

## SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 2.05-14.0	Subject	GDF Strategic Plan
For Information	For Discussion	<b><u>For Decision</u></b>

### Introduction

The *Strategic Plan of the Global TB Drug Facility (GDF)* is a 5-year plan covering the period 2006-2010. The plan is derived from the broader longer-term strategy for the GDF as set out under Objective 3 of the *Strategic Plan of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat* within the *Global Plan to Stop TB: 2006-2015*, which is to: Ensure the effective functioning, growth, dynamism and catalysing effect of the GDF in global TB control.

### Summary

Drug supply is a critical partnership resource underpinning the assumptions of the Global Plan to Stop TB (2006-2015). An important part of the Secretariat's strategic vision is therefore the evolution of the GDF to ensure access to quality, affordable anti-TB drugs in all countries where there is need. By 2007, the supply of anti-TB drugs through GDF will meet the biennial target of patient treatments to be delivered globally, as identified by DOTS Expansion Working Group.

Though the focus of GDF within the Secretariat will remain the provision of first line TB treatment, GDF will expand the availability of products in the GDF catalogue, to introduce diagnostic kits, paediatric anti-TB drugs, single anti-TB drug formulations for patients experiencing the side effects of currently available fixed dose combination formulations and 2nd line anti-TB drugs (following a merger by 2007 with the Green Light Committee - the supply mechanism for 2nd line anti-TB drugs). Moreover, in view of the close relationship between TB and HIV infection, the GDF will be prepared for the harmonized supply of TB-HIV preventive therapies by 2007 and possibly other TB-HIV treatment therapies by 2009.

Beyond this, the GDF will become more actively involved in the process of supporting the development and diversification of competition in national and global TB drug markets - by facilitating the prequalification process of anti-TB drugs and rapidly scaling up direct procurement services (where the development and impact of the GFATM will be a critical determining factor). The longer term aim is to support self-sufficiency in drug management at national and regional level through the implementation of the *GDF Sustaining the Gains Strategy* (enclosed & at <http://www.stoptb.org/gdf/documents/Sustaining%20the%20gains%20Oct%2005.pdf>) and the establishment of a technical assistance service line to broker support from partners for countries in need. The strengthening of GDF at regional level, to be completed by 2007, will facilitate the process. As new technologies and tools for TB control come on-line towards 2010, the GDF plans to incorporate them into the overall package of services it offers. The GDF will need to position itself to negotiate concessional pricing for new technologies and tools as well as promote quality assurance of the same, thereby sustaining the reputation of the Partnership and Secretariat for supporting the provision of quality, low cost TB control interventions.

The full draft GDF Strategic Plan: 2006-2010, is available separately.

## Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

- Endorsement of the draft GDF Strategic Plan: 2006-2010

### Next steps and time frame

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT
Implementation of the GDF Strategic Plan	GDF Secretariat	Ongoing	Executive Secretary GDF Manager