

ANNOUNCING THE EIGHTEENTH ROUND OF APPLICATIONS TO THE GLOBAL DRUG FACILITY

The eighteenth round of applications to the Global Drug Facility (GDF) is now open and the secretariat is accepting applications from governments for grants for **first-line adult and paediatric anti-tuberculosis drugs**.

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday, 5 March 2008**.

GDF grants for paediatric formulations have been made possible through funding from UNITAID (www.unitaid.eu).

The application materials are available on the GDF website:
http://www.stoptb.org/gdf/applying/application_documents.asp

Completed forms should be submitted to the appropriate GDF portfolio officer responsible for your country:

- **Africa (Francophone):** Ms. Helene Castel (castelh@who.int)
- **Africa (English and Lusophone):** Ms. Andrea de Lucia (deluciaa@who.int)
- **Europe, the Americas:** Ms. Eugenia Becerra (becerrae@who.int)
- **North Africa, Middle East, Asia and the Pacific:** Mr. Adam Thomas (thomasad@who.int)

Please visit http://www.stoptb.org/gdf/drugsupply/drugs_available.asp for more details on these products. Drugs available through grants include 1st line adult formulations (including patient kits) and 1st line paediatrics.

**Please note, the eligibility criteria for adults and paediatrics grant is slightly different and we kindly ask you to refer to the application notes for more details.

GDF grant support is dependent on recommendations by the GDF Technical Review Committee and on the availability of resources.

We encourage you to submit completed applications and supporting documents electronically. ***If not able to submit the documents electronically please send the application by post to the appropriate Portfolio Officer to the following address:***

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