Resolution n°1

Action name: Safeguarding availability of ARV treatment
Organization (s): ESTHER (Ensemble pour une Solidarité Thérapeutique Hospitalière en Réseau)

The Board of UNITAID authorizes the Executive Secretary to commit up to US$15,950,000 for the Project aiming to Ease and Safeguard the Availability of ARV treatment and its good management for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Lead recipient:
ESTHER

Purpose:
To optimize the use of products funded by UNITAID by increasing national capacities for managing the supply and distribution chain; by improving the quality of diagnostic practices, treatment and patient follow-up and; helping to improve monitoring and evaluation systems of care and access to anti-retroviral treatment programmes

Amount:
US$15,950,000 over 3 years

Date of first disbursement:
1, November, 2008

Conditions for UNITAID funding support:
ESTHER to address/ clarify the following to the satisfaction of the Expert reviewers:

- That the proposal does not duplicate similar efforts carried out by other organizations (e.g. the USAID-funded MSH programmes on Strengthening Pharmaceutical Systems), especially in Anglophone countries.
- Provision of detailed procurement and distribution plans, M&E and budgeting per country.
- Presentation of financial audit arrangements.
• Presentation of management approaches for ensuring sustained political commitments at all levels of the national procurement and supply chain management system - political commitment being a critical success factor for this project.

UNITAID funding support is conditional upon signature of a legal agreement with UNITAID.

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