

## **Stop TB TBTEAM support to grant negotiation and implementation for Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria round 6 TB proposals**

### **Background**

In May 2006, WHO's Stop TB Department held its second workshop to brief a combination of National TB Programme staff and external TB experts on essential aspects of assisting countries during the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (Global Fund) proposal preparation phase. In order to ensure that the 34 successful TB proposals are effectively implemented, Stop TB will hold its second series of two workshops on 16-19 January and 30 January - 2 February 2007 in Geneva. Stop TB held its first similar Workshop for the implementation of round 5 TB proposals in December 2005 (see link for further details:

[http://www.who.int/tb/events/archive/gfatm\\_grant\\_implementation\\_workshop/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/tb/events/archive/gfatm_grant_implementation_workshop/en/index.html))

### **Objectives and activities of the workshops**

The objective of these workshops is to develop the National TB Programme staff and TB experts' skills that are required to implement round 6 Global Fund TB grants..

The workshop content focuses on the grant life cycle and main actors (part 1), preparation of the grant agreement signature (part 2); implementing the grant (part 3). These steps are critical to ensure successful implementation of TB grants, efficient disbursement of funds of phase 1 and smooth preparation of phase 2 for the 20 sub-components of the Stop TB Strategy including Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization (ACSM) activities.

### **Methodology**

The format of the workshop will be a mixture of presentations by mostly Global Fund Secretariat and some Stop TB staff facilitators, written exercises and exchange of expertise through discussion. The training module prepared jointly by WHO and Global Fund Secretariat for the first workshop will be also tested and updated before finalization.

### **ACSM**

An analysis of round 6 TB proposal budgets indicates that almost 12% of the total 32 budgets analysed (out of 34 approved R6 proposals) is dedicated to ACSM activities in 27 of those countries (therefore, the overall percent of the budget within those 27 countries is even higher). The recommended proportion in the Global Plan to Stop TB II is 6%.

As capacity in implementing ACSM activities remains weak, dedicated time will be spent during the workshop to ensure the appropriate designation of indicators and milestones in the Monitoring and Evaluation plan and work plan. In addition, ACSM experts per country will participate in addition to the national staff and external TB expert.

**Participants**

34 TB proposals were approved in round 6. All countries have expressed interest in sending either a representative from the National TB Programme and/or locally based external TB expert. Due to the high demand for this workshop, and the need to ensure smooth implementation of these grants, Stop TB will separate the workshop into 2 groups, given sufficient financial resources.