Newsletters from Stop TB Partnership Pakistan in connection with World TB Day 2015

1. **From Karachi 24th March 2015 - Stop TB Partnership Pakistan:**

Stop TB Partnership Pakistan in coordination with Punjab Tuberculosis Programme (PTP), Sindh and Ojha Institute of Chest Diseases Karachi Pakistan Celebrated the World TB Day 2015. The day began with the Walk-a-Cause in which Public Organizations, NGOs and civil society participated in large numbers. The walk led by Prof., Dr. Muhammad Masroor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dow University of Health Sciences Karachi. Contingents of PTP Sindh and Health Department Government of Sindh also participated. Group of Young Scouts and Musical Band marched in front of the rally. This year some more NGOs like students welfare organization from Karachi University also participated along with People in large numbers who were chanting slogans against TB. At the end of the walk Prof., Dr. Muhammad Masroor made a speech and stressed the need for awareness among people about the damage TB can do to a society. Dr. Iqtidar Ahmed Executive Secretary (Hon.) Stop TB Partnership Pakistan read the world TB day message for the audience from Dr. Luicica Ditiu, Executive Secretary Stop TB Partnership Global Geneva for the participants.

2. **From Lahore 26th March 2015 – NTP & PTP Punjab:**

National TB Control Program in collaboration with Jago Foundation presented a special play on World TB day “Jeet Zindagi Ki” (meaning Life Wins) on 26th March, 2015 at Al-Hamra Art Center, Mall Road, Lahore Pakistan. Chief Guest Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarrar, honourable Minister of State for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination along with National Manager NTP were present in the ceremony. The theme of the stage play was based upon a true success story of a young TB patient who fought TB and did not give up her hope. A huge audience watched the show at Al-Hamra Art Centre, Lahore. Jago Foundation is an NGO working for awareness in Pakistani Society.
3. **From Karachi 26\textsuperscript{th} March 2015 – Dow University of Health Sciences:**

A group of foreign students studying at Dow International Medical College at the eve of the World TB Day 2015 arranged a small ceremony to honour TB patients under treatment at Ojha Institute of Chest Diseases, Karachi. Chief Guest of the ceremony Prof., Dr. Muhammad Masroor Pro Vice Chancellor Dow University of Health Sciences & Director Ojha Institute of Chest Diseases, Karachi, Dr. Iqtidar Ahmed Executive Secretary Stop TB Partnership Pakistan and faculty of Pulmonology, Ojha Institute were also present. Foreign students of Dow International Medical College gave away a gift to the patients as a gesture of goodwill.