



Sub-Group on Advocacy, Communications and Social Mobilization at Country Level

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1) Feedback and follow up from Cape Town meeting

Young-Ae updated the Core Group on two projects that are follow-up to action points from Cape Town.

- **ACSM repository:** A consultant hired by the Secretariat, David Jackson, will be working on creating an ACSM repository with information on ACSM activities from the 22 HBCs. He will take data from Global Fund Rounds 5, 6 and 7 as well as data collected for the annual TB Control Report. All ACSM core group members are encouraged to send in information on ACSM activities that they are aware of. The repository will eventually be placed online for everyone's use.
- **Survey of civil society involvement in ACSM:** We will be doing an online survey of up to 5 questions to get a general assessment of civil society involvement in ACSM activities in Global Fund TB grants. The information we are looking to collect is: what is the level of involvement, what are barriers to Global Fund grants and, for groups that already have funds, what are implementation barriers.

Hara discussed follow-up to the **Regional ACSM Planning Workshop** held in Bangkok in August and the implementation of the draft action plan for each of the participating countries. Related to this, Nicole and Young-Ae will be talking to D'Arcy Richardson at PATH to discuss 2008 Technical Assistance mission plans (PATH won an RFP for 125,000 USD for ACSM TA) as well as a regional workshop for the Eastern Mediterranean Region tentatively scheduled for April 2008. Other workshops to consider is a consultants training in the first quarter of 2008 - in order to ensure consistency of TA missions.

Nicole updated the group on plans for an ACSM Symposium - a proposal to hold this at the Union Conference in Paris will be sent to Nils from Marcos Espinal soon.

Action point 1 - Secretariat to email matrix of all regional TA plans for 2008 (these were submitted through TBTEAM).

Action point 2 - Secretariat to create and circulate template for easy input and documentation of best country ACSM practices.

2) Election of Sub Group Chair and Core Group members

Call participants decided that a quorum was not present and that the proposal should be circulated by email for comment. In the attached document, you will see the current status of all core group members. Please note we are missing the notes from the meeting in Milan, hence have no written record of when/how Netty, Fran, and Silvio were elected. Please email Young-Ae this information.

The secretariat recommends to give current core group members the opportunity to extend their term until the end of 2008 in order to ensure appropriate knowledge transfer. The secretariat would also recommend to keep the total number of core group members to 10 - more than this would be difficult to manage.

Action point 3: Please let Young-Ae know if you agree with allowing core group members to extend their terms until the end of next year (2008). The only member who has not expired is Jacob Kayombo, since he was just elected by the community task force.

Action point 4: Please let Young-Ae know if you would like to extend your term (only core group members are eligible).

Action point 5: Please also let Young-Ae know your vote - yes or no - if the Secretariat can run an election for the remaining core group slots (up to 10 core group members including the Chair and Young-Ae (Secretariat)).

The process would be as follows:

19 December 2007

Election Announcement posted online for Chair and additional Core Group Members w/:
--A short description of responsibilities
--A request for 200 word statement of motivation for core group candidates and 500 word for Chair

11 January 2008

Closing date of submissions

14 January 2008

Statements posted - online voting commences

31 January 2008

Online voting concludes

1 February 2008

Winners announced

3) ACSM at Country Level Core Group meetings 2008

a) Conference calls: call participants agreed that the Core Group would hold bi-monthly conference calls. We would consider holding other calls for specific topics if need arises.

b) Joint meeting with Global Advocacy Core Group: it was agreed that there should be one annual meeting with the Global Advocacy Core Group. Location and date to be decided.

4) Drug-resistance task force

At the Cape Town meeting, people expressed concern that ACSM was not represented adequately in the MDR-XDR response plan. Many of the activities listed are already being undertaken and not specific to drug-resistance. Members agreed to form a term-limited drug-resistance task force in order to come up with a proposal of ACSM products

or gaps that need to be addressed. The goal would be to present at the MDR-XDR Task Force meeting to be held in Geneva on 9-10 April 2008.

Nicole spoke to Case after the conference call was disconnected. He agreed to the idea of a term-limited task force to look at the issue of drug resistance and ACSM. Case said that the MDR Working Group is in the process of forming an ACSM Sub Group and this input would be helpful.

Action point 6: Young-Ae will schedule a call based on Case's availability and prior to the next core group call.