Summary – Way Forward

TRANSLATING
THE TB UN HIGH-LEVEL
MEETING COMMITMENTS
INTO ACTIONS

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PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

Advocacy
- Maintain advocacy efforts for comprehensive approach in TB prevention and care should be maintained at regional level.
- Develop and implement different tools at the national level (photo exhibitions, advertising campaigns, digital tools, etc.) to overcome stigma.

Partnerships
- Continue to involve civil societies who play a vital role in holding national TB/HIV programmes accountable and producing valid and applicable tools.
- Scale up cross-sector collaboration between TB/HIV services.

Approach
- Adapt Multisectoral Accountability Framework to regional context.
- Adopt a human rights-based approach and focus efforts on vulnerable populations.
- Ensure high quality monitoring for translating policy / guidance into practice.
- Ensure early adoption of new technologies at country level.
- Develop cooperation mechanisms between national agencies, private sector and civil society for implementation of the People-Centered Care (PCC) and provision of comprehensive support.
- Strengthen psycho-social and legal support, accompaniment in treatment, peer-to-peer support for better adherence and better treatment outcomes.
- Involve intended target groups in needs assessment and development of innovations.

Diagnostics, treatment and care
- Improve diagnostics and care on Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI).
- Create international collaboration to strengthen countries’ active case finding approaches.
- Develop guidance on efficacy and safety.
- Consider pooling requests to Global Drug Facility (GDF).
- Update national policies for child friendly formulations.
- Collect and share data on children by weight and age to estimate the real needs and to contribute to the global evidence.
- Increase scale up of molecular testing (GeneXpert/Line Probe Assay (LPA)) for those who are on new drugs in further European TB Research Initiative (ERI TB).

**Research**

- Closely monitor the development of WHO’s ‘Process Overview: Development of a Global Strategy for TB Research and Innovation’ and act proactively to put its recommendations into practice.
- Join ERI TB.
- Participate in further ERI TB activities including in the DR-research stream.
- Submit original research manuscripts for peer review.
- Give attention for TB research financing.
- Enforce peer reviewed publications for sharing data and available effective and sustainable practices to further boost their scale up.
- Encourage countries to collect qualitative research to support numbers in improving their DR-TB data.

**Knowledge management**

- Provide education of people at-risk and health providers on diagnostics and treatment opportunities.
- Develop staff competencies to understand PCC to remove a significant barrier to progress and implementation of PCC on the ground.
- Share best practices at national level.
- Organize exchange of experiences visits/ sessions among countries.
- Develop/expand/ increase childhood TB advocacy (messages/ tools/ strategies, etc.) to increase the global knowledge on new anti-TB medicines containing regimens.
- Request pediatric formulations of second line medicines via the GDF.

**Way forward**

- Invite country representatives to become Wolfheze Workshops (WW) committee members.
- Continue WW working groups on DR-TB (including active TB drug-safety monitoring and management (aDSM)) and PCC.
- Create a new WW working group on TB Infection Control and on determinants of TB or/and on other topics which find a reasonable number of volunteering colleagues from countries and partner organizations to drive them forward.