

Minutes of the TWG meeting on HIV-TB Collaborative activities on 23rd May'08

The Meeting of the TWG on HIV-TB collaborative activities chaired by Addl DG & APD, NACO Dr Jotna Sokhey and attended by the following:

1. Dr. L.S. Chauhan, DDG(CTD)
2. Dr. Ajay Khera, JD, NACO
3. Dr. S. Sahu, NPO (TB), WHO-India
4. Dr. Puneet Dewan, MO (TB), WHO-SEARO
5. Dr. B.B. Rewari, National Programme Officer (ART), NACO
6. Dr. Neeraj Raizada, Consultant, HIV-TB, CTD
7. Dr. Rahul Thakur, Consultant, HIV-TB, NACO
8. Dr. Vartika Sharma, Technical Officer, HIV-TB, NACO

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

- The training manuals on the intensified package of HIV/TB collaborative activities for RNTCP/NACP State and district programme Managers, Medical Officers, counselors and the pharmacist were discussed. The group agreed to finalize the manual in a week and put it up for approval so that the material is ready for printing by 3rd week of June,2008.
- The tool for HIV Counseling was discussed. It would be utilized by the health care practitioners to assess, suspect and refer patients for HIV Counseling and testing. The inputs on the same would be given by CTD within a week, so that it can be finalized at the earliest.
- Issues regarding printing and distribution of the manuals were discussed. It was decided that if possible NACO would get the manuals printed. The manuals would then be distributed to SACS and STC. If not possible, the states would be asked to get the manuals printed.
- The group decided that 4-5 persons from NACO and CTD would be identified to uptake training for the state level TOTs for states implementing the intensified TB/HIV package. These state level TOTs would then impart this training to programme officers at the district level through out the state. The following time frame for the implementation of package was approved:
 - Orientation of the national level trainers: By 2nd week of July'08
 - Two day training for Trainers at state level by national level trainers: by 2nd week of August'08
 - 1 day training for district level officers: By 2nd week of August to September '08
 - Initiation of Implementation of HIV/TB intensified package: 1st October'08.
 - Routine reporting on HIV among TB patients from 9 states – from 4th quarter 2008 RNTCP case finding report
- The group agreed that ART centers require a reporting mechanism for TB suspects referred to RNTCP. The group decided that TB suspects from the ART centre referred to RNTCP would be line-listed by the ART centre. The line list would include date of referral, date of evaluation, date of TB diagnosis and start of treatment. This list would

be shared with RNTCP, and feedback would be provided to the ART centre on a monthly basis. Formats for line listing and reporting would be prepared by CTD, and implementation facilitated by a TB/HIV training module for ART centre staff. .