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The National, Regional and Global Partnership Team at the Stop TB Partnership is here to help you start your own national partnership by:

• providing guidance materials and tools;
• facilitating the partnering process at the country level;
• providing a platform for the exchange of good practices and lessons learned among national partnerships.

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### Why national partnerships?

National partnerships bring varied partners together to develop and implement shared action plans to tackle tuberculosis (TB). The partnering approach builds on the skills and competences of all partners, increases efficiency by avoiding duplication of efforts and waste of resources and uses partners’ reach to improve access to TB services.

### Why now?

The financial crisis, TB/HIV co-infection and the rise of drug-resistant TB are stretching the resources of national TB programmes around the world. This makes the case for forming national partnerships that optimize partners’ resources all the more compelling.

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The fight against TB must be EVERYBODY’s business: from the ministry of health to the smallest community-based organization; from the mega corporation to the smallest shop in the village; from the farmer in the field to the smallest child in nursery school who is the next potential victim of TB.

### Where to start?

The basic partnering process consists of three steps:

1. **Conduct a workshop to confirm a shared vision between all partners and map the resources that each partner can contribute**
2. **Develop a shared national TB plan which has clear roles and responsibilities for each partner based on their strengths**
3. **Mobilize resources and implement a shared national TB plan**

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1. **Improving service provision by involving civil society**
   - Partners of PTCC have implemented activities in 23 states this year. Activities include training of rural healthcare providers in TB and basic DOTS for the project.

2. **Giving a unified voice to non-state partners**
   - “The Farmer’s Union (10 million members) trained 80 volunteers in nine provinces and issued advocacy manuals for TB volunteers in the Philippines.”

3. **Raising awareness through partner networks**
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**Stop TB Afghanistan**

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“Thanks to the partnership, the national manager can focus on performing its core coordination role, while partners’ activities are streamlined through identification of areas of comparative advantage. The coordination of activities with the national TB strategic plan has been implemented and quarterly monitoring and evaluation meetings have been under taken. Through the partnership’s joint planning, additional resources have been secured, mainly from the Global Fund.”

**Swaziland Stop TB Partnership**

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“Participation in the Global Fund application led to securing of over 1 million US$ over five years for the partnership.”

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“Every year, fund-raising campaigns are organized during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan by Stop TB Afghanistan. Individuals or organizations give cash and in-kind donations. One year $11,500 in zakat (mandatory charity in Islam) and sadaqa (donations) were raised.”

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