2nd Meeting of the Stop TB Pakistan, Punjab Chapter, Strategic Working <u>Group (Technical Wing) organized on 18th September 2017 at Lahore:</u>



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A 2nd Meeting of Stop TB Pakistan (STP), Punjab Chapter, Strategic Working Group (SWG) (Technical Wing) was organized to review progress made and the present status of various decisions taken during the first meeting. The emphasis of this meeting was to discuss the financial allocation for TB Control in the annual budget of the Government of Punjab Province approved for the year 2017-2018. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Syed Sharaf Ali Shah (Vice Chair, STP) and was attended by Dr. Zarfishan Tahir (Manager PTP Punjab), Dr. Syed Karam Shah (Senior Adviser, STP) representatives of Mercy corps Pakistan and members of SWG Punjab Technical Wing. Various aspects of the financial allocation were discussed, highlighted and adjustments were made for focused areas. The meeting was successful and important decisions were taken. It was also discussed that Stop TB Pakistan (Punjab Chapter) and Provincial TB Control Program Punjab will jointly explore and hold TB research projects, out of which research findings shall be used to improve upon existing strategies, essential for TB care and control in the Province of Punjab.