

**Progress Report on Memorandum of Understanding Between
the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
and The Stop TB Partnership
to End Deaths from TB Among People Living with HIV**

The MOU was signed by Michel Sidibe Executive Director of UNAIDS and Marcos Espinal Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership at the AIDS2010 Conference in Vienna, Austria on Thursday 22nd July 2010, in the presence of Michel Kazatchkine Executive Secretary of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and Jorge Sampaio, the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy to Stop TB.

We report here on progress made in the activities laid out in the MOU since the principal of the MOU was agreed at the Coordinating Board meeting in November 2009. We also propose several options for monitoring progress up to the end of 2011.

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

- A detailed analysis of the TB/HIV components of the National Strategic Plans (NSP) for HIV in the 21 high TB/HIV burden countries was carried to assess fitness to implement strategies to reduce the burden of TB in people living with HIV. Few countries had a comprehensive plan or budget to reduce the burden of TB in people living with HIV in the HIV NSP.
- At least seven countries are due to renew their NSPs in 2010 (Cameroon, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Zambia and Zimbabwe) and at least four are due to be renewed in 2011 (India, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda). The NSPs for four other countries, Nigeria, Mozambique, Brazil, Rwanda and Swaziland, expired at least a year ago.
- A concerted joint plan is being developed to advocate for effort and targets to reduce the burden of TB in people living with HIV to be included in the revised HIV NSPs of high burden TB/HIV countries through UNAIDS cosponsor country offices and partners and greater engagement of National AIDS councils.
- Michel Sidibe joined Marcos Espinal at Jorge Sampaio's Special Session on TB/HIV to advocate for accelerated effort to prevent people living with HIV from dying of TB at the AIDS 2010 Conference in Vienna, Austria on 22 July 2010. UNAIDS and Stop TB are currently planning joint high level advocacy events and country missions in 2011 along with the Special Envoy Sampaio.
- UNAIDS cosponsors and partners have set a target to halve TB deaths in people living with HIV by 2015 (compared to a 2004 baseline) which is in line with the Global Plan to Stop TB. WHO and UNAIDS are working to include a new

UNGASS indicator on TB case mortality rate in people living with HIV to enhance global monitoring of TB deaths in people living with HIV.

- Stop TB and UNAIDS to liaise with focal persons in the European Commission to develop an advocacy action plan aimed at increasing the European Commission's Eighth Framework Programme (PF8) research investment in new tools to improve TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment in people living with HIV.

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

- UNAIDS is working with the Partnership, WHO and civil society partners to strengthen the engagement of people living with HIV and HIV civil society organizations in reducing the burden of TB among people living with HIV. Three capacity building workshops were held aimed at populations at increased risk of TB/HIV co-infection – two for networks of people who use drugs and one more generic for civil society organizations based in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- A series of meetings with people living with HIV and civil society organizations is planned in September 2010 to discuss the strategic approach, key next steps and develop an action plan for enhanced engagement of civil society in TB and TB/HIV care and control will be developed and implemented over the following year.
- A comprehensive modular web-based training tool on TB/HIV is planned that will serve multiple functions:
 1. To build capacity of UNAIDS Secretariat staff to mainstream TB care and control activities into their work. This will be expanded in collaboration with UNAIDS cosponsors for cosponsor staff, e.g. including modules on TB/HIV in prisons, in the workplace, for mothers and children.
 2. The tool will also be modified to build the capacity of people living with HIV and HIV civil society organizations to become more engaged in TB care and control.
 3. The modules will be adapted and aimed at civil society capacity building.
- UNAIDS is collaborating with WHO and ILO to develop guidelines on implementing TB and integrated TB/HIV services in the workplace. UNAIDS, the Partnership and WHO area collaborating with the Global Business Coalition to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria to host a meeting in South Africa in October to strengthen business sector engagement in TB/HIV activities.
- The Human Rights and TB Task Force of the Stop TB Partnership has been established and will have its first meeting in November in Berlin. The Task Force will develop a global guidance document on a human rights based approach to TB care and control. WHO and UNAIDS are co-secretariat for the Task Force.