

Sustainable financing for tuberculosis control

The Executive Board,

Having considered the document on sustainable financing and tuberculosis control,¹

RECOMMENDS to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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Having considered the document on sustainable financing and tuberculosis control;

Aware of the need to diminish the global burden of tuberculosis and thereby lower this barrier to socioeconomic development;

Welcoming the progress made towards achieving the global tuberculosis control targets for 2005 following the establishment, in response to resolution WHA51.13, of the Stop Tuberculosis Initiative;²

Noting the need to strengthen health systems development for the successful delivery of tuberculosis control;

Stressing the importance of the engagement of the full range of health providers in delivering the international standard of tuberculosis care in line with the strategy of directly observed treatment, short-course (DOTS);

Concerned that lack of commitment to sustained financing for tuberculosis control will impede the sound long-term planning necessary to achieve the internationally agreed development goal relevant to tuberculosis contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

Encouraging the development of a global plan for the period 2006-2015, which will address the need for sustained financing in order to achieve the internationally agreed development goal relevant to tuberculosis contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

¹ Document EB114/14.

² Now known as the Stop TB Partnership.

1. ENCOURAGES all Member States:

(1) to fulfil the commitments made in endorsing resolution WHA53.1 and hence the Amsterdam Declaration to Stop Tuberculosis including their commitment to ensure the availability of sufficient domestic resources and of sufficient external resources to achieve the internationally agreed development goal relevant to tuberculosis contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

(2) to ensure that all tuberculosis patients have access to the universal standard of care that is based on the proper diagnosis, treatment and reporting consistent with the DOTS strategy by promoting both supply and demand;

(3) to strengthen prevention of, and social mobilization against, tuberculosis;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to intensify support to Member States in developing capacity and improving the performance of national tuberculosis control programmes within the broad context of strengthening health systems in order:

(a) to accelerate progress towards reaching the global target of detecting 70% of new infectious cases and successfully treating 85% of those detected;

(b) to sustain achievement of that target in order to reach the internationally agreed development goal relevant to tuberculosis contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

(2) to strengthen cooperation with Member States with a view to improving collaboration between tuberculosis and HIV programmes, in order:

(a) to implement the expanded strategy to control HIV-related tuberculosis;

(b) to enhance HIV/AIDS programmes, including delivery of antiretroviral treatment for patients with tuberculosis who are also infected with HIV;

(3) to implement and strengthen strategies for the effective control and management of persons with drug-resistant tuberculosis;

(4) to take the lead under national health authorities in working with partners to strengthen and support mechanisms to facilitate sustainable financing of tuberculosis control;

(5) to enhance WHO's support to the Stop TB Partnership in its efforts to achieve the internationally agreed development goal relevant to tuberculosis contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

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