

## **Minutes of the HIV-TB Coordination Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007**

1. A meeting on HIV-TB Coordination was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, at NACO.

The meeting was attended by:

- Dr. Jotna Sokhey, APD-NACO
- Dr. L.S.Chauhan, DDG (TB)
- Dr. Fraser Wares, MO (TB), WHO
- Dr. S. Sahu, NPO (TB), WHO
- Dr. Puneet Dewan, MO (TB), SEARO WHO
- Mr. Binod Mahanty Technical Officer VCT, WHO
- Dr. B. B. Rewari, Consultant (ART), NACO
- Dr. Neeraj Raizada, Consultant (TB/HIV), CTD
- Dr. Rahul Thakur, Consultant (HIV/TB), NACO

2. The Draft Joint Action Plan for TB/HIV was presented by CTD. The joint action plan to be finalized at the earliest.

3. NACO provided a draft operational guideline on TB/HIV coordination to CTD to provide suggestions and comments. The operational guideline would incorporate the suggestions from the revised joint action plan being finalized.

4. IEC on HIV/TB to be strengthened to enhance awareness about HIV and TB and create demand for services for early diagnosis and treatment of HIV and TB. IEC material prepared by NACP and RNTCP programme to be placed at the service delivery centres of both the programmes.

5. Intensified case finding for TB is required at the ART centers. To achieve the same simple tools for screening for TB at ART Centers is to be developed which could be utilized by the counsellors and other paramedical staff during pre-ART registration, initiation of ART and routine follow-up visits.

6. Reports on TB patients diagnosed and treated at ART centers to be shared by NACO with CTD on a monthly basis.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.