February 20, 2009

Invitation for
GDLN Stakeholder Consultation on
Draft Report on Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Components in Road Projects

A multi-country two-hour videoconference discussion connecting
World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC with the GDLN VC Centers at Colombo, Delhi, Dhaka, Islamabad, Kathmandu, and Kabul and Webcast with Bhutan, Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

MC C2-123, Wednesday, February 25, 2009
(Washington time 7.30 A.M. – 9.30 AM)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

You are cordially invited to a multi-country two-hour videoconference discussion connecting the World Bank Headquarters Washington DC with South Asian countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The purpose of the multi-country videoconference is to discuss the draft Report on Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of HIV/AIDS components in Road Projects prepared by the World Bank.

**Background**

Transport is a social vector in the transmission of HIV AIDS similarly to other high risk behaviors such as injecting drug use and commercial sex which fuel the epidemic. Transport sector workers are twice as likely to acquire the HIV infection as workers in ‘low-risk’ occupations. Because of this bi-directional relationship that transport has with the HIV epidemic, HIV AIDS programs for the transport sector are crucial to prevent a wider spread of the disease in South Asia.

The World Bank South Asia Region’s Management is committed to mainstreaming HIV/AIDS in World Bank activities. For that, combating AIDS has been identified as one of the four pillars supporting the World Bank operational strategy in the region.

Currently transport projects financed by the World Bank include activities mostly specifically targeted at labor workers working for construction companies under contract with Bank projects and somewhat at the communities surrounding the projects’ areas. M&E remains ad-hoc and often incomplete and project outputs and outcomes need to be better defined to better evaluate the project impacts.
This report aims to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) aspects of HIV/AIDS components in road projects. Result-based M&E helps decision makers assess whether and how goals are being achieved over time, while at the same time identify problems that need to be tackled. The report assesses the extent of M&E in current HIV AIDS components in the portfolio of road projects financed by the World Bank. It provides an overview of work to date to identify core indicators for measuring results of HIV and AIDS prevention, specifically focusing on the monitoring of results of transport related activities, proposing a menu of HIV and AIDS indicators and a sample results framework.

Preparation of the report was funded by a grant from the Transport and HIV Incentive Fund set up by the Global HIV AIDS Program (GHAP) of the World Bank using UNAIDS Unified Budget and Workplan (UBW) funds. The review covers the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The report findings are based on a mission to South Asia countries between Nov 2007 and January 2008.

**Objective of the Event**

The objective of the GDLN consultation organized by the World Bank is to discuss the report and its recommendations, and the way forward. Based on the discussion, the report will be finalized for broad dissemination. The goal is to build understanding/deepening knowledge among road agencies, implementing road agencies, AIDS control offices, development partners, truckers and transport association and civil society on the importance of mainstreaming HIV AIDS in road projects and the ways to improve monitoring and evaluation to ultimately increase the contribution of the roads and highways sector to reducing the impact of HIV AIDS.

**Format of the Event**

The event will be interactive, and we encourage open discussion and comments by the participants. The session will be opened by Mr. David Wilson, (Lead Health Specialist, Global HIV/AIDS Program, World Bank) who will explain the purpose of the stakeholders’ consultation with focus on the importance of monitoring. Mr. Jean-Noel Guillossou (Senior Transport Economist, South Asia Region World Bank) will present the purpose and strategic importance of the report. Mr Balasubramanian Gopalakrishnan (Consultant) will highlight the findings of the report, the monitoring indicators and recommendations. Discussion will follow among the participants. Family Health International (FHI) of Pakistan and Tamil Nadu Truckers Program of India will present successes of their programs.

**Location of the Event:** The event will be conducted by connecting the following Video-Conference locations:
VIDEO CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

WASHINGTON DC
GDLN STUDIO MC-C2 (LOWER LEVEL)
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Webcast link: http://vcg01.worldbank.org/vc/#live
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Agenda of the GDLN Session

GDLN Dialogue on: Draft report on Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Components in Road Projects

February 25, 2009 - 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Washington time

Moderator: Ms. Julie Babinard, Environmental and Social Development Specialist, Transport Department, the World Bank

07:30-07:35 Welcome remarks
• David Wilson, (Lead Health Specialist, Global HIV/AIDS Program, World Bank)
  - The purpose of the stakeholders’ consultation with focus on the importance of monitoring

07:35-07:45 Opening remarks
• Jean-Noel Guillossou, Senior Transport Economist, South Asia Region World Bank
  - Purpose and strategic importance of Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS components in road projects

07:45-08:10 Findings of the report
• Mr. Balasubramanian Gopalakrishnan (Consultant), India
  - Findings of the report, the Monitoring indicators and recommendations

08:10-8:40 Questions and discussion on the report
• Moderator
  Ms. Julie Babinard, Environmental and Social Development Specialist, World Bank

Order of questions/discussions:
• Afghanistan
• Bangladesh
• Bhutan
• India (Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Punjab and Tamil Nadu)
• Pakistan
• Nepal
• Sri Lanka
08:40-08:50  **Truckers Program - FHI Pakistan**  
  - Dr. Naseer Nizamani Family Health International  
    - *The purpose of the program and lessons learnt*

08:50-09:00  **Truckers Program – Tamil Nadu, India**  
  - Dr Bimal Charles, Project Director, AIDS Prevention and Control (APAC) Project  
    - *Purpose of the program, success and lessons learnt*

**Questions and discussion on the Truckers program**

09:00-9:20  **Moderator**  
  - Ms. Julie Babinard, Environmental and Social Development Specialist

**Order of questions/discussions:**
  - Afghanistan
  - Bangladesh
  - Bhutan
  - India (Dehli, Mizoram, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh)
  - Pakistan
  - Nepal
  - Sri Lanka

09:20-09:30  **Concluding remarks**  
  - Mr. David Wilson, (Lead Health Specialist, Global HIV/AIDS Program, World Bank)  
    - *Summary of discussion*