Resolution n°8

Action name: Proposal for Extension of the Project Narrowing the Gap-Expanding and Accelerating Access to Diagnostics for Patients at Risk of MDR-TB

Organization (s): The Global Drug Facility (GDF)/ The Global Laboratory Initiative (GLI) and the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)

The Board of UNITAID authorizes the Executive Secretary to commit up to US$61,482,085 for the Extension of the Project Narrowing the Gap-Expanding and Accelerating Access to Diagnostics for Patients at Risk of MDR-TB.

Lead recipient:

FIND

Amount:

US$61,482,085 2009-2013

Date of first disbursement:

Quarter 3, 2009

Conditions for UNITAID funding support:

Funding is conditional upon the provision to the Interim Expert Advisory Group of satisfactory clarifications and additional information relating to:

- a commitment by GDF, GLI and FIND to coordinate with the Global Fund and GLC to ensure that there is no duplication in UNITAID funding-support and that a harmonized monitoring and evaluation plan be developed and used
- a commitment to encourage the proponents to provide descriptions of their standards for the procurement of diagnostics
- justification for non-compliance with UNITAID's country income eligibility criteria
• a commitment to reduce the proposed management costs of FIND, GLI, GDF, and produced a revised budget as well as related freight, insurance, inspection, installation and procurement costs
• clarification of market impact to be achieved with clear indicators
• the independent evaluation of market impact of the MDR-TB Diagnostics Project will take place in mid 2010
• a plan on how the project support will be transitioned to other funding sources

UNITAID funding support for the Project is conditional upon signature of a legal agreement between GDF, GLI, FIND and UNITAID.

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