USG funding for partners to support countries in implementing Global Fund TB grants

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USG investment in technical assistance

- USG recognized importance of protecting investment in the Global Fund by funding partners to provide technical assistance to countries – withheld some of contribution to GF and gave to the following partners:
  - Grant Management Solutions (GMS)
  - UNAIDS Technical Support Facilities (TSFs)
  - Roll Back Malaria (RBM)
  - Stop TB Partnership TBTEAM
Outline

• Grant purpose
• Progress
• Achievements
• Year 3 Missions and Reporting
• Year 4 planning
• Year 3 ad hoc funding
• Strengthening TA
USG TBTEAM Grant

Improve Global Fund TB grant performance and relieve bottlenecks to grant implementation by linking countries with technical assistance

USD 3 million annually:
Year 1 Oct 2007 – Sept 2008
Year 2 Oct 2008 – Sept 2009 (93%)
Year 3 Oct 2009 – Sept 2010 (48%)
Year 4 Oct 2010 – Sept 2011

1. Technical assistance
2. Capacity building workshops
3. Coordination of support
4. Monitoring and reporting
# Technical assistance for countries by Stop TB partners

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<td>10 partners (KNCV, GLRA, Union, WHO (6 regions + HQ))</td>
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<td>PSM plan, M&amp;E plan, work plan revision, plans and guidelines for implementation of Stop TB Components reflected in work plan, requests for continued funding</td>
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<td><strong>Outcomes</strong></td>
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<td>Grant signature (average months from Board approval to grant signature) Round 7: 9.6 months; Round 8: 9.3 months</td>
<td>Grant rating (A, A1, A2, B1) (leading to approval of phase 2) 84% of TB grants have ratings of A-B compared to 79% of HIV grants and 70% of malaria grants.</td>
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**NOTE:**
- Year 3: 2009 - 2010
- 84% of TB grants have ratings of A-B compared to 79% of HIV grants and 70% of malaria grants.
Achievements

• Filled a funding gap for partners to respond to country requests
• Proactive planning for TA
• 84% of TB grants have ratings of A-B compared to 79% of HIV grants and 70% of malaria grants
• TBTEAM platform: web site in use, 59 NTBTEAMs, 35 global/regional partners, experts roster
Year 3 missions
Oct 2009 - Sept 2010

• Partners submitted 18 plans totalling US$2.8 million dollars to fund 235 missions to 78 countries.
• TBTEAM committed US$1.65 million to these plans covering 142 missions in 54 countries to be carried out by 15 partners: CDC, GIP ESTHER, RIT/JATA, KNCV, GLRA, Union, Project Hope, PATH, WHO (6 regions + HQ)
• To meet demand, some missions related to MDR TB (US$255,000 covering 21 missions to 15 countries) were funded by the GLC grant from USAID.
• Remaining savings were made through budget reductions on specific missions (fewer people, fewer follow up missions), however some missions remained unfunded.
## Missions by region

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<th>WHO Region</th>
<th>Missions</th>
<th>Countries</th>
<th>Partners</th>
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<td>Africa</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>Americas</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>E. Mediterranean</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>S.E. Asia</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>W. Pacific</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>144</td>
<td>67</td>
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<td>Including</td>
<td>45 (30%)</td>
<td>13 HBCs</td>
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<td>99</td>
<td>54 non-HBCs</td>
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GF TB grants in 107 countries plus 1 multi Western Pacific grant
## Year 3 missions by technical area

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<th>Mission Area</th>
<th>Activities</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<td><strong>ACSM/ Political commitment</strong></td>
<td>Infection control</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td><strong>Childhood TB</strong></td>
<td>Laboratory Strengthening</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td><strong>Cross-cutting Health System Strengthening</strong></td>
<td>M&amp;E/supervision/ impact measurement</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td><strong>Community Involvement / patient support</strong></td>
<td>MDR-TB/XDR-TB</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td><strong>Drug and commodities management</strong></td>
<td>Operational and basic science research</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td><strong>Drug resistance Surveillance (DRS)</strong></td>
<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Global Fund grant implementation (phase 1 review, request for phase 2 funding</strong></td>
<td>PAL</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td><strong>Global Fund grant negotiation</strong></td>
<td>PPM, ISTC</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td><strong>High Risk Groups: prisons, refugees, TB contacts, special situations</strong></td>
<td>TB/HIV</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td><strong>Human Resources Development</strong></td>
<td>X-ray, other non-laboratory diagnostics</td>
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Reporting

