

Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr: 1.07-8.0	Subject	Independent Evaluation of the Stop TB Partnership	
For Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	For Decision <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rationale: To conduct a substantive external independent evaluation of the Stop TB Partnership including the GDF/GLC and to inform all the stakeholders on the value being added by the Global Partnership and obtaining an external view on how to address the key issues facing the Partnerships for its future operations.			
Summary: Following the CB decision to launch an independent External Evaluation of the Stop TB Partnership, a detailed process for this was outlined at the Board meeting and adopted. The purpose of the evaluation is to address two fundamental questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Partnership had an impact on the global efforts to control tuberculosis over and above what would be accomplished without the Partnership? • How to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of the Partnership over the next five to seven years on the global TB epidemic. Subsequently an Evaluation Steering Committee (ESC) was set up comprising: Jaap Brookemans (Chair) Maria Freire, Delna Ghandhi, Francois Bonnici, Karen Caines; Jeremiah Chakaya, and PR Narayanan. Following the potential conflict Ms. Caines identified as a result of her having worked as team leader for the earlier evaluation when IHSD now (HLSP) won the Stop TB Bid for evaluation, Karen resigned from the membership of the ESC but at the request of the Chairperson, agreed to stay on as an adviser. Detailed TORs were drafted and after many consultations with ESC, they were adopted, circulated to the CB (enclosed background document). A roster of 21 firms having the potential to undertake such work was also drawn up. Subsequently, a detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) was drawn up along with WHO rules and regulations. This was launched on 20 March on the Stop TB website; simultaneously letters went out to all 21 firms inviting them to make a bid. A bid from any organization that uses the open invitation from the website will, if it is in accordance with the RFP posted therein, will also be considered. The proposed time line for the evaluation is as under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Work commences</u> by first week of June 2007 • <u>Interim Report: September 2007</u> • Final draft report to be received: end November 2007 • <u>CB feedback: mid January 2008</u> • <u>Final report: end February 2008</u> • <u>Formal presentation of the evaluation report: Spring 2008 (Board Meeting)</u> The above schedule of work assumes normal progress in the Evaluation process. If unexpected conditions are encountered e.g. no clear outright winner of the evaluation, protracted negotiation with one or more organizations, country visits falling behind schedule, the dates for the above milestones will shift forward.			
Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 			
Implications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependent on outcome of the evaluation process/preparation of response 			
Next Steps			
Action Required: Completion of the Evaluation Process Receipt and Screening of bids, selection of winner, commencement of Evaluation			
Focal Point: Anant Vijay (Partnership Secretariat)			
Timeframe: Spring 2008			