

2nd Kenya International Scientific Lung Health Conference



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To whom it may concern

RE: Request for Financial Support - 2nd Kenya International Scientific Lung Health Conference: 6th-8th October 2011

Curtains have just closed on 2010, the year that the world expected to meet the target for Universal Access to Treatment, Care and Support for HIV/AIDS. For those working with TB in the African region this meant achieving universal access to TB/HIV treatment, care and support. In the last decade, Kenya and other East African states have implemented major interventions as defined by the elements of the Stop TB strategy to deliver the targets set in the second Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015. Despite these efforts at least three countries in Eastern Africa (Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania) remain among the 22 high TB burden countries. The other East African states, though not in the 22 TB high burden countries are still experiencing high per capita incidence of TB. The emergence of drug resistant TB (MDR/XDR) in the face of high HIV prevalence makes it even more imperative for Kenya and other East African states to discuss new initiatives, and share innovative ideas that could facilitate collective efforts towards controlling these diseases as well as reaching the MDGs. There is therefore a need to define, phase in and scale up extraordinary measures to combat both HIV and TB to eventually eliminate the public health threat of two diseases. Massive investments in health care systems will be required to be able to do this and this investment is likely to benefit lung health in general including diseases that are currently not directly related to TB and HIV.

In order to define cost effective interventions for scale up, appropriate investment in scientific research must be made. To address this, the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation in collaboration with various technical partners are organizing the second international lung health conference scheduled to take place on **October 6-8, 2011 at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre**.

The conference, with the theme: ***Towards universal access to quality TB, TB/HIV and lung health services in Kenya***, will therefore afford us the opportunity to critically review the progress and provide pragmatic solutions towards the attainment of the MDGs and share best practices in overcoming the challenges in the control of TB, HIV and lung diseases of public health importance.

It is expected that the conference will have a regional reach with over 500 delegates from Eastern Africa participating. It is also expected that a rich mix of prominent international personalities in the field of lung health will be speaking at this conference, thus broadening the depth and knowledge to be shared.

The purpose of this letter is to request for your financial support to ensure that the conference is a great success. Attached is a proposed budget for your reference and consideration.

We thank you for your continued support in ensuring a Kenya free of TB, HIV and lung diseases.

Yours Sincerely

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