Renewed effort to fight against tuberculosis among TB key populations groups in Mozambique

LOCATION 8 administrative posts in Chongoene and Chibuto Districts in Gaza Province.

TARGET POPULATION(S) 8000 direct beneficiaries: mineworkers and their families (cross-border mineworkers and ex-mineworkers), spouses of mineworkers and widows of mineworkers; people who use drugs (former and active drug users); immigrants and victims of natural disasters; people living with HIV (TB/HIV co-infected patients and HIV negative TB patients); prisoners & detainees

IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS
ADPP, National Tuberculosis Control Programme, The Ministry of Health, Provincial Directorate of Health, District Directorates of Health, Community Leaders, Health workers

ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROBLEM STATEMENT — The majority of key populations lack knowledge of TB related rights, inadequate awareness of laws and work policies including lack of proximity to courts of Laws. These greatly impact their access to justice. These barriers preclude many key populations whose rights have been violated from being able to access justice, TB treatment. Many women still need to get permission from their partners to access health services. Many women do not know that they are being abused. They think that this is a standard for women and girls to be treated.

AIM — To empower mineworkers, ex mineworkers and their communities to engage in the TB response in Mozambique.

OBJECTIVES

1. To empower mineworkers, ex mineworkers and their communities to address stigma that negatively impact access to the TB services in the districts of Chongoene and Chibuto Districts of Gaza province over the period 2020–2021.

2. To create demand for TB services and empower communities affected by TB to claim their rights in Chongoene and Chibuto Districts over the period 2020–2021.

3. To develop a sustainable linkage with human rights NGOs to provide legal aid and services to people with TB whose rights have been violated and cannot afford legal charges.

4. To lobby parliament and policy makers to initiate considerable law reforms and policies to address the wide-spread human rights and gender inequalities that negatively constrain TB key populations to seek treatment.

CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022. The project is contributing to the first three targets and commitments of the UN HLM that are committed to providing diagnosis and treatment to all people including TB key population this project is targeting. The targets are hinging on reaching all people by closing the gaps on TB diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN. The project is aligned with the Operational and Strategic Plan 2014–2018 of the National Tuberculosis Control Programme (PNCT) which aptly observes that “Progressive attention is to be focused on mineworkers, prisoners, immigrants, and victims of natural disasters, without neglecting women and children as disadvantaged groups. The project is further in line with the Operational and Strategic Plan 2014–2018 which hinges around Universal Fundamental Rights, Access to free TB Heath services, as enshrined in the National Health Policy. (It must be borne in mind that PNCT is still using this plan as the government is still waiting for results of the on-going first-ever National Prevalence of TB survey).
ABOUT AMIMO

AMIMO is a mineworkers based Civil Society Organization (CSO) who’s mission is to safeguard the social, labour and health rights of active and ex mineworkers, their families and communities affected by migration. The vision is to facilitate access to essential social, health and labour services by active and ex-mineworkers, their families and communities affected by migration.