Regional TB TEAM experience

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Outline of presentation

• What is TB TEAM?
• How does it function?
• Analysis of TA provision registered in the TBTEAM website
• Country TA provision as recorded in the website
  – Type
  – Country
  – Provider
• Challenges
• Recommendations
• Way forward
TBTEAM
(TB TEchnical Assistance Mechanism)

Definition:
• A mechanism for
  – building country capacity,
  – TA coordination, planning and resource mobilization,
  – international platform for supplying and co-ordinating TA

History:
• Concept presented at Coordinating Board in 2005 to address the perceived need at country, regional and global level for more efficient and effective coordination of TB technical assistance
• Launched in 2007

Structure:
• A Stop TB Partnership Initiative (under the umbrella of the DOTS Expansion Working Group)
• TB Technical Assistance providers (33 partners)
• Secretariat hosted in WHO Stop TB Department and a focal point in the STP secretariat
• Regional TBTEAM focal points
• National TBTEAM Coordinators
WHY TBTEAM?

- To enable the most effective use of Global Fund and other external resources and to coordinate support to new rounds applications.
- To build up national capacity and ownership of countries' own TA plans and implementation.
- To help countries and international agencies coordinate TA through a well-organized network of technical partners.
- To help countries and partners with ad-hoc requests for assistance that could be provided by a consultant within a large pool of qualified experts.
- Supplying, coordinating and monitoring global and regional TA.
- Resource Mobilization.
How does TBTEAM function?

**National TBTEAM**

**Coordinator:** NTP staff, bi/multi-lateral (who has capacity)

**Role:** TA planning, coordinating, & monitoring, GF bottleneck removal, short & longer-term TA

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**Regional TBTEAM**

**Focal Point:** Regional level

**Role:** support to country (NTP) in TA development, provide strategic support, monitor on-going GF TB grants, responding to urgent and routine TA requests

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**Global TBTEAM**

**Role:** monitor and analyze GF grant progress, coordinate with partners to respond to TA requests, monitor, evaluated and report on all TBTEAM activities, Support Regional and National TBTEAM

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International Partners
Countries with active TB Global Fund grants
# TBTEAM Missions By WHO Region, Oct 2010 to Sept 2011

*Source: TBTEAM Website*

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AFRICAN TB MISSIONS
1st Oct 2010 to 30 Sept 2011

According to TBTEAM website
37 countries received missions recorded on TBTEAM website.
Globally Completed Missions
By Partner
October 2010 to September 2011

WHO Regions
34%

WHO other
7%

The Union
16%

KNCV
12%

Other

Technical Assistance
By Technical Partner
African Region
Oct 10 to Sept 11
Source: TBTEAM website

TOTAL: 168 missions completed
# TBTEAM Missions By Technical Partner

**Africa Region,**

Oct 2010 to Sept 2011

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Challenges relating to TB TEAM mechanism website

- Some countries have no TB TEAM focal point
- Some focal persons do not access the TB TEAM website regularly
- Missions undertaken but not updated on website (This is especially so for WHO missions taken as regular routine)
- Missions entered on behalf of others
- Funding for consultancies may inhibit posting
Challenges relating to consultants

• Many consultants do not access the website regularly enough to respond to requests on time
• Available consultants may be affiliated to organization without funding for the requesting countries
• Consultant rates are very variable
• Lack of appropriate national ownership of projects/programmes for which consultancy is sought
Recommendations

• All countries should develop annual TA plans in collaboration with partners
• Countries should take a lead in the use of the TB TEAM mechanism to improve the quality of technical support available to them. This can be achieved by posting TA needs on the website for buy in by partners.
• The TB TEAM mechanism should be embraced by all partners to avoid duplication as well as improve visibility and collaboration between partners
Way forward

• Countries to complete the draft TA plans for 2012 – 2013
• Countries without focal points to designate as soon as possible
• All TA need for the next year to be posted on the Website and be regularly updated
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