

SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 2.04/8	Subject	TB Control and Poverty Reduction Strategies	
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>The Health, Nutrition and Population Unit of the World Bank conducted a study to assess the extent to which countries were using Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) to put tuberculosis control in the mainstream of development. The objective was to identify ways to leverage the PRSP process to integrate TB control into plans for development planning and financing at the country level, wherever PRSPs are being prepared.</p>			
<p>Summary</p> <p>This study examines the extent to which selected countries are using Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) as tools for integrating tuberculosis control into their development plans. Based on analyses of PRSPs and interim PRSPs (I-PRSPs) of 16 high burden and high incidence rate countries (regarding tuberculosis), the inclusion of tuberculosis in PRSPs is generally low, with about 50 per cent or more of the documents containing little or no discussion of tuberculosis. As a result, the discourse on tuberculosis within PRSPs typically includes neither country-specific analyses of the linkages between poverty, economic development and tuberculosis, nor strategies, actions and resource requirements for tuberculosis control.</p> <p>The findings show many missed opportunities for mainstreaming tuberculosis control in the development agenda in the countries. This situation needs to be addressed through several means, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better use of existing guidelines for addressing tuberculosis along with other major health problems in PRSPs. • Preparation, dissemination and use of a toolkit for integrating tuberculosis into PRSPs, learning from a similar approach to HIV/AIDS.¹ • A more active and informed engagement of tuberculosis control program managers and advocates in discussions with Ministries of Finance, Economic Development and Planning. This is crucial if the requirements for tuberculosis control are to be included in the Medium-Term Expenditure Frameworks, as part of broad sectoral priorities. 			
<p>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</p> <p>Endorsement of the decision to develop guidelines for including TB control in the PRSPs</p>			
<p>Next steps and time frame</p>			
<p>WHAT</p> <p>Preparation of the guidelines</p>	<p>WHO</p> <p>Jointly by the WB and the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat</p>	<p>WHEN</p> <p>January 2005</p>	<p>FOCAL POINT</p> <p>Partnership Resource Administrator of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat</p>

¹ Reference: *AIDS, Poverty Reduction and Debt Relief: A Toolkit for Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS Programs Into Development Instruments*. UNAIDS and World Bank. 2001.



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