National Stop TB Partnership (STP) Pakistan

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Initiation of the National Stop TB Partnership
Who took the initiative to promote the partnering process to build a National Stop TB Partnership? When did it happen?

WHO EMR Office in consultation with National TB Control Program (NTP), developed the framework and functions of the STP, Pakistan. The STP Pakistan is revitalized from the year 2009.

Rationale of the National Stop TB Partnership
Which were the challenges and opportunities that prompted the partnering process to build a National Stop TB Partnership?

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<th>CHALLENGES</th>
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<td>How to:</td>
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<td>● ensure that every TB patient has access to effective diagnosis, treatment, and cure;</td>
<td>● ownership by the key stakeholders based on inclusion and participation from the civil society and corporate sector,</td>
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<td>● stop transmission of TB;</td>
<td>● resource mobilization</td>
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<td>● reduce the inequitable social and economic toll of TB; and</td>
<td>● enhanced political commitment at all levels especially provincial and districts,</td>
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<td>● develop and implement new preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic tools and strategies to stop TB.</td>
<td>● develop and execution of the National Strategic Plans i.e., “Vision 2020” to end TB and future plans.</td>
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<td>● start ACSM activities</td>
<td>● Sourcing funds from local and international donors</td>
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<td>● establish funds to meet the requirement of the existing and future plans.</td>
<td>● develop and enforce network for effective communication</td>
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National Stop TB Partnership partners
How many partners does the National Stop TB Partnership have? Who are they?

Ministries:
1. Ministry of Health
2. National TB Control Programme Pakistan

Others:
- Provincial TB Control Program,
- Azad Kashmir & FATA,
- Civil Society,
- Professional Organizations,
- Academic Organizations,
- Corporate Sector,
Business Group,
Elected representatives/ parliament,
Activists Group,
Electronic & Print Media Group,
Celebrity Group,
Research Group,
Technical Group, WHO, DFID, GTZ (for NWFP), JICA and GLRA,
Financial Donor Group, USAID, CIDA, GFATM, GTZ and JICA.

Collaborations of the National Stop TB Partnership
Does the National Stop TB Partnership work in close collaboration with the National TB Programme? Does the National Stop TB Partnership consult WHO (Country Office, Regional Office, headquarters - Stop TB Partnership Secretariat)? Does it leverage the collaborations started through the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) and the Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC) or any other present in the country?

The Stop TB Pakistan has been established and the secretariat is housed at 250-D, Block-6, PECHS, Karachi-75400, Pakistan. Vice Chancellor of the Dow University of Health Sciences Karachi holds the chairmanship of Stop TB Pakistan.

The list of members is in Annex 1.

□ National TB Programme:
  Regular

□ WHO Country Office:
  Regular

□ WHO Regional Office:
  Regular

□ WHO headquarters - Stop TB Partnership Secretariat:
  Ad hoc Consultations

□ Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM):
  Regular

□ Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC):
  Regular

Partnering agreement of the National Stop TB Partnership
Does the National Stop TB Partnership have a partnering agreement (terms of reference) outlining vision, goal and objectives and role and responsibilities of each partner?

□ vision, goal and objectives:
  To Stop TB in Pakistan

□ role and responsibilities of each partner:
  • Supporting STP, Pakistan activities
  • Collaboration through technical, resource mobilization and other committees
  • Contributing resources
**Governance structure of the National Stop TB Partnership**
Has the National Stop TB Partnership a governance structure?

- □ plenary body where all partners are represented: Forum
- □ decision-making body: Coordinating Board
- □ secretariat hosted by one of the partners OR independent legal entity:
  - Stop TB Pakistan is an independent legal entity, host the Secretariat.
- □ Provincial/Regional Coordination Offices:
  - Stop TB Pakistan has appointed Provincial & Regional Coordinators and shall soon establish offices in all provinces/regions of the country.
- □ others:
  - Resource mobilization committee
  - Technical committee

**Operational plan of the National Stop TB Partnership**
Has the National Stop TB Partnership developed an operational plan? If not what are the main activities agreed by the partnership? If there is no common plan/activities, what does each partner do in the country?

- □ operational plan including tasks, role of partners, planned costs, available resources, unmet needs: See annex 2

**Funding of the National Stop TB Partnership**
How is the National Stop TB Partnership funded? Is it able to mobilize funds?

- □ already supporting:
  - National TB Control Programme is in the process of requesting WHO Geneva for the STP, Pakistan seed money. Temporary support is being extended from GFATM R6 Objective 3 – ACSM.
  - Fund raising Campaigns will be started in Pakistan and internationally also.

**Monitoring and evaluation of the National Stop TB Partnership**
How does the National Stop TB Partnership monitor and evaluate its outcome? Have a monitoring and evaluation report been produced?

