



Next Steps

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The way forward



- Use EXPAND-TB as an entry point to link SRL support to GF recipient countries to implement new rapid diagnostics for MDR-TB
- Offer SRLs with existing linkages with EXPAND-TB countries the opportunity to provide needs assessments and TA to countries
- Some funds are available but specified e.g. GF/EXPAND-TB counties
- Funds can be used for consultants but not to pay salaries.....

Providing technical assistance



- Installing full time consultants at country level – not sustainable
- Establishment of functional formal links with SRL and countries, TOR, lab strengthening plans
- Concept of packages of TA
- Call for nominations to implement TA
- Estimates of what 1-2 weeks TA would cost
 - USD 8,500 – 12,500
- Can this be used as the approach to develop a coherent business plan for funding TA for the network?
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- Formal letter of recognition from WHO to SRL Governments to advocate increased political commitment on the essential value of the SRLN activities in TB laboratory strengthening. Seek funding commitments. (WHO)
 - Explore opportunities to brief of Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Permanent Missions in Geneva.
- Explore strategies to access in-country funding eg, PEPFAR, GF, USAID. What is the process to incorporate SRL activities into National Laboratory strategic plans to enable insertion in e.g. USAID annual plans with budget ? (WHO SEARO to provide example from India)
 - Presents challenges in being at the table

Action points (1)



- Presentations from the consultation to be uploaded to the GLI website with the meeting report. (WHO)
 - <http://www.stoptb.org/wg/gli/>
- Draft WHO TB Bio-safety Manual to be circulated to the SRLN for comment following final feedback from expert working group members. Expected time line for distribution mid May 2010. (WHO)
- Coordinate the update of the SRLN on the GLaDMap global laboratory database.(WHO)
 - <http://www.gladmap.org>
- Use email to communicate to SRLN updates to WHO policy guidance on the GLI website (WHO)
- Establish a technical working group QA of DST to discuss(WHO, Coordinating SRL)
 - Interpretative criteria for "difficult strains"
 - Should DST and QA be limited to INH/RIF/quinolones/injectables
 - Compile data on non-SRLs proficiency
 - Distribution of panel strains

Action points (2)



- Meeting report, final TORs and inclusion criteria circulated by email (WHO)
- WHO letter to all countries re process for establishing formal links between countries and the SRLN (WHO)
- Mapping of existing links (details of services provided) between countries and SRLs (coordination between WHO HQ and Regional Offices)
- Formalisation of designation of existing SRLN (WHO/SRLN)
- Sample MoUs linking SRL to countries to be shared (Individual SRLs)
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Thank you for your active participation

Au revoir et bon voyage

