

## Call for Applications

# The Regional Office for South-East Asia World Health Organization

## Announces

### Call for applications for members to serve on “Regional Advisory Committee on MDR-TB” 2012-2014

In response to the need for scaling up the programmatic management of drug resistant tuberculosis in the WHO South-East Asia Region, and following the decision of the 20<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting (31 March – 01 April 2011), the Green Light Committee is establishing a **Regional Advisory Committee on MDR-TB**. GLC South-East Asia will function as an advisory committee to the WHO Regional Office for the South East Asia, to WHO’s Member States in the South-East Asia region, as well as donors and partners. The Secretariat of the GLC South-East Asia will be hosted by the WHO Regional Office for the South-East Asia.

The WHO Regional Office for the South-East Asia hereby announces the “**Call for Applications**” for members to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee on MDR-TB (Regional GLC South-East Asia). Members of GLC South-East Asia are expected to serve a term of two years, from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2014 with the following Terms of Reference:

- Review and provide inputs to the regional strategies and/or action plans for scale up of programmatic management of drug-resistant TB (PMDT);
- Review and analyze GLC monitoring mission reports and surveillance data;
- Provide an opinion to donors/funding agencies on their request on country PMDT scale-up plans and the subsequent technical assistance needs addressing identified gaps, via the global GLC secretariat (g-GLC) Secretariat;
- Oversee the provision of supportive monitoring missions and technical assistance missions to countries;
- Liaise with the g-GLC and exchange information on plans of the GLC South-East Asia 's activities, seek inputs and advice as and when required, and inform the g-GLC of technical and political issues relevant to TB and MDR-TB prevention and control;
- In collaboration with WHO Regional Office and Partners, to convene advocacy efforts for PMDT scale up, access to and rational use of quality medicines, and coordinate and report on progress related to data collection in respective regions.

The selection of members will be conducted by a committee convened by the Regional Office for the South-East Asia, World Health Organization including the STP and/ or partner. Their choice of members will be reached through consensus and be based on an equitable distribution of experts across technical areas and constituencies. Given

that this is a regional entity, experts from or with extensive experience in the South-East Asia region is strongly encouraged to apply.

Members are being sought who have expertise in at least two of the following essential technical areas:

### **1. Technical areas (focused on drug-resistant TB):**

- Programmatic Management of drug resistant tuberculosis
- Clinical experience with drug resistant tuberculosis (DR – TB) including paediatric and HIV-infected patients
- Patient support, nursing care and case holding strategies
- Drug management
- TB Laboratory
- TB Infection control
- Epidemiology and surveillance, and information systems
- Communication and Advocacy
- Developing and/or reviewing PMDT scale-up plans

Members should also represent at least one of the following constituencies:

### **2. Constituencies:**

- Technical/implementing agencies and partners
- Civil Society Organizations /patient representatives
- Private sector health care providers
- Academia and research institutions
- Bilateral development agencies
- Member States health authorities involved in MDR-TB prevention and control

### **3. Experience:**

*Essential:*

- A minimum of five years of working with drug resistant tuberculosis at national and/or international levels;
- Three to five years of practical experience in implementing and/or advising on key areas of drug resistant TB prevention and control particularly in the high TB priority countries in the WHO South-East Asia Region;
- Experience with planning and monitoring the piloting and scaling up of PMDT.

*Desirable:* Experience working with multi and bilateral development agencies active in the health sector.

### **4: Language:**

Fluency in English is required.

**Closing date of applications: 07 March 2012**

**Results of selection will be announced by 20 March 2012**

**How to apply for membership of Regional Advisory Committee on MDR-TB (Regional GLC South-East Asia)?**

Interested individuals are invited to send their applications, consisting of a CV and motivation letter expressing their interest and suitability for membership of Regional GLC South-East Asia to the GLC South-East Asia Secretariat at [rglc\\_searo@searo.who.int](mailto:rglc_searo@searo.who.int). Applicants should emphasize relevant MDR-TB experience in their covering letter and highlight the area(s) of technical expertise and the constituencies that they would like to represent on the Regional GLC South-East Asia. If an applicant is applying to represent a constituency, their application will be strengthened by evidence that they have backing from the respective constituency. Applications should be sent latest by **07 March 2012**.

A minimum of two meetings of GLC South-East Asia may be held per year, depending on the availability of funds and issues to be discussed. Ad-hoc meetings via telephone /videoconference or in person may be organized as and when required. While serving on this advisory committee, members will not be paid for their committee work. However, where a member may not be remunerated by their institutions for the time spent on the committee activities or are independent agents, the WHO/ South-East Asia Secretariat will explore possibilities to provide an honorarium in recognition of work undertaken for the benefit of Member States, TB affected people and their commitment to Regional GLC South-East Asia.

Members will serve for a term of two years, renewable for a further consecutive term, based on criteria outlined in the standard operating procedures. Because this is a pilot phase for Regional GLC South-East Asia, it is as of yet unknown what the time commitment will be for members, however given the importance of the mandate, members are expected to dedicate the time required.

For further information on Regional GLC and the Transition Plan please visit the following link: <http://www.stoptb.org/wg/mdrtb/assets/documents/Endorsed%20MDR-TB%20Transition%20Plan.pdf>

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