- □ indicators for measuring the outcome of the partnership:
  - implementation of national strategic framework of TB through STP and additional complimentary support through corporate sector and philanthropy
  - provision of strategic technical leadership in DOTS implementation
  - increased number of political and development partners at bi-lateral and multi-lateral levels
Annex-1

Structure of Stop TB Partnership

Stop TB Pakistan will be comprised of Partnership forum, a Coordinating Board, a Secretariat, Provincial/Regional Coordination offices and two task forces each on Increasing the case detection and Advocacy, Communication & Social Mobilization (ACSM).

What is the structure for this Partnership?
Stop TB Pakistan now has a fully functional Coordinating Board. The following growing structure has been endorsed including:

- A Coordinating Board for Five years
- Two committees each on Resource Mobilization & Technical matters
- A Private Sector supported/ based secretariat inclusive of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Coordinator and an Office Secretary.
- Provincial/Regional Coordination Offices & Provincial/Regional Coordinators.

The Coordinating Board: The Coordinating Board is the partnership's governance body, comprised of representatives of the partnership's core constituencies. The Board, through the Partnership Secretariat, will maintain a programme of frequent, high-quality information exchange, including reports on Board meetings, with all partners and the public at large. Decisions of the Board will be
based on majority voting. It is also suggested that one of the Board members should be the Regional representative to the Global Stop TB Coordinating Board.

**The Coordinating Board Chair:** An elected Chairman of the Board for a period of five years is serving. The Chairman shall preside over the Board sessions.

**The Coordinating Board Vice Chairman:** A Vice Chairman of the Board has been deputed for a period of five years. He was elected during the Core Group meeting. The Vice Chairman shall perform all functions of the Chairman in his absence or shall substitute the chair where necessary.

**The Coordinating Board Composition:** Keeping in view the representative diversity, following composition will be followed for the board:

- The Board will consist of Core Constituencies (maximum 15 members) with an active role in coordinating partnership initiatives. The constituencies are:
  1. 1 representative from National TB Control Program,
  2. 1 representative from each Provincial TB Control Program,
  3. 1 representative from each region i.e., Azad Kashmir & FATA,
  4. 1 representatives from Civil Society,
  5. 1 representatives from Professional Organizations,
  6. 1 representatives from Academic Organizations,
  7. 1 representatives from Corporate Sector,
  8. 1 representatives from Business Group,
  9. 1 representatives from Elected representatives/Parliament,
  10. 1 representative from Activists Group,
  11. 1 representatives from Electronic & Print Media Group,
  12. 1 representatives from Celebrity Group,
  13. 1 representatives from Research Group,
  14. 1 representatives, one from each of WHO Pakistan, the World Bank and the GFATM.

**The Provincial/Regional Coordination Offices:** In the first phase of re-organization and expansion program, Provincial/Regional Coordinators has been deputed in four Provinces to establish offices and shall work in coordination with the secretariat of the Stop TB Pakistan. Provincial/Regional Coordinators for Gilgit & Biltistan, FATA & Azad Kashmir shall be deputed in the second phase of the re-organization and expansion program:

**The Coordination Committees:** The Partnership will get technical leadership for all technical and resource mobilization matters from two committees (a) Resource Mobilization Committee (b) Technical Committee. Following are the roles and responsibilities of these two committees:

**Resource Mobilization Committee**
- In coordination with Partnership Secretariat develop a Resource Mobilization plan at national level, get it approved by the Board
- Identify key sources of resources and mobilize them as per need and recommendations
- Help NTP liaise with highest political leadership and development partners at bi-lateral and multilateral levels and seek assistance for country and Partnership

**Technical committee**
- In coordination Partnership Secretariat provide strategic technical leadership including but not limited to identifying key challenges in DOTS implementation, consolidation, expansion & evaluation
- Reviewing and evaluating the implementation of Stop TB Strategy in Pakistan
- Identifying & prioritizing key challenges faced by TB control in Pakistan e.g. MDR, TB & HIV co-infection
Annex 2

Operational Plan for Stop TB Pakistan

The Stop TB Pakistan will have quarterly meetings with following objectives:

- Provide a leadership role and support high level advocacy, resource mobilization and political commitment expressed in terms of financial assistance and implementation to ensure meaningful impact on the quality of life of people suffering from TB
- Discuss and debate the structure of the partnership
- Generate political and practical support to TB care
- Raise awareness among target audience, including politician, business persons, civil societies and communities including patients
- Select the Coordinating Board members and Chair
- Select the Coordination Committees
- Select/designate the Secretariat
- Monitor challenges faced by NTP and partners and provide meaningful solutions to sustain TB efforts in Pakistan.