Fund and UNITAID. Moreover, the considerations of the sub-group will be framed by the strategic direction envisioned for GDF's other services in its Strategic Plan i.e. Direct Procurement, Technical Assistance and Product Scope Enlargement (to include second line anti-TB drugs, paediatric anti-TB drugs and TB diagnostics).

*\*A short Concept Note will be provided to all CB members participating in the Round-table discussion, 1 week in advance, elaborating on these classifications and providing further context to the discussion topic from GDF's Strategic Plan.*



### **Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)**

As per (a) the discussions on the recommendations and issue points of the GDF BAC and (b) outcomes of the Round-table consultation of the CB sub-group and deliberations thereof by the full CB.

### **Implications**

As per (a) the discussions on the recommendations and issue points of the GDF BAC and (b) outcomes of the round-table consultation of the CB sub-group and deliberations thereof by the full CB.

### **Next Steps**

**Action Required:** Implement recommendations

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**Timeframe:** Ongoing