

## **Inauguration of TB REACH, a new financing mechanism of the Stop TB Partnership.**

TB REACH will support innovative approaches to increasing TB case detection and treatment in countries where there is limited access to quality-assured TB services. This new source of funding offers the opportunity for national TB programmes and nongovernmental/governmental organizations to reach people - typically those from the poorest and most vulnerable parts of society - who are not accessing accurate diagnosis and treatment.

TB REACH will put forth a call for proposals during the second half of January 2010. Proposals should cover a one-year period and may request budgets of up to US\$ 1,000,000. We will notify you when eligibility criteria, the application form and guidelines are available on the Stop TB Partnership web site. Once the call for proposals is announced, applicants will be given six weeks to prepare their applications.