TA Coordination and planning at country level: Partner experience

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Outline of presentation

• Role of partners
• Key issues
  – Clarity
  – Partner and country coordination
  – Transparency
  – Role of TBTEAM Focal Points
  – Reviewing existing guidance and approaches
  – Learning from other approaches
Role of partners

• Provide technical assistance (TA) in response to country needs

• Share information on short term TA missions or activities on TBTEAM website

• Work with countries to ensure that the TA requested matches the needs

• Build capacity at national or regional levels; mentor local consultants
Clarity

- Clearly defining roles and responsibilities
- Defining approaches for key activities
- Clear expectations – all sides
- Limitations
  - Funding, time and capacity
  - Donor rules and restrictions
- Timing
- Ongoing communication
Partner and Country Coordination

• Clear point person in the country for partner to coordinate directly with
• Who at NTP needs to be available?
• NTP commitment of time and resources
• Partner commitment to respond to TA needs and to build capacity
Transparency

- Use of TBTEAM platform to share information
- Knowing which partners are doing what activities
- Need for rationalization across TA
- Contributes to working better with NTPs at the national level
Role of TBTEAM Focal Points

• Important to clarify how things should work with different TBTEAM focal points
  – Expectations, timing, level of involvement and communication
  – Understand their role
  – What information do they need from partners
Reviewing guidance & current approaches

• Review current guidance from WHO to partners closely, to strengthen it based on past experience

• Global Fund proposals
  – Complexity of applications and process built greater need for external TA
  – Moving toward simplification in proposal, and coordination across new and existing programs is a positive direction
Learning from other disease approaches

- Both successes and failures
- What are the key differences between TB and other disease proposals?
- Success of malaria’s approach – what can we learn from it?
Thank you!