

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Collaboration between TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership and the Global Fund on AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to Improve Quality and Impact of Global Fund Investments in Countries

1. The Stop TB Partnership is a global multi-stakeholder partnership established by the World Health Assembly (“WHA”) in May 2000. Day-to-day operations of the Stop TB Partnership are managed by the Secretariat of the Stop TB Partnership (“Secretariat”), led by the Executive Director under the guidance of the Stop TB Partnership’s governance and coordination board (“Board”). In accordance with the Board decision dated 15 July 2014, the United Nations Office for Project Services (“UNOPS”) hosts and provides administrative services for the Secretariat. UNOPS therefore constitutes the legal entity for the Secretariat and serves as the trustee of financial resources and other contractual arrangements.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) confirms our commitment as Heads of our respective organizations, that the TB REACH initiative of the Stop TB Partnership (TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (the Global Fund), will work together in a coordinated way to further support Governments in the countries that we operate in respectively and related beneficiary communities in reducing the global burden of tuberculosis (TB). To achieve these goals, we will work together to maximize efficiency and effectiveness of Global Fund investments in its recipient and especially high TB-burden countries through improved alignment of Global Fund grants (on the one hand) and broader TB REACH efforts to improve TB health service delivery (on the other).
3. The herewith outlined coordination of Global Fund investments and TB REACH interventions builds on previous financial support the Global Fund has granted to more than 30 TB REACH projects and approaches for their continuation beyond their initial TB REACH investments. During the Global Fund 2017-2019 funding cycle, better and more regular coordination between the two Parties will be established for linking successful projects to continued funding of innovative TB health service delivery interventions with impact as proven throughout future TB REACH funding Waves.
4. TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS and the Global Fund will do this by encouraging Governments of high TB-burden countries to take maximum advantage of the opportunities, especially presented by the Global Fund Strategy 2017-2022 and catalytic investments, as approved by the Global Fund Board in November 2016.¹ Catalytic investments serve the critical objective of catalyzing country allocations to ensure delivery against the Global Fund’s 2017 – 2022 Strategy. Catalytic Funding components that provide opportunities for strengthening coordination of Global Fund investments and TB REACH interventions include the finding of missing TB cases through innovative approaches, including among key populations & vulnerable groups; communities, and multi-country responses in TB.

The purpose of our collaboration referred to in this Memorandum is to help high TB-burden countries to secure additional financial resources for strengthening and/or expanding high-quality TB health service delivery. To this end, TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS will ensure a more proactive and systematic approach in facilitating the promotion and continuation or scale-up for TB REACH interventions that successfully generated proof of concept or documented scalability for improved detection,

¹ GF/B36/DPo6.

linkage to treatment and reporting of TB or improved treatment adherence and outcomes.

5. Our respective teams have identified specific steps for us to collaborate on as follows:

FIRST, in order to ensure optimal awareness about successful innovative approaches for improved detection, linkage to treatment and reporting of TB and for improved treatment adherence and outcomes, TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS will host regular meetings with and provide updates to the Global Fund so as to further promote inclusion of TB REACH grantees and their impactful health interventions in countries and their respective Global Fund processes, share results and influence national policy.

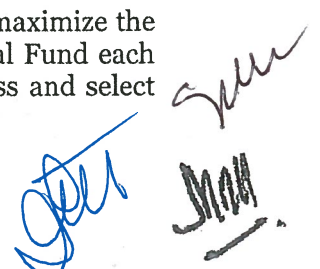
SECOND, TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS and the Global Fund will jointly identify countries and TB REACH approaches where new and innovative care delivery interventions to find and treat missing people with TB have successfully generated proof of concept or documented scalability of innovative TB service delivery. The major focus will be on TB-high burden countries and specifically on Global Fund High Impact Countries in Africa and Asia; however this does not exclude other countries. Both TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS and the Global Fund will encourage the Government in each of these identified countries (a) to review and revise national strategies and National Strategic Plans to maximize opportunities for aligning successful TB care delivery approaches; and (b) to support the development and submission of Funding Requests which integrate the evidence and learning generated through TB REACH projects in order to achieve higher quality and impact of Global Fund TB Programs. The Global Fund will do this particularly through its country dialogue, country missions, and grant-making processes; TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS will do this through attendance and participation, especially also through representation of TB REACH grantees, in the country dialogue and active engagement with the Country Coordinating mechanisms, Principal Recipients and/or Sub-recipients of respective countries.

THIRD, TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS will assist TB grantees in documenting innovative case detection approaches and TB care services and facilitate their increased capacity to communicate and disseminate their TB REACH results. TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS will continue to provide technical support to TB REACH grantees for presentations in global level forums, publications as well as other forms of knowledge generation and management. Where TB REACH grantees and their effective health interventions will benefit from continued funding through Global Fund investments, this will be highlighted in the different forms of knowledge dissemination respectively.

FOURTH, in order to promote support for this coordination of Global Fund Investments and TB REACH interventions and promotion of TB health goals among beneficiary communities and other stakeholders in line with the Global Plan to Stop TB and the End TB Strategy, TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS will make sure that all information about this coordination, starting with this Memorandum, is at a minimum, available on the public website of the Stop TB Partnership.

These four steps will be developed more precisely as we begin this collaboration and will be set out in joint work plans.

6. In order to ensure widest possible appreciation of our collaboration and to maximize the chances of success, TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership/UNOPS and the Global Fund each designate representatives to set up a joint team to quarterly meet to discuss and select

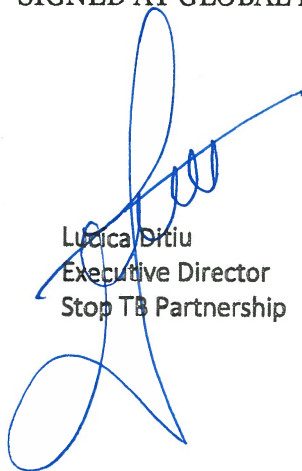


successful TB REACH projects for their incorporation into Global Fund grants so as to maximize its public health impact and contribute to end TB.

7. This Memorandum does not represent a commitment of funds on the part of either Party, or any collaborative project or activity with financial contribution is subject to a separate agreement between the Parties.

This Memorandum will be valid as from the below date and will terminate following a written notice to the other Party and based on mutual agreement.

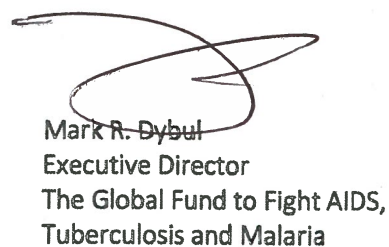
SIGNED AT GLOBAL FUND Headquarters, Geneva, THIS 04th DAY OF APRIL 2017.



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