



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 2.07-5.0	Subject	AMC for TB
For Information <input type="checkbox"/>	For Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	For Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Rationale</p> <p>An Advance Market Commitment (AMC) has been set up to accelerate the introduction of appropriate pneumococcal vaccines in impoverished countries. An expert committee has recently recommended further AMCs be explored to stimulate early research and development investment.</p> <p>The question is: can, and if so how can AMC's be used for TB?</p>		
<p>Summary</p> <p>Currently it takes 15-20 years for a new vaccine to become widely available at affordable prices in the developing world. The AMC seeks to address this problem by accelerating the development and availability of priority new vaccines.</p> <p>Five countries (Canada, Italy, Norway, Russia and UK) together with the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation have committed \$1.5billion to the 1st AMC. The AMC has no commitment itself until an appropriate vaccine has been developed, so money is not diverted from being invested in existing solutions to disease control while new vaccines are being developed. Sponsors guarantee to top-up the price of the vaccine allowing developing countries to purchase the vaccine at pre-agreed low prices. When vaccine manufacturers qualify for AMC funding, to participate in the program, they are required to sign a Supply Agreement. Through this Agreement manufacturers are obliged to continue to provide an established amount at a pre-agreed price.</p> <p>The AMC is not a purchase guarantee as industry will only receive the subsidized price if the vaccine meets targeted standards and if countries demand the vaccine. As countries can "demand" the product which best suits their needs manufacturers have an incentive to ensure products are tailored to country needs.</p> <p>GAVI will present its experience for the 1st AMC with the pneumococcal vaccine.</p>		
<p>Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate the Stop TB Secretariat and partners to set up a process on next steps moving towards the development of a TB focused AMC. 		
<p>Implications (political/financial/staffing etc): Staff time to follow up with GAVI.</p>		
<p>Next Steps</p>		
<p>Action Required: Further discussion with GAVI and partners (AERAS etc.).</p>		
<p>Focal Point: Marcos Espinal</p>		
<p>Timeframe: End 2007</p>		