Dear Reader,

Welcome to our first edition of the newsletter on the progress and results achieved in the priority countries of the Global Fund’s Strategic Initiative to Find the Missing People with TB. Together with the World Health Organization (WHO), Stop TB Partnership is an implementing partner of this Strategic Initiative through which 13 countries are supported to achieve the ambitious joint goal of finding an additional 1.5 million people with TB by the end of 2019. This newsletter is specifically dedicated to latest progress made in the 13 priority countries of the Strategic Initiative and will be issued quarterly. The audience is intended to be TB disease control programmes, program implementers, technical agencies, communities, and other partners engaged in TB case finding efforts.

Our newsletter will provide you with some of the latest success stories in the field as well as important events not to be missed. For more information, please visit our Strategic Initiative online platform.

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD
November 2018

Kenya: Street dance competition provides opportunity to screen youths for TB
The annual street dance competition, organized by Stop TB Partnership–Kenya and the AIDS Health Care Foundation (AHF), engages youths from slums in Nairobi and uses the occasion to provide access to a wide range of health services and information. Read more

India: Ashakalp Healthcare Association screens Tribal Groups for TB with the help of Community Health Workers (CHWs)
Ashakalp provided the last mile between availability and accessibility through its CHWs to connect people to the diagnostics and treatment infrastructure to ensure increased TB case notification. Read more
Pakistan: Provincial TB Control Program and Lady Health Workers Program collaborate to find the missing people with TB
Coordination between the Lady Health Workers Program and Provincial TB Control Program has been established for the first time ever to systematically increase TB case notification on a large scale. Read more

Nigeria: Janna Health Foundation conducts active screening for TB among internally displaced persons in Numan
Authorities and organizations in the area have recognized the prompt response of JHF to the health needs of internally displaced persons. Read more

Philippines