TBTEAM: EMRO perspective and experience

Linking countries with technical assistance

TBTEAM meeting, Geneva, 25.06.2010
Key objectives of TBTEAM

Facilitate TA planning

Promote TB expertise (especially at country level)

Improve cooperation among partners
Planning
Facilitation of TA planning (1)

TA status in EMR: 33 PEPFAR funded TA for 2010 (Q1-Q3):

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Facilitation of TA planning (2)

How to ensure more equal distribution in the future?

♦ Earlier submission of funding request for future rounds
♦ Funding made available sooner (EMRO started GSM in January)
♦ Use all opportunities of meetings between partners and WHO at different levels, to ensure full understanding of TBTEAM benefits (NTP manager’s meeting, missions, Strategic Planning Meeting, GF mock review)
Facilitation of TA planning (3)

TBTEAM at national level:

♦ ‘Official’ focal points in 9 member states

♦ 2 recently acquired (EGY, KUW)

♦ NTP are by default TBTEAM focal points
Facilitation of TA planning (4)

How to further enhance national TBTEAM:

♦ Not to ‘overofficialize’ TBTEAM (e.g. concerning ‘nomination’ and ‘rules’ to follow)
♦ Regional focal point to recognize country focal points’ profile and adapt collaboration accordingly
♦ Showing especially NON-WHO national TBTEAM focal points, including ‘default’ ones (NTP) TBTEAM virtues (GF and TBTEAM)
Expertise
Promotion of (regional) TB expertise (1)

EMRO: development of regional expert roster to:

♦ Contribute to improve TA quality (e.g.: consistency issue)

♦ Enhance capacity building
Approximately 40 regional experts have been recently identified.

Approximately 80 additional ones are in the pipeline for addition (CV submission pending).

Regional roster is being harmonized with Global TBTEAM roster (added).
Promotion of (regional) TB expertise (3)

Made possible by:

- Calling upon RO and CO colleagues
- Assessing former workshop and meeting participant lists (discover stock of ‘hidden’ treasures)
- Collaboration with WHO partners and collaborating centers (Sondalo, Riga, ‘UNION’), to provide participant lists of training courses (find experts at the source of knowledge)
Promotion of (regional) TB expertise (4)

- Encourage ‘country’ participation in training courses (seeking ‘incentives’ such as scholarships)
- Promote different TA ‘mentality’:
  1. ‘Exchange’ missions (national focal point of TB area x accompanies international consultant to country y, and the other way round)
  2. Team up junior with senior experts
Cooperation
Improving collaboration and cooperation between partners

♦ Systematic and regular email and phone contact with TBTEAM focal points (‘UNION’, KNCV, GLI, GLC, GDF etc.)

♦ Use joint meetings for discussion (e.g. here)

♦ Promote TBTEAM at ‘other’ events (e.g. training courses for TB experts)
Recommendations

♦ Simplified, standardized post-TA follow-up (with clearly defined roles)
♦ Always check the suitability of consultants with country focal point(s), country office and other country level partners
♦ Systematic sharing of information at all levels (country – regional – global, including partners, in both directions) of all TA (e.g. further promote posting of TA reports on web tool)
♦ ‘Proving’ the benefit of TBTEAM to countries with examples
♦ Include practical TBTEAM component in relevant events (e.g. GF regional mock review)
♦ Intensify collaboration with GF (+ EMRO, as TBTEAM and GF focal point)
♦ Continued development of regional and global expert roster
Many thanks!!!