• Quarterly reports
  – Has mission happened?
  – Result of mission
    • How did it improve grant performance?
    • What specific problem did it address?
    • Disaster averted?
    • Did it meet a Condition Precedent?

• Next report due 10 July!
Example short mission report

(STB Partner) assisted (COUNTRY) in March 2009 to (1) review of the implementation of the Round 6 TB Grant Phase 1 work plans of the two Principal recipients (A and B), and (2) assist with documentation for submission of the CCM request for funding for Phase 2 of the Global Fund Round 6 TB Grant. The activities covered and implementation status of the Phase 1 work plans of the two PRs were reviewed to analyze what had been achieved and what remained in the pipeline until March 31 2009 (end of Phase 1). The planned budgets vs actual expenditures, and variances were also analyzed. During the joint discussions with both PRs, constraints in undertaking all the activities planned were identified and solutions proposed to overcome these. The analysis of implementation contributed to completion of the (1) request form for continued funding (phase 2); (2) detailed work plans for phase 2 prepared by both PRs; (3) revised performance frameworks for phase 2

This work was done in close collaboration with the Global Fund Portfolio Manager to ensure that the PRs fulfill all requirements to be granted phase 2 approval. Phase 2 was subsequently approved on 7 December 2009 and the first disbursement made shortly thereafter.
Strengthening TA

Pre-mission
• Establish ToR with technical area focal points
• Review Global Fund grant status and discuss with Portfolio Manager
• Include missions in TBTEAM web tool as early as possible (email flagging)

During mission
• Promote collaboration of all partners at country level and ensure that relevant TB implementers are recipients of assistance
• Debrief relevant in country partners to ensure recommendations are followed and action taken

Post mission
• Short report prepared immediately
• Detailed mission report later in TBTEAM web site
## Capacity Building Workshops

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| 4 workshops for 44 countries on grant negotiation and implementation of Round 7 grants (Anglophone + Francophone Africa, W Pacific, SE Asia) | *W Pacific and SE Asia* (continued w/o PEPFAR funding)  
2 GDF workshops on PSM plan finalization | Americas for 12 countries (November 2009)  
Workshop on grant negotiation for 33 Round 9 and NSA countries (29 March - 1 April 2010) |

*Year 4 – plans?*

Balance of US$175,000 to be redirected towards missions
Year 4 Funding requests
Oct 2010 – Sept 2011

• Launch – now… email with template within a week
• Plans due by 15 September 2010 (1.5 months earlier than last year)
  – TA addresses a need related to an approved Global Fund TB grant
  – Based on discussion of needs and request from country
    • Attach written request from PR or main SR (such as NTP)
  – Support implementation of activities within Global Fund TB grant work plan, or phase of grant lifecycle
• If above in place, the determination of funding across partners decided based on:
  – Past implementation rate by the partner
  – Equitable balance of TA funding by region to meet the needs of most countries, and among partners
  – Quality and completeness of plan
• Funding will be reserved for Ad Hoc mission requests
Quick call for remaining ad hoc and unused funds

- **Deadline 7 July**
- Quarterly reports due 10 July (balance of unused funds will be determined then)
- Criteria: same as normal process
  - TA to support implementation of an approved GF TB grant

Mentoring opportunities?

Balance from year 2 + implementation workshops + year 3 ad hoc funds
Issues for consideration

- Are we meeting needs of countries?
- Launch call more broadly so countries initiate discussion with partners?
- Strengthen technical area collaboration
- Strengthen reporting to ensure funding
- Plan well and implement!