

Newsletter- March 2016, Karachi: A meeting of the Executive Committee of Stop TB Pakistan (National Partnership) was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at Hotel Regent Plaza, Karachi. The meeting was chaired by Prof., Masood Hameed Khan, Chairman, STP and Chief Patron, Mr. Muhammad Shabbir (entrepreneur) was the guest of honour. The meeting was organized to review Fund Raising Campaign, Calendar of Events 2016 of STP, expansion & further organization in the entire country and Formation of Technical Working Group of STP. In the welcome speech, Prof., Masood Hameed Khan said that the challenge is even bigger and hence, stressed the need for coordinated efforts from experts and philanthropists to achieve the “END TB” results. Mr. Nasir Rizwan Hashmi, Coordinator Corporate & Business Group, in his talk said that the Business community of Karachi is willing to cooperate with financial support. Mr. Muhammad Shabbir, Chief Patron & guest of honour in his talk said that, we are ready to support the national cause but, we need roadmap and guidelines from the TB experts. Dr. Sharaf Shah, Vice Chairman gave presentation of Stop TB Pakistan and discussed upon importance of maximizing participation and representation from the entire country. He also congratulated Dr. Ejaz Qadeer, Manager, National TB Control Program Pakistan and his team, which enabled Pakistan to achieve highest cure rate of MDR-TB in the world. In the second round of the meeting, expansion and further organization mechanism, including TORs of the newly assigned Provincial Coordinator and Focal Person of the Provincial Chapters were discussed. All the Provincial Coordinators and Focal Persons took part in deliberations, provided their input and finalize the matters. They are willing to work for STP and ready to spread the voice into farthest corners of Pakistan. Some other core issues i.e., ICM/ CCM participation, management and accountability, coordination & cooperation with NTP & PTPs, resources mobilization, development and enforcement of Broader Activity Plan for 2016 and Strategic Plan of Stop TB Pakistan were also discussed and decisions were taken during the meeting. Dr. Iqtidar Ahmed, Executive Secretary (Hon.) moderated the proceedings of the meeting.



A photo taken during the Meeting of Executive Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at Hotel Regent Plaza.