International Meeting on Implementation Support to Scale-up National Programs to Remove Human rights-related Barriers to HIV, TB and Malaria Services

11 June 2019, Durban, South Africa - Globally, there are intensified efforts to identify human rights and gender-related access barriers and integrate human rights programs into the tuberculosis (TB) response.

At an international event organized in South Africa by The Global Fund and co-hosted by South African National AIDS Council and The Stop TB Partnership. Viorel Soltan, Head our Country and Community Support for Impact, Stop TB, moderated a panel discussion on how partners can accelerate the integration of people-centered TB human rights into global TB and malaria programs.

The panel consisted of TB survivors, the Civil Society for Malaria Elimination, experts and The Global Fund implementers, with another 65 individuals from the TB, HIV and malaria sectors and government in the audience also taking part in productive Q&A and discussion. Consequently, new developments, opportunities, challenges and needs were discussed regarding implementation support of Global Fund TB programs, given the changing funding and political landscape.

Effective strategies to improve technical assistance through accessing better country and regional expertise, training and capacity building, mentoring, and the alignment of actions to overcome human rights related barriers to TB services were identified. The Stop TB Partnership spearheads global community, rights and gender (CRG) activities and we were pleased and encouraged to see the passion, energy and commitment to CRG exhibited by all the people attending.