

# Stop TB Partnership

<b>SUMMARY SHEET</b>			
Agenda Nr. 2.05-9.0	Subject	<b>Impact of National Partnerships</b>	
For Information	For Discussion	<b><u>For Decision</u></b>	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>At its meeting in Beijing, China (14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> October 2004), the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board endorsed the process and supported the strategy of expanding the establishment of national partnerships and the development of support products. Since that time significant progress has been made towards fulfilling the technical demands of the countries willing to establish a national Stop TB Partnership. The Indonesia, Mexico, Brazil, Pakistan, Italy and Peru experiences will be presented.</p>			
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Partnerships are powerful and should be established only with the support and if instigated by the country itself. Partnerships tend to have been established to face two challenges: in low income high TB burden countries to help build and sustain the national TB program; and in high income low burden countries to help build and sustain the interest of the donor community.</p> <p>National partnerships provide the opportunity to broaden the support and operational base for the implementation of TB control activities. In addition, there is generally an increase in Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization efforts at country level, specially directed at improving TB case detection and cure rates. Country partnership represent an important opportunity for improving community based DOTS quality as well as synergy and coordination between partners.</p> <p>Stop TB Indonesia, Mexico, Brazil, Pakistan and Italy will present a brief analysis of the successes achieved and challenges ahead. The purpose of the presentations is to advise the Board on whether countries feel there is added value in existing national partnerships and whether documenting good practice would be advantageous to future development.</p>			
<p><b>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Agreement on whether there is a need to document good practice in existing national partnerships.</li> </ul>			
<b>Next steps and time frame</b>			
<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>FOCAL POINT</b>
1. Confirm choice of countries for documenting good practices.	Secretariat	January 2006	Executive Secretary