



## TB REACH

### Proposal Review

The proposals submitted to TB REACH go through a proposal review process. For this purpose a Proposal Review Committee (PRC) has been set up. The PRC is an independent, impartial team of experts (7 to 9 members) representing a wide array for expertise in several TB control areas, including both scientific and programmatic. The PRC is nominated/selected by the Stop TB Secretariat to guarantee the integrity and consistency of an open and transparent application review process.

The PRC has the following terms of reference:

1. In accordance with the criteria and objectives of TBREACH, review grant applications and make recommendations to the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board on which grant applications to accept and which ones to reject, with brief justifications.
2. Recommend steps that may be necessary for successful applicants to meet with all conditions for TBREACH support.
3. Make recommendations to technical partners on the aspects of the grant that will require technical assistance.
4. Prepare a PRC report for the STOP TB Secretariat and the PRC Review Form as feed back to each of the applicants regarding the quality of their proposal (including the clarifications or adjustments that are required, and the reasons for rejecting an application).
5. Recommend successful proposals that may require baseline validation via a field visit.

The PRC reviews each proposal as a whole and not separately evaluate elements within a proposal. The PRC can make 1 of 4 recommendations:

- i) Category A: recommend for funding immediately;
- ii) Category B: recommend for funding provided that adjustments and clarifications are met within a limited timeframe;
- iii) Category C: not recommended for funding in its present form but encouraged to revised submission for the future calls for proposals;
- iv) Category D: rejected.

In addition, the PRC can recommend modification, or even elimination, of weak elements in an otherwise strong proposal where those weak elements are not a key or major aspect of the proposal.