The Global Fund's Strategic Initiative
To Find the Missing People with TB
THE NEWSLETTER
to share countries' latest experiences and practices in TB case finding

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WELCOME TO 2020!

The last quarter of 2019 was very busy for the Strategic Initiative. From the incredibly successful Global Fund replenishment conference in Lyon to the Union Lung Conference in Hyderabad, engaging heads of state on TB in Pakistan and Indonesia, and tracking results in countries, we have been ensuring that patient-focused community-driven TB responses receive sufficient funding and support at global and local level.

In 2020, as countries prepare their national strategic plans and gear up for the next round of funding, we are looking forward to supporting our partners on the ground and working with the Global Fund on laying out the path to the future of the Strategic Initiative.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE WORK SHOWS UNPRECEDENTED RESULTS

The Strategic Initiative (SI) focuses on finding the missing people with TB. The 13 high TB or DR-TB burden countries, receiving this investment, account for 75% of all people with drug-susceptible (DS)-TB and 55% of all people with drug-resistant (DR)-TB who are missed globally (baseline: end of 2015).

In October 2019, WHO published the Global TB Report containing the latest TB data for 2018. As shown in Figure 1, by the end of 2018, the 13 High Burden countries

supported by the SI have reduced their missing cases by 32% compared to 2015. The remaining 15 High Burden countries that were eligible for Global Fund funding between 2015-2028, but were not included within the SI reduced their missing cases by mere 8%. This intermediate result speaks in favor of a wider support to specific interventions aimed to ensure that all people with TB are identified and receive adequate treatment.

To learn more about the latest available TB data in countries supported by the SI you can visit **this link.**

For other countries, readers are invited to check the **Stop TB main webpage** and click on one of the provided buttons to access **country specific information** or a large collection of **interactive maps** covering many diverse aspects of the TB situation.

Figure 1

IRD training on 4 Field Guides to find the missing people with TB

In December 2019, Interactive Research & Development (IRD) Nigeria held a workshop on behalf of the Stop TB Partnership. It brought together the Nigerian STP, State TB program managers from all around Nigeria, TB supervisors from across Lagos State, key personnel in the Lagos State TB control program and key players in TB control from the NGO and private sector communities. This event was used to launch the **Stop TB Parternship Field Guides** for active case finding, specifically 4 out of the 11, that harmonised with the needs of Lagos and the Country. **Read more**

Capacity building exercise for WHO national offices in 29 high burden countries on TB ENGAGE concepts and how they can be linked with community rights and gender concepts

As part of the **Strategic Initiative for finding the missing people**, The Stop TB Partnership, Country and Community Support Programme collaborated with the WHO Global TB Programme and International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO) to design and roll-out a blended training on ENGAGE-TB, targeting relevant WHO staff in **29 TB high burden countries**. The Stop TB Partnership facilitated a session to ensure linkage of the TB ENGAGE to CRG in the training content. The aim of the session was to enhance WHO country level knowledge the benefits of conducting Community, Rights and Gender assessments and on the relationship between the right to health and TB responses and significance of the right to health in the context of the End TB 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goal 3.3 and related processes and declarations.

Stop TB launches Stigma Assessment Tool

The Stop TB Partnership TB Stigma Assessment will allow countries to assess to the extent to which and how TB stigma acts as a barrier to both accessing and providing services, and to develop costed action plans to address TB stigma so that quality TB services are available, accessible and acceptable to all. **Read more**

Challenge Facility Call for Proposals

This year's call for proposals, in alignment with the United Nations Political Declaration on TB and the Global Plan to End TB, was to augment and embed community, rights and gender for an equitable TB response. Call for proposals ended February 3rd, 2020 and collected 936 online applications, among which 252 are eligible for review. **Read more**

Community-based monitoring of the TB response in Indonesia, Mozambique and Ukraine; enhancing the meaningful engagement of affected communities in the TB response

Driven by community participation, needs and local information Indonesia, Mozambique and Ukraine designed community-based monitoring (CBM) interventions to increase accountability in the TB response. With support from community-based organizations and national TB programs affected TB communities are monitoring the availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of TB services using OneImpact digital solutions. In 2017, the Stop TB Partnership developed OneImpact, digital solutions to facilitate the implementation of CBM interventions. The tool is being used by national TB Programs and community-based organizations to monitor (in real time), and overcome, the human rights barriers that are undermining efforts to end TB. OneImpact is powered by Dure Technologies. **Read more**

Eswatini end-term review of the TB Programme, and targeted assessments of the HTS, PMTCT and STI Programme, 10th to 25th October 2019

Stop TB Partnership provided on site TA during the Eswatini End of term Review to the TB Programme. The TA included assessing existing health system (supply chain, strategic information systems (M&E, HMIS, Surveillance & research), laboratory, health workforce and community systems) capacities and challenges in implementing priority interventions and evaluating the arrangements and mechanisms for ensuring the engagement and participation of key stakeholders, government sectors including NGOs/civil society organizational and affected communities in planning, implementation and accountability. Stop TB Partnership provided recommendations to improve the programme's performance and/or redefine the programme's strategic direction and focus to be inclusive, people centered and human rights- and gender-based.

Strategic Initiative Partners at the Union Lung Conference in Hyderabad, India

Strategic Initiative partners held multiple events and workshops at the Union Lung Conference in Hyderabad. All focused on disseminating the results of our work in implementing human rights and gender assessments and convening partners around sharing the lessons learnt in implementing the strategic initiative and how to improve on our work in the future.

Read about events **here** and find out more about Stop TB Partnership and partner events in an interactive story **here**.

Building regional capacity on integrating community rights and gender in TB programming

Through trainings and workshops in Côte d'Ivoire, Georgia and Kenya, strategic initiative partners are expanding the net of stakeholders capable of addressing human rights and gender barriers to accessing TB services. In Côte d'Ivoire, a local partner – Alliance Côte d'Ivoire – supported a regional workshop on monitoring barriers to access for representatives from Benin, Cameroon and Niger. In Georgia, collaboration between Stop TB Partnership, regional TB REP 2.0 project and Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network brought a training on community rights and gender issues for representatives from Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. And in Kenya, local human rights leader KELIN gathered law enforcement officers and health workers from Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia to strategize and discuss how legal and structural barrier to care propagate the spread of TB and prevent vulnerable populations from accessing life saving diagnostic and treatment services.

Read more about these regional events **here**.

Pakistan: Virtual Hackathon aims to develop novel approaches for TB burden prediction

KIT Royal Tropical Institute hosted a TB Hackathon together with Pakistan's National TB Control Program and Stop TB Partnership. **Read more**

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

Nigeria: Janna Health Foundation screens for TB amongst football fans in Sardauna
Given the limited availability of TB services in Sardauna, JHF funded a football tournament, during which they actively screened for TB amongst spectators. **Read More**

Kenya: Population Services Kenya implements PPM strategy for early TB diagnosis
The project aims to engage and build capacity of health providers to participate in TB case-detection through screening and linkage to diagnosis. **Read more**

South Africa: University Research Co./USAID diagnose over 3 thousand patients with TB using facility-based screening strategy
Through the FAST approach, all patients and visitors in participating hospitals are screened for TB in both in- and out-patient departments. **Read more**

Ukraine: Public Health Center implements online TB screening tool
This tool consists of a 13-question survey to determine risk of TB and instructs the user to visit a doctor for further TB evaluation. **Read more**

Tanzania: AIGHD evaluates implementing TB screening in universal HIV test and treat model of care

The primary study objective is to investigate the effectiveness of incorporating TB case finding into an HIV test and treat approach in increasing TB case notification. **Read more**

DRC: HPP-Congo develops targeted active case-finding model to detect TB in hot spots

The main issues addressed by the project were the high number of unidentified TB cases and the stigmatization of TB amongst communities in Ruashi. **Read more**

Philippines: TB Platforms project implements strategy to reduce spread of TB

FAST is a novel infection control strategy that aims to reduce the spread of TB through early diagnosis. **Read more**

Philippines: USAID/TB Innovations engages hospital networks to notify privately managed TB cases

ENHANCE is a multi-disciplinary model that aims to strengthen tertiary hospital systems in delivering quality and patient-centered TB services. **Read more**

LEARNING RESOURCES

All eleven Stop TB Partnership guides are now available on the platform along with the special e-learning page, where contents of each guide can be reviewed online. Spend some time familiarizing yourself with best practices in TB case finding **here**.

GET INVOLVED

Let us know of your success stories or challenges in TB case finding! Your work can soon feature on the Strategic Initiative **online platform** and in our newsletter! Contact us at: **MissingpeoplewithTB@stoptb.org**

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