



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

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1) Summary of discussion from face-to-face meeting of Chair and Vice Chair

Netty gave a summary of key points discussed on May 2, during a one-day meeting between the Chair and Vice Chair of the ACSM Working Group and the Secretariat. Discussion on governance issues (i.e. composition and election of core groups) was postponed until after the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board (6-7 May), since Coordinating Board members will be reviewing recommendations from an external evaluation report, which includes evaluation of the ACSM Working Group.

The Chair and Vice Chair reviewed the 6-month update on Action Points from the Sub Group's Cape Town meeting in November 2007. Some of the key points was that of the ACSM Symposium, which initially had been proposed for the Union Conference, to now be scheduled for the [Partners' Forum](#), which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 23-25 March, 2009. The status of new tools (such as companion piece on social mobilization and community guidelines) and the better dissemination and implementation of existing tools was also discussed.

Action point: Secretariat to finalized 6-month update and send to core group for review and comments. Secretariat to get update on status of community guidelines.

2) EMRO ACSM Planning Workshop and upcoming TA and workshops

Young-Ae gave a summary of the Eastern Mediterranean Regional ACSM Planning Workshop for TB Control, which was held from 13-17 April in Amman, Jordan. Participants from 6 countries¹ attended the workshop, with the objective of identifying bottlenecks to implementation of ACSM activities in Global Fund grants. All the countries (except for Iraq, which participated with other sources of funding) had existing ACSM Global Fund grants.

Carmelia brought up to issue of assistance to countries that do not have Global Fund grants. For these countries, it is still possible to find assistance, it is just that other resources have to be identified. For such requests, please send all relevant information to Young-Ae (chuy@who.int), who will streamline requests and respond or try to find partners who can.

Action point: Core Group members to review attached excel sheet and add any ACSM technical assistance mission or workshop that they know are planned for 2008. They do

¹ Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, and Sudan (N)



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not have to be Global Fund related. This is an effort to know what partners are doing and to be able to provide assistance if needed and to avoid duplicating efforts.

3) Addition to Country-Level web site: ACSM repository and template for country best practice

Nicole and Young-Ae gave an update on two new features on the country-level web site. The ACSM repository, which can be found at:

(http://www.stoptb.org/wg/advocacy_communication/acsmcl/hbc.asp) is a collection of ACSM data from the 22 high-burden countries. It takes data from the annual TB control report and from the Global Fund website and is intended to provide consultants and any other partner to have easy access to ACSM information for a given country.

The template for best practice, which can be downloaded at:

(http://www.stoptb.org/wg/advocacy_communication/acsmcl/bestpractice.asp) is a simple document that can be filled out by partners in countries to showcase their best ACSM stories. We encourage all partners to submit stories, which could be used in the ACSM best practice document, to be produced for the Partners' Forum next year.

Action point: Secretariat to locate and send links to similar documents (i.e. publications from CORE and from DFID)

4) Outcomes from XDR Task Force meeting

Case Gordon, Vice Chair of the Working Group on MDR-TB, gave an update on the XDR task force meeting that was held in Geneva on 8-10 April. The purpose was to review what has been done since the first meeting and discuss ways to move forward.

Case also said the work plan for the DR Mobilization subgroup was now being finalized and that letters would soon be going out to members to get more involved.

Action point: Once final, Case will send to Core Group members the recommendations that came out of the XDR Task Force meeting. Case to work together with ACSM Working Group in moving forward with work plan of the DR Mobilization subgroup.

5) Patient representative meeting in Addis

Jacob Kayombo and Mayowa Joel gave a summary of their meeting in Addis. Despite the fact that they were in Addis for another meeting, the three patient/community representatives from the ACSM Working Group were able to meet to discuss and come up with a comprehensive list of patient advocacy issues.

It was agreed that a face-to-face meeting will be planned after financial systems go back to normal. In the meantime, discussions on how to translate patient issues into concrete actions and deliverables, will happen through teleconferences and most importantly through the reactivation of an e-forum which has been created but has not been in use.

Action point: Young-Ae to send out login and password information for e-forum.



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6) HIV-TB Global Leaders' Forum, 9 June 2008

Homero gave an update of the first HIV/TB Global Leaders' Forum, which will be held at the UN building in New York on 9 June 2008. The meeting is being organized by President Jorge Sampaio, the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to Stop TB, with the support of WHO, the Stop TB Partnership, UNAIDS, the Global Fund, the World Bank and the European Commission.

More information, including agenda, flyers and registration form, can be found at the following link: (<http://www.stoptb.org/events/hivtbleaders/default.asp>).

Action point: Please review the Call for Action (also at the above link) and provide any comments to Homero (hernandezh@who.int) by 15 May.