Stop TB Partnership Cameroon

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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?

- A national NGO FIS (For Impacts In Social health) in partnership with 18 Cameroon Stop TB Partners; with the strong support of the NTP and WHO country office.
- 21 March 2013 during the Cameroonian TB week prior to the World TB Day.

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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<td>Low involvement of communities (NGOs/associations and former TB patients) resulting in inadequate support/complementarily to NTP activities.</td>
<td>Cameroon TB National Strategic Plan</td>
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<td>The non-visibility of patient organization and low capitalization of their initiatives.</td>
<td>Presence of many globally registered Stop TB Partners in Cameroon</td>
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<td>Weak coordination of TB associations.</td>
<td>Strong presence of AIDS services organization</td>
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<td>Poor access to suitable working tools including up-to-date guidelines produce by Stop TB Partnership and its partners.</td>
<td>The Global Fund Round 9 support</td>
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<td>Low media coverage of TB activities</td>
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<td>Lack of coverage of TB care activities in prisons</td>
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<td>Demand for TB diagnosis in most cases remains on medical doctor requirement.</td>
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National Stop TB Partnership partners

How many partners does the National Stop TB Partnership have? Who are they?

- Ministries:
  - Ministry of Public Health (NTP)

- Multilateral/bilateral governmental agencies:
  Ongoing negotiations:
  - WHO Country Office
  - Coopération Internationale Allemande GIZ-PGCSS
□ Nongovernmental organizations:
• FESADE
• FIS
• HORIZON FEMMES
• POSITIVE GENERATION

□ Professional associations/technical societies:
Ongoing negotiations:
• Cameroon Health Law and Medical Ethics Network (CHLMEN)
• ACASAP – Cameroon Association of Public Health
• SUDAHSER FOUNDATION
• Fondation Conseil Jeune (FCJ)
• Legal Advice Cameroon
• RECODH
• REDS
• Réseau Sida Paludisme et Tuberculose (RESIPAT)-
• Capacity for Leadership Excellence And Research, Inc.

□ Patient associations:
• CEAM
• AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Ongoing negotiations:
• Humanity First Cameroon
• Lady's Corporation
• CAMFAIDS
• CANEP NETWORK OF PLWHA
• AFASO
• AFSU EXTREME NORD

□ Faith-based organizations:
Ongoing negotiations:
• YES Cameroon
• APPEJ

□ Community-based organizations:
• ACADEHLIB
• ORISADE
• RAISEJEUNE
• CAMLAED
• RAJEDE
• SDI
• COLIBRI
• ASAD
• ADD

□ Private practitioners:
• Adele Reproductive Health Foundation

Ongoing negotiations:
• MBINGO BAPTIST HOSPITAL
• mutuelle de santé communautaire de Yaoundé III(MUSACYIII)

□ Media:
• Notre Sante
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?

☐ National TB Programme: Already established.

☐ WHO Country Office: Ongoing negotiations.

☐ WHO Regional Office: Planned for the future.

☐ WHO headquarters - Stop TB Partnership Secretariat: Ongoing negotiations.

☐ Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM): Ongoing negotiations.

☐ Others: Ministry of Public Health – Directorate of Cooperation

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:

Vision
A Cameroon free from Tuberculosis.

Mission
Contribute to Cameroon’s TB control efforts through a unified response from civil society and all other stakeholders, in line with NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS STRATEGIC PLAN.

Objectives
- To be a platform for coordination of agencies and stakeholders to contribute to the fight against TB, MDRTB and TB/HIV co-infection, and to share successes/ lessons/ constraints/ innovations, etc...
- Strengthen community-based TB sustainable activities.
- Mobilizing resources to support partner activities, and providing an interface with donors
- To provide accurate information about TB, MDRTB and TB/HIV co-infection, and the fight against them.
- To promote the emergence of TB/HIV advocates and champions among civil society organizations, the private sector, councils and renowned personalities
- To achieve and sustain the NTCP case finding and cure rate targets.

Reaching out to include the full range of potentially relevant organizations as members, in order to harness all available resources and move towards a self-sustaining movement for TB control in Cameroon.

☐ role and responsibilities of each partner:
- Letter of commitment.
Code of conduct.

**Governance structure of the National Stop TB Partnership**

Has the National Stop TB Partnership a governance structure?

- **plenary body where all partners are represented:**
  General assembly
  The General Assembly is the highest body of Stop TB Partnership Cameroon. It comprises all organizations and institutions working on TB in Cameroon, who signed the Letter of commitment and the code of conduct. It defines the general policy of Stop TB Partnership Cameroon. This body met annually and shall be convened by the Secretariat upon Core group recommendation. It discusses the issues submitted by the core group.

- **decision-making body:**
  Core Group:
  The Partnership’s Core Group comprises members from various partner organizations, and standing invitees include the representative of the National TB Control Program (NTCP), a World Health Organization (Cameroon) representative, GIZ and Technical Adviser. The Core Group will be the main advisory body for the partnership and projects undertaken by the partnership. It will provide necessary advisory services/guidelines for the partnership. The Core Group will meet quarterly or at any time felt necessary. The mandate of the Core Group will be five years, renewable, aligned to the duration of the national strategic plan.
  This group consists of six representatives including NTP, WHO country and others such as non-governmental organizations, the private sector, community-based organizations and religious organizations. Special conditions may, however, allow the group to expand or reduce its composition.

- **secretariat hosted by one of the partners OR independent legal entity:**
  Secretariat of Partnership:
  A Secretariat hosted by the Organization FIS (For Impacts In Social Health), provides technical, administrative and representation support to the Partnership. The Secretariat operates as a coordinating mechanism; works transparently and is currently accountable to the Core Group. It regularly interacts with government and other stakeholders. Its role is to support the Partnership towards the achievement of common objectives, and to facilitate, create synergies and add value to the work of others in the Global Partnership to Stop TB.

**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?

- **list of agreed activities:**
  Resource mapping is already being done.

- **operational plan including tasks, role of partners, planned costs, available resources, unmet needs:**
  This is in ongoing negotiation.

- **activities carried out by each partner:**
  This is in ongoing negotiation.

**Funding of the National Stop TB Partnership**

How is the National Stop TB Partnership funded? Is it able to mobilize funds?
ongoing negotiations:
PASC European Union
planned for the future:
TB REACH

Other relevant information
Please, add here any other relevant information which you might find of interest for the purpose of this questionnaire.
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? Please list below the indicators used to measure the outcome of the partnership and the status of monitoring and evaluation reports.

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Please attach any relevant document (monitoring and evaluation reports), if available.

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Governance structures were put in place for an interim period of two years, until the end of the national strategic plan. During this transitional period, the secretariat will seek to integrate the religious organizations and the private sector. From 2015, the governance (Core group and secretariat) structures will have a five years mandate.

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