

Background Paper

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Subject

Work plan Secretariat of the network for Action on TB and Poverty

For Information

For Discussion

For Decision

Introduction

The Secretariat of the Network for Action on TB and Poverty will in the first phase support the establishment of the Network in the WHO AFRO region during the first year, focusing particularly on Southern and East Africa.

Summary

The Work plan for the period 2004-2005 will address the purposes of the network through four main sets of operational objectives:

Operational Objectives	Description
1. To engage key stakeholders in developing tools, guidelines and activities to promote access of poor to TB services	Demonstrate how routine TB data and existing information can be analyzed with an equity lens; to invite medical students associations to submit small study proposals on TB and Poverty issues; present case-studies that illustrate good practices on TB and Poverty in the region.
2. To disseminate new knowledge on poverty and TB	The global network will be promoted through a website; newsletters and through working groups of the Stop TB Partnership and the annual conference on TB and Poverty.
3- To establish links with other health equity initiatives	The links that are already established, between the REACH trust and the Malawi Health Equity Network, Equinet and the Southern African Regional Poverty Network , will allow the dissemination of good practice on TB and Poverty.
4- To support the governance of the Network for Action on TB and Poverty	The Secretariat will develop through the year a number of proposals for funding to support the Network.

Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

Next steps and time frame

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT