Fighting TB in the Kingdom of Cambodia

Given 13,000 Cambodians die of TB annually and around 60% of Cambodians carry the TB bacterium, maintaining detection and cure rates remain a priority. In June, the Kingdom of Cambodia held a TB Joint Program Review (JPR). The Stop TB Partnership engaged in the review and contributed technical input for the recommendations including on finding missing people with TB and overcoming barriers to access. The review included all major donors, technical agencies and partners to discuss progress and challenges in the TB response.

The JPR culminated with a day long dissemination workshop featuring representatives from the 24 provinces, and the respective districts and communes from those provinces, from across the country. Additionally, the following subjects were discussed:

- scaling up active case finding,
- scaling up access to high quality diagnostics,
- scaling up community-based service delivery,
- the need for ensuring tailored services,
- advocacy for mobile and migrant populations, PLHIV, prisoners and urban poor

During the review, TB REACH supported active case finding was profiled, Global Drug Facility support was acknowledged and the Community, Rights & Gender Assessment supported by The Stop TB Partnership was an important reference for discussions and JPR recommendations. The Steering Committee for Cambodia’s first TB Survivor Network, that emerged with the support of Stop TB Partnership and KHANA, participated in the dissemination workshop event – a first for Cambodia.