

Community, Poverty and Advocacy Sub-group

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New Diagnostics Working Group
Stop TB Partnership
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Background

- Improved understanding of Community issues and engagement of Community Representatives in the Working Group
- Commitment of the leadership of the Working Group
- Review of the structure of the Working Group in 2010
- Core Group Meeting in Berlin 2010 and subsequent discussion in this regard
- New structure of the Working Group – CPA as one of the cross cutting sub-groups
- Mayowa Joel and Russell Dacombe as Coordinator and Dep. Coordinator respectively

Purpose of the Sub-group

To work with other stakeholders to highlight the issues of community and poverty in TB diagnostics; support ways of improving community engagement and advocate for better technologies and appropriate policies on TB diagnostics.

Goals

- Increase awareness on issues of the community and poverty in TB diagnostics;
- Advocate for more resources for research on TB diagnostic tools;
- Increase awareness and demand for better TB diagnostic tools;
- Advocate for appropriate policies on TB diagnostics;
- Promote capacity building for affected communities.

Projects

- **Ongoing Project:** *Review of Community perspective on policies, tools and services of TB diagnostics in three countries – Nigeria; Kenya and Malawi*
- **Proposed Project for 2012:** *develop a Communication and Advocacy Tool on TB Diagnostics, including innovative and proactive ways of involving the community in the roll-out of new technologies.*

Next Steps

- Draft Terms of Reference to be shared for input;
- Membership mobilization and registration – open to all stakeholders;
- Work with the Secretariat of the WG and the Partnership to update the content on the webpage of the Sub-group
- Collaborate with other Sub-groups; WGs and organizations with similar purpose

Thank you!