

## REPORT OF THE TDR STANDING COMMITTEE

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## OVERVIEW

- ❑ SC consists of TDR co-sponsors, Chair and Vice-Chair of JCB, Chair of STAC and one representative each from the JCB resource contributors group and a disease endemic country
- ❑ Since JCB41, two meetings have been held:
  - 8 November 2018 – Chaired by WHO (via audio/teleconference)
  - 9-10 April 2019 – Chaired by UNICEF
- ❑ Provided direction, oversight and endorsement to activities for ultimate JCB review and approval
- ❑ Summaries and recommendations from both meetings available as part of JCB documentation

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### KEY AREAS COVERED (1)

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- ☐ Provided financial review of the current biennial budget and endorsed proposed workplan and budget 2020-2021.
- ☐ Congratulated TDR for the smooth completion of the external audit, conducted as part of the WHO audit processes, with no major observations.
- ☐ Welcomed the recent structural changes at WHO as the executing agency and agreed to monitor developments to ensure TDR's unique place as a co-sponsored special programme is maintained.

### KEY AREAS COVERED (2)

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- ☐ Increasing visibility and engagement of TDR with other global health research initiatives and need for increased communication efforts.
- ☐ Organized a discussion with various partners to include implementation research in global health initiatives, including the Global Financing Facility.
- ☐ Requested that TDR join the coalition for implementation research, that already includes TDR co-sponsors and other partners, and become actively engaged in its activities.

### KEY AREAS COVERED (3)

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- ☐ Joint resource mobilization efforts, staff mobility and partnerships with other WHO-wide initiatives.
- ☐ Need to identify some innovative areas in the workplan that could potentially be expanded with additional funding to assist with resource mobilization.
- ☐ Recommend to the JCB that the next meeting of the Board take place in March 2020.