Ensuring the voices of TB-affected communities influence the TB and health agenda

LOCATION Cameroon, India, Indonesia and Peru
TARGET POPULATION(S) TB affected Community, Lawyers, Human Rights Activists, Key populations
IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS TB affected community networks in Cameroon, India, Indonesia and Peru, and The International Union to Fight Tuberculosis and Lung Disease

ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROBLEM STATEMENT — At the core of a human rights-based response to TB is the principle “nothing about us without us.” There is the need to strengthen capacity and build expertise around the law, human rights and public health aspects of the epidemic, to equip lawyers and people affected by TB to contribute to the fight against the disease in their countries and communities, and as leaders on the global stage. Most countries’ TB policy guidelines are not explicitly human rights-based ones. Stigma and inadequate care and support services continues to be a barrier for access to treatment and care in rights based TB response.

AIM — To ensure that the voices of TB-affected communities influence the global TB and health agenda, with a particular focus on India, Indonesia, Peru and Cameroon.

OBJECTIVES
To strengthen capacity and build expertise among lawyers, TB community leaders and activists on rights-based response.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS

CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022. The project will contribute to reaching UNHLM target 7 – promote and support an end to stigma and all forms of discrimination – including by removing discriminatory laws, policies and programmes against people with tuberculosis, and through the protection and promotion of human rights and dignity. The project will work with the TB affected community networks in Cameroon, India, Indonesia and Peru to develop an advocacy strategy. The advocacy strategy will have a clear path to engage the NTP in order to bring a change at the policy level in adopting the HR policy and guidelines for a people centered TB response at country level.

ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN. The national priorities in all the project countries is to promote and transform the TB response to be equitable, rights based and people centered. In align to this, the project will work with the affected community and the lawyer’s community on identifying the priority human rights issues and will develop the roadmap and advocacy plan for change. Detailed advocacy planning will be made to achieve a desirable change for a people centered and a rights-based approach at country level.

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ABOUT GCTA

The Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA) is a coalition of TB affected individuals bringing the lived experience of TB to the global platforms towards a people-centered rights-based response to TB. GCTA endeavors to bridge the gap between civil society organizations and other stakeholders, while ensuring that community is involved in all TB processes.