

Implementation Plan of Memorandum of Understanding between the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Stop TB Partnership (STP) To End Deaths from TB Among People Living with HIV

Objective 1 - Increased political commitment and resource mobilization for HIV and TB service integration to achieve universal access and reach MDG targets

Endemic Country Activities

1. Support the most-affected countries in developing specific plans, integrated and/or aligned with national health and development strategies, to reduce the burden of TB in people living with HIV through TB and HIV programme collaboration.
 - a) UNAIDS to provide analysis of joint activities outlined in National Strategic Plans for HIV.
 - b) UNAIDS and STP to support UCCs, WR's, NTP managers and NAP Managers to include/strengthen joint TB/HIV activities in UCO work plans, TB and HIV NSPs, and Global Fund proposals.
2. In line with Global Fund Board decision GF/B18/DP12, support countries to ensure all TB and HIV proposals include budget lines for funding collaborative TB/HIV activities.
 - a) Strengthen collaboration between TBTEAM, Technical Support Facility and ASAP in the provision of technical support for planning, Global Fund grant applications and programme implementation and to ensure that budget lines are aligned to reflect joint activities and joint indicators.
3. Promote the inclusion of TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment in the mandates of National AIDS Commissions/Councils
 - a) Ensure STP and UNAIDS high level missions include messaging to promote this in visits to up to 3 of the high TB/HIV burden countries in 2011.
 - b) Hold TB/HIV symposium for NACs in December 2011 at ICASA, Addis to increase NAC engagement in TB/HIV. Identify further appropriate fora for NAC sensitization on TB/HIV, focussing on the high TB/HIV burden countries.
4. Organize joint high-level missions to promote TB/HIV collaboration between the Executive Director of UNAIDS; UNAIDS Cosponsors' Head of Organization/Agency, the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to Stop TB, members of the Stop TB Coordinating Board, and other partners.
 - a) UNAIDS and STP to coordinate joint missions to two high burden regions and to liaise over key messaging.

Global Activities

5. Set and work towards achieving a global impact target for reducing TB deaths among people living with HIV.
 - a) STP and UNAIDS to advocate for global impact target at all global level advocacy events, including World TB day and World AIDS day.

- b) WHO/STP to organize workshops in 2 high burden regions to train project managers to strengthen programme capacity in implementation, monitoring and evaluation of collaborative TB/HIV activities.
 - c) Secretariat of TB/HIV working group to organize at least one regional TB/HIV Working Group meeting to accelerate the implementation of collaborative TB/HIV activities, to disseminate global policy guidance on TB/HIV and to share best practice.
6. Joint participation by the Executive Director of UNAIDS, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to Stop TB, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership, Stop TB Coordinating Board members and other partners in high-level events to promote TB/HIV collaboration, e.g. International AIDS Society conferences, World TB Day, World AIDS Day
- a) STP and UNAIDS to advocate for a prominent TB/HIV event during the High Level Meeting on HIV at the General Assembly, New York, June 2011 as a visible platform for highlighting the global HIV/TB impact target and to present a roadmap towards achieving the target.
7. Collaborate on a high-level dialogue to mobilize resources and raise awareness of the urgent need for new and improved drugs, diagnostics and vaccines that are proven to be effective for people with or at risk of HIV/TB co-infection.
- a) Draw up a joint research advocacy document in partnership with the three research working groups, identifying key messages, high-level events and target audiences for dialogue.
 - b) UNAIDS and STP to liaise with UNAIDS EC focal point to enhance the inclusion of TB in the EC Eighth Framework Programme (PF8) for the years 2014-2020

Objective 2 - Strengthened knowledge, capacity and engagement of civil society organizations, affected communities and the private sector in jointly addressing TB/HIV through an evidence-informed and a human rights-based approach

Endemic Country Activities

1. Mobilize communities and the wider civil society, affected by HIV and empower them to become active partners in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of TB.
 - a) UNAIDS and STP leadership to mobilize funding aimed specifically towards engaging HIV civil society in collaborative TB/HIV activities.
 - b) Both UNAIDS and STP to share civil society networks and platforms for increased engagement and for the dissemination of information, new findings, policies and messaging on HIV related TB, and funding announcements.
 - o *Ongoing.*
2. Develop tools that will build capacity and enable the HIV civil society community to scale up the prevention, early diagnosis and effective treatment of TB cases.
 - a) UNAIDS to develop web-based TB/HIV training modules for use by civil society.
 - b) Two day civil society TB/HIV advocacy workshop, successfully held in Thailand, Liverpool and Vienna, to be rolled out.

3. Organize regional/country workshops to disseminate tools and increase civil society capacity to operationalize the implementation of collaborative TB/HIV activities.
 - a) WHO and UNAIDS to ensure civil society engagement at Regional TB/HIV Working Group meetings and at workshops for implementers on TB/HIV collaborative activities.
 - b) UNAIDS to support civil society engagement at High Level Meeting in New York, June 2011.
4. Organize joint business sector events in endemic countries where best practices and collective action opportunities can be identified to increase the engagement of the business sector to integrate TB and HIV workplace programmes, and use their comparative advantage for advocacy and raising awareness on the TB and HIV co-epidemic.
 - a) UNAIDS/STP to liaise with co-sponsors and identify suitable partners, dates and locations for the coordination of at least 1 joint business sector event in an emerging economy endemic country.
 - b) UNAIDS/STP to collaborate with WHO and other partners to finalize the guidance document on TB/HIV in the workplace.
5. Develop and disseminate best practices of examples where at risk, marginalized and vulnerable populations have been able to access care and prevention services.
 - a) UNAIDS and STP to collate and share best practices via working group networks, and UNAIDS civil society networks.

Global Activities

6. Mainstream HIV and TB awareness into the advocacy, communication and social mobilization and behavioural change communications strategies and programmes of each party.
 - a) STP and UNAIDS to ensure TB/HIV is mainstreamed into HIV and TB advocacy, health education, training media, including high-level events.
 - b) TB/HIV WG secretariat to encourage stronger collaboration between the STP Advocacy department and UNAIDS advocacy/communication departments with regular info sharing meetings.
7. Ensure that the equitable and universal access to HIV and TB prevention, treatment, care and support to populations most at risk, vulnerable and/or marginalized, including women and girls, young people, orphans and children, men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers and their clients, people who inject drugs populations of humanitarian concern, displaced persons and migrants, prisoners and people who use drugs, is mainstreamed into all programmes, projects and action plans.
 - a) UNAIDS and STP to promote a human rights based approach to TB/HIV prevention, treatment care and support with a focus on Eastern Europe in the first year.
 - b) UNAIDS & STP to advocate for a more targeted approach to reaching the most at risk and vulnerable populations with integrated TB/HIV services.
8. Document and support the development of specific responses to the HIV/TB co-epidemic in most at risk, vulnerable and/or marginalized populations.

a) Reach out via the Partnership working group networks, regional and countries offices, TB/HIV newsletter and UNAIDS civil society networks, and disseminate via working group networks, websites, and meetings.

9. Establish and support a Task Force on HIV, TB and Human Rights.

a) STP and UNAIDS to establish task force and support it in the development of a policy guidance document and strategic agenda that promotes a human rights based approach to TB prevention, treatment, care and support in people living with HIV.