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RE: Invitación a reunión-taller en Dubai, abril 2015

Estimado Domingo,

Reciba nuestros cordiales saludos desde Boston. Le escribimos para invitarle a una reunión que se llevará a cabo el 12 y 13 de abril de 2015. Será auspiciada por la Universidad de Harvard en su nuevo centro en Dubai, en los Emiratos Árabes Unidos.

Como sabe bien Ud, hay mucho interés en el tema de quimioprofilaxis en contactos de pacientes con TB drogo-resistente. Como uno de sus primeros eventos, el nuevo Centro auspiciará una reunión donde se podrá compartir experiencias sobre este tema. Hay varios programas que están a punto de lanzar algunas estrategias de quimioprofilaxis en contactos domiciliarios, y ellos se beneficiarían de escuchar las experiencias de otros que ya han pasado algún tiempo usando esta quimioprofilaxis. Consideramos que es un importante momento para compartir experiencias y poder difundir los conocimientos que se podrían reunir.

Le invitamos a participar en esta reunión para exponer la importante experiencia de vuestra institución y de Argentina. Adjunto un borrador de la agenda. Cubriremos los costos de su viaje. Esperamos su respuesta positiva para proceder con los trámites de visa y pasajes aéreos.

Atentamente,

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Global Consultation on Best Practices in the Delivery of Treatment for LTBI in Children and Adults Exposed at Home to DR-TB

April 12-13, 2015

The Harvard Medical School Center for Health Care Delivery – Dubai

Effective delivery of treatment for latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) is an essential tool for stopping the global TB pandemic; it could avert millions of preventable TB cases and deaths. Children and adults who live with TB patients are readily identified potential beneficiaries of LTBI treatment. There is growing interest specifically in delivering LTBI treatment to children and adults exposed at home to drug-resistant TB (DR-TB) strains, including multidrug-resistant TB. When treating LTBI in these households of exposed individuals, a host of practical decisions must be made to optimize outcomes of this preventive treatment. Among them: How to decide what regimens to use? How should drug needs be forecasted and drugs procured? How can adverse events be anticipated and mitigated? What strategies can be used to support children and adults to complete the entire drug course? Front-line workers who have already treated LTBI in DR-TB close contacts in diverse settings across the globe have already confronted these decision points; their experiences can inform the plans of others who seek to incorporate LTBI treatment in comprehensive screening and care strategies for households of known DR-TB patients. There appears a real need for the development of a shared understanding of best practices in this area. To address this need, we are convening a global consultation which will provide a forum to discuss this timely topic, promote the exchange of experiences, and gather best practices. Proceedings of the consultation, including recommendations, will be assembled and disseminated.

Objectives for this two-day workshop are:

- To develop a common understanding of the approaches that have been used to deliver LTBI treatment to children and adults who were exposed at home to DR-TB.
- To develop a common understanding of the key delivery gaps that must be addressed to effectively provide treatment for LTBI to these children and adults.
- To develop a shared strategy to capture new knowledge emerging from the experiences of providers aiming to close the delivery gap in treating LTBI in these children and adults.

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Day 1

Welcome	Salmaan Keshavjee
Goals for two days	Mercedes Becerra
Proposed field guidance for managing household contacts	Jennifer Furin
Experience from Cape Town, South Africa	Simon Schaaf
Experience from New York City, USA	Joseph Burzynski
Experience from Buenos Aires, Argentina	Domingo Palmero
Experience from Houston, USA	Jeffrey Starke
Discussion	All

Day 2

Experience from London, UK	James Seddon
Experience from Chuuk State, Micronesia	Sapna Bamrah, Richard Brostrom
Plans from Kayelitsha, South Africa	[TBA]
Plans from Karachi, Pakistan	Farhana Amanullah
Plans from Free State, South Africa	Limpho Ramangoela
Plans from Mbabane, Swaziland	Pilar Ustero
Discussion, conclusions, next steps	All

Other invited participants include colleagues from: Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, India, Kazakhstan, Peru, Russia, and Tajikistan