

Country Obstacles: Top 4 high TB burden countries

I. Questions & Items to be addressed in the background briefs

The documents will summarize outcomes of the Montreal DOTS Expansion meeting (poster-presentations)

- Status of DOTS (Coverage, Case-detection, Cure-rates), with graph
- Current national DOTS Expansion plan and progress
- Major constraints and additional needs

II. Questions & Items to be addressed in presentations (for Country presenters)

Based on the existing DOTS Expansion plans, analyse constraints and additional needs, and formulate priorities for action for the global Partnership to support the country in reaching the global Stop TB targets and in maintaining achievements towards TB elimination.

1. *How certain are you that your country is going to reach the global Stop TB targets for:*
 - DOTS coverage of 100% by the end of 2005?
 - 70% DOTS case-detection by 2005?
 - 85% cure-rate under DOTS by 2005?
2. *If you have some uncertainty that your country may not be reaching the above targets, what are the main reasons? What are gaps in the current plans/ program? What additional areas need to be addressed?*
3. *What actions need to be taken to reach additional TB patients?*
 - What additional action would be needed for TB patients who are not treated? What additional action would be needed for TB patients treated in the private sector? What additional action would be needed for TB patients treated in the public sector, but not under DOTS?
 - What interventions need to be scaled up? Or what additional interventions need to be taken on?
 - What additional partnerships need to be built?
4. *What additional resources are required to implement these interventions?*
 - What additional financial resources? What drugs and commodity supply? What human resources are required?
5. *What international support is required for these 'new' interventions?*
 - What political support and advocacy is needed?
 - What type and amount of technical assistance?
 - What kind of support in partnership building and coordination could be provided?

III. Questions & Items to guide the discussions (for Group facilitators)

Follow the last questions which were given as guide to country presenters:

- (a) *What actions need to be taken to reach additional TB patients?*
- (b) *What resources are required to implement these interventions?*
- (c) *What international support is required for these 'new' interventions?*
- (d) *What are immediate next steps to be taken by the country, the Board, Stop TB partners, the Secretariat (with timeframe/ indicators for measurement if possible)?*

IV. Discussion and Decision

- *Report on next steps for each of the 4 countries*
- *Process for assessment in other countries*
- *Process of involvement of the Stop TB partners (beyond the Board)*
- *Actions for Board and Secretariat*