

GDI Taskforce on Research

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Task 1 Develop a prioritized research agenda related to PMDT scale-up



Building on the work done by the former research subgroup, led by Carol Mitnick and Susan vd Hof

- July - August: wider GDI TF membership recruited from GDI membership
- August - September : inventory of yields of the global consultation for the new global PMDT research agenda, that was done over the period end 2013- beginning 2014 under the leadership of "Resist TB", the former MDR TB WG sub group research (draft sent to GDI)
- September - October: a person was recruited to further analyse the data
- Draft prioritized research agenda 26/10/4014 - to be presented CM, SvdH

Next steps:

- Disseminate among CG and the wider TF membership for comments
- Revise the draft
- Present final draft prioritized research agenda to the GDI GC for endorsement
- Submit for publication in peer reviewed journal



Task 2: Preparation of info on ongoing DR-TB research activities

Subsequently to be maintained by the GDI secretariat.

An e-mail group was made of

- members of the Resist-TB research group (derived from the former research subgroup of the Stop-TB MDR working group)
- all GDI members who indicated to the GDI secretariat and/or the TF that they would like to be a member of this task force
- individuals suggested by GDI core group members for being involved in PMDT-relevant research.

A questionnaire was sent out to the people on the list to request information on ongoing research related to PMDT, and asking for more contacts of people / groups doing relevant research for the overview. P

- 5 categories: Laboratory Support, Treatment Strategy, Programmatically Relevant Research, Epidemiology and Management of Contacts
- Results to be presented by CM, SvdH

Next step: adjustments to be made following the upcoming Clinical Trials meeting

Task 3: Develop a generic Operational Research protocol for shorter DR-TB regimens



To support countries initiation of OR activities related to shorter regimens

- First draft by Chiang Chen-Yuan, Arnaud Trébuque
- Comments by: Fraser Wares, Francis Varaine, Edine Tiemersma, Susan van den Hof, Ernesto Jaramillo, Dennis Falzon, Nguyen Nhat Linh, Agnes Gebhard
- Pending : to add resource materials (forms)

Question to the GDI CG: Is this protocol sufficiently generic

1. to allow for local adaptation
 2. to encourage harmonization of study methodology, for comparability of the primary and secondary study results
- Not meant to be a handbook or recommendation on shorter regimens
 - Next steps: adjust after suggestions by the CG



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