PARTNERSHIP IN UGANDA

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Background to the Partnership

• Upward trend in TB case notification in the country since 1995.
• Lack of coordination of various stakeholders efforts in TB control.
• Increasing health system costs for TB control in the country.
• Limited funding from the Public sector.
• The need to harmonize stakeholders activities.
• The need for a wider scope of intervention in the HIV/AIDS era.
Objectives of the Partnership

• Raise the profile of TB as a major Public Health problem in Uganda.
• To improve the coordination of efforts by various stakeholders.
• To harmonize strategies and work plans so as to work towards Global targets and the MDGS and sustain control efforts thereafter.
• To mobilize extra resources both financial and human for TB control in the country.
• To guide relevant Operational Research for TB control.
The Push for the Partnership

• Commitment by the Minister of Health to meet Global targets by end 2005 during the New Delhi STOP TB Partnership meeting in March 2004.

• Need for Synchrony with the Second Health System Strategic Plan (HSSP) for Uganda.

• The need to utilize available funds from the Global fund, CIDA, USAID and Fidelis in a harmonized manner by all stakeholders.
The Process to a Partnership

- There existed a Stakeholders forum where all would meet on a quarterly basis.
- The members of the stakeholders comprised:
  - The Ministry of Health – NTLP.
  - Technical Agencies WHO, IUATLD, CDC.
  - Implementing Partners AIM, UPHOLD, TASO, AIC, CUAMM, UPMB, UCMB, IMB, Forces HSs , Private Practitioners Association and other NGOs.
  - Funding Partners GLRA, WB, Italian Cooperation , USAID.
The Process to a Partnership

- Initial contact with each Partner. Stewardship by WHO which provided the template for process.
- Appointment of a Secretary to coordinate the process – APW through WHO Hdqtrs. May’04
- Initial brainstorming workshop with all stakeholders – Funded by Partners (AIM). May’04
- Technical Assistance by a Consultant from the STOP TB Partnership – Dr. Steenbergen. June’04
- Technical Assistance from WHO for initial contact with the Corporate Sector – Dr. Francesca
Where we are in Partnership

• WHO has offered to house the partnership.
• An Interim Executive Secretary - Dr. H J Kawuma was appointed and continues the process.
• A secretary for the secretariat has been recruited.
• A Working group for the TOR for the Partnership was appointed and has completed drawing of the TOR. Partners have ratified the TORS.
• Launch programme is being drawn with the assistance of Health education and Promotion Division of the Ministry of Health and the Office of the President.
Where we are in Partnership

• The following have signed up:
  GLRA, TASO, AVSI, CUAMM, Italian Cooperation, UPDF, Police, Prisons, THETA, UPMPA.
• The following responses are awaited.
  USAID, AIM, UPHOLD, CDC, JSI-Deliver
• A Call for financial contributions has been made – No funds so far committed by any member.
• The date for the launch has been fixed to 10th December, 2004.
Lessons learnt

• It takes time and there is need for strong advocacy.
• The National Programme MUST have clear direction in form of a comprehensive strategic Plan so as to guide the partners.
• Dialogue and open communication avenues must be maintained.
• Technical assistance necessary to support the National Push.
• Mutual respect is key for the Partnership.
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Where there is a will there is a way – We push on