



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET		
Agenda Nr. 2.07- 2.0	Subject	The importance of German commitment to TB
For Information <input type="checkbox"/>	For Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Rationale</p> <p>Dr. Manfred Konukiewitz, Government Deputy General Director (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ) and Mr. Uwe Ohls, Senior Vice- President for Asia at KfW will give opening addresses and set the context for a discussion on the importance of German engagement in the fight against TB. There is the possibility that Timo Ulrichs from the Ministry of Health will participate in this session.</p>		
<p>Summary</p> <p>Germany is a large global economic player. However it remains short of meeting the 0.5% of GDP target for overseas development assistance by 2010 (0.7% of GDP by 2015) despite being a major contributor to budgets of international organizations (UN, WHO). The BMZ does not have a separate fund for TB (unlike polio, tropical disease research, and communicable diseases). Chancellor Angela Merkel and Prime Minister Gordon Brown stated on 22nd August 2007 that, "the TB epidemic is on the verge of decline" in public recognition of progress in the fight against TB. The Coordinating Board could request commitment specifically to TB to support this public declaration to ensure progress continues.</p> <p>Germany has a strong regional focus on sub-Saharan Africa and significant attention is paid to HIV/AIDS as a development topic. There may be scope to expand the focus to be more inclusive of TB in these fields, currently though the <i>Action Plan to Implement the strategy of the federal government to fight HIV/AIDS</i> published in March 2007 does not extensively include TB.</p>		
<p>Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)</p> <p>The Board may wish to consider whether to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite BMZ and KfW to continue and expand its Stop TB Partnership. • Suggest the BMZ and KfW initiate the following steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate a dialogue with local offices of implementing organizations of official Germany development assistance in high burden countries to brainstorm TB needs. • Initiate a dialogue between German TB institutions (i.e. Robert Koch Institute) and BMZ/ KfW to explore current German institutional responses to TB. • Expand the focus on HIV/AIDS to include TB. • Mainstream TB into HIV/AIDS funding and HIV/AIDS programmes. • Call for more research into the diseases of poverty, including TB. 		
<p>Implications (political/financial/staffing etc):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NONE 		
Next Steps		
Action Required: Implement Coordinating Board's recommendations.		
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Timeframe: April 2008		