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UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board Thematic Segment on TB – 23 April 2008, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis (TB) among people living with HIV and how UNAIDS can work with TB communities

Rationale

Tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the most important causes of illness and death among people living with HIV, despite the fact that TB is mostly preventable and curable. At least 11 million people living with HIV are also infected with TB and at increased risk of developing TB disease. Chronic lack of investment in TB control programmes and TB research has resulted in inadequate prevention, diagnosis and treatment of TB and the development and spread of drug-resistant forms of TB that disproportionately affect people living with HIV. Furthermore, the TB programme in many countries can be a highly effective but often underutilized partner in accelerating towards universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

The Programme Coordinating Board is the governing body of UNAIDS. In addition to the main business component, each PCB meeting has a thematic session which explores topics of importance to the UNAIDS programme outside the constraints of the formal PCB sessions. This thematic session intends to explore the threat that TB poses for people living with HIV and how the HIV community can work with TB programmes to reduce the burden of both diseases.

Aims of the segment

The over-arching aims of the sessions throughout the segment are to:

- Showcase the benefits of a joint HIV/TB approach to scaling up towards universal access;
- Highlight the need to address tuberculosis within the comprehensive response to HIV; and
- Build commitment to integrated delivery of quality HIV and TB prevention, treatment, care and support services.

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Date: 23 April 2008

Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Time of meeting: 09h00 - 12h30 and 14h30 - 18h00

Agenda

Wednesday 23 April

I Opening

Introduction to thematic segment

Presenters: The Honorable Mark Dybul, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Dr Peter Piot, UNAIDS Executive Director, Civil Society Perspective – Thailand

Regional context of AIDS – findings of the report of the AIDS Commission on Asia

Presenters: Dr. C Rangarajan, Chairman AIDS Commission, Prasada Rao, UNAIDS Director, Regional Support Teams, Asia and Pacific

(Coffee break: 10.30 – 11.00)

II HIV and TB – joint impact and joint response

Introduction

Presenter: Michel Sidibe, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director

Keynote Address: HIV and TB – the need to mobilize joint action

Presenter: Jorge Sampaio, UNSG's Special Envoy to Stop TB

Video

Presenter: Winstone Zulu

Panel session: The integrated response to the dual epidemics

Chair: Kevin De Cock, Director, WHO Department of HIV/AIDS

Rapporteur: PCB member TBA

Panellists: Mario Raviglione, Director, WHO Stop TB Department, Dr Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Ministry of Health, Thailand, Carol Nyirenda, Treatment Advocacy & Literacy Campaign, Zambia

III Marketplace and Lunch

IV Concurrent Panel Debates

Panel 1: Mobilizing community- and faith-based organizations in the joint response to HIV and TB

Chair: Elizabeth Mataka, UNSG's Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS for Africa

Rapporteur: PCB NGO representative

Panellists: Ezio dos Santos Filho, Brazil, Msgr Robert Vitillo, Caritas Internationalis, Els Klinkert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

Panel 2: Investment in HIV and TB and health systems strengthening

Chair: Marcos Espinal, Executive Secretary, Stop TB Partnership

Rapporteur: PCB Member TBA

Panelists: The Honorable Mark Dybul, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Tedros Adhanom, Minister of Health, Ethiopia, Adrienne Chattoe-Brown, HLSP, UK

Panel 3: Access to improved TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment for people living with HIV and the threat of TB drug resistance

Chair: Kevin Fenton, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, USA

Rapporteur: Joanne Carter, Results

Panellists: Dr. Mphu Ramatlapeng, Minister of Health, Lesotho, Javid Syed, Treatment Action Group, Jorge Bermudez, Executive Secretary, UNITAID

(Coffee break: 15.30 – 16.00)

V Rapporteurs reports & conclusions

Presenters: PCB Member TBA, PCB Member TBA, Joanne Carter, Results US, The Honorable Mark Dybul, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Michel Sidibe, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director

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