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Canada

Stop TB Canada hosted its first [webinar](#) on 12 August 2020 on *Exploring the impact of COVID-19 on TB*. Participants in the webinar discussed the launch of the Global Fund Results Report, the results of a global survey led by civil society organizations and affected communities, the status of TB programs in Canada, and Canada's upcoming Global Health conference.

STP Canada is seeking new members for its Steering Committee. Expressions of interest may be submitted [here](#). STP. If interested, please contact: hello@stoptbcanada.com.

Côte D'Ivoire

Stop TB Côte d'Ivoire trained and on-boarded 15 new TB Ambassadors on 28 September 2020. With a video address from the Stop TB Partnership Executive Director, Dr. Lucica Ditiu, a high-level nomination ceremony to welcome the new TB Ambassadors took place on 30 September, with 100 guests in attendance, including representatives of the Ministries of Health, Justice, and Economic Development, the National TB Program, and international organizations.

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Democratic Republic of the Congo

On 1 September 2020, the Stop TB coordination committee in Kinshasa, together with Dr. Michel Kaswa, National Program Director, met with representatives of the Office of the President to discuss the National TB Champions Action Plan. During the meeting with Dr. Frida Dienda Nkambi, TB Special Advisor to the President, and her colleague Mr. Pappy Bonkafo, they also discussed national progress on implementation of the UN HLM political declaration & targets. Stop TB DRC was also featured on national television in a piece about the work of national TB Champions.



Ghana

In Ghana, Stop TB Ghana held a TB screening campaign in partnership with the Community Outreach Alliance, Golden Joy Foundation, and the Tema New Town District Health Directorate. Community workers and volunteers went house to house in densely populated Chorkor to screen people for COVID-19 and tuberculosis.



Indonesia

Stop TB Partnership Indonesia welcomed [Dr. Tirta Hudhi](#) as the new national TB Ambassador. Following advocacy by Stop TB Indonesia and partners, Indonesia the government significantly increased the national TB budget for 2021 from 857 billion to 2.8 trillion rupiah. The team met with G20 Sherpas to discuss the call for Indonesia's leadership to put tuberculosis on the agenda of the November G20 meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Stop TB Indonesia also ran a baseline survey in Sumenep and West Lombok, assessing perceptions of TB among district government officials from non-health sectors. In follow-up, the team will be to build engagement and work with them to improve social determinants of tuberculosis, such as housing, nutrition, and welfare.

Italy

The 5x1000 fundraising campaign by Stop TB Italia has come to a close, with significant donations and contributions by a wide range of supporters. The team also published new scientific research, [*Advantages and Challenges of Tailored Regimens for Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: A Stop TB Italia Look into the Future.*](#)



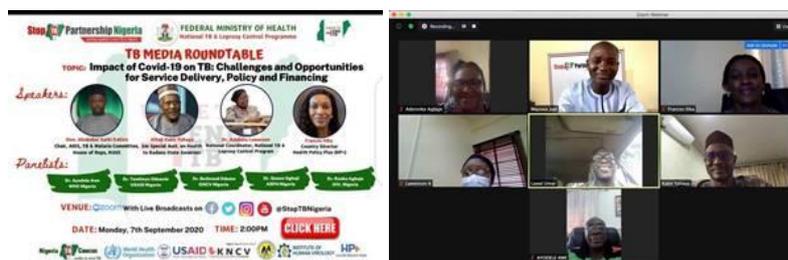
Mozambique

Stop TB Mozambique launched a national TB awareness campaign that will run until December 2020. In several cities across the country, TB posters will be displayed on buses and taxis, as well as on billboards on the land borders of Maputo City & Province, Gaza, Inhambane, Manica, Sofala, Nampula, Niassa, and Cabo Delgado.



Nigeria

Stop TB Nigeria held an online media roundtable to discuss tuberculosis in the context of COVID-19 with high-level engagement from key national figures in public health and disease control. COVID-19 presents both challenges and opportunities for service delivery, funding, and policy. Speakers included Dr. Adebola Lawanson, National Coordinator of the National TB & Leprosy Control Program, Mr. Alhaji Kabir Yahaya, Senior Assistant on Health to the Kaduna State Governor, and Hon. Abubabkar Dahiru Sarki, Chairman of the National AIDS, TB & Malaria Committee.



Pakistan

On 25 September 2020, Stop TB Pakistan held a meeting with Dr. Azra Pechuho, Sindh Minister of Health, to discuss next steps on the multisectoral accountability framework and foster ongoing dialogue towards the launch of a Parliamentary TB Caucus in the Sindh province. Parliamentarians have committed to work with patient-led community groups and to guarantee their rights to access to TB care services.



Artificial Intelligence Used for COVID-19 and TB Screening in Pakistan

The Stop TB Partnership initiated the use of an artificial intelligence (AI) technology for screening and triaging people with COVID-19 and TB-related symptoms in Pakistan. The research project is being carried out at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad by the DOPASI Foundation with funding support from TB REACH. FujiFilm have donated the digital X-ray equipment required for this project. [Read more](#)



Tajikistan

On 17 September 2020, Stop TB Tajikistan held a high-level meeting with religious leaders to strengthen their cooperation and engagement in the fight against infectious diseases, specifically TB and COVID-19. The meeting received national media [coverage](#). On 23 September 2020, the team held additional meetings with religious committees in the cities of Tursunzoda, Hisor, and Varzob.

