

Country Level TB Modelling Roadmap - Thanks For Input And Update

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Dear << Test First Name >>,

Last year, a high-level meeting of TB funders and stakeholders was held to create a shared vision for how TB modelling could best support country-level TB decision making between now and 2020. The eventual vision was for “Priority countries to have applied TB models and other decision tools to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and resourcing of their TB response”, and a supporting set of objectives were developed. These objectives include closing data gaps, model development and associated guidance, building ‘international’ and ‘in-country’ capacity, applying models to answer country policy questions and coordinating and sharing experiences. The objectives are now being taken forward by the TB Modelling Roadmap Steering Committee (BMGF, WHO, GFATM, USAID and World Bank).

Huge thanks to all of you who gave up time to input this Roadmap. It is an important initiative.

TB MAC has been asked to carry out two roles on the Roadmap:

1. **Facilitation:** TB MAC has been asked to gather information, both historic and moving forward, from stakeholders and organisations providing modelling technical assistance on activities undertaken to support the Roadmap, to inform the TB Modelling Roadmap Steering Committee and help identify where gaps remain.
2. **Benchmarking, reporting and review:** TB MAC has been asked to lead an initiative promoting the quality and transparency of country-level TB modelling. This initiative includes (i) developing a set of benchmarks against which modelling assumptions and results can be compared, (ii) developing standard reporting templates and checklists, and (iii) developing an external review system. Each of these components will be focussed on country-level TB modelling applications, and will be used to aid the TB Modelling Roadmap Steering Committee in standardising

and reviewing country applications. Reducing reporting burden will be one of several goals considered as these activities are developed, and the benchmarks, reporting standards, and external review system will each be trialled with modelling teams before they are finalised.

Please note, as always, TB MAC's role will focus on 'public good' activities that support the TB modelling community as a whole, include collating, and sharing, information on activities towards the Roadmap, and developing guidelines. All decisions relating to the Roadmap remain those of the Modelling Roadmap Steering Committee, and any funding or prioritisation decisions remain those of the individual funder / stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please contact us at tb-mac@lshtm.ac.uk

We very much look forward to working with you all, to support the Roadmap over the coming years.

Best wishes,

The TB MAC and TB Modelling Roadmap Steering Committees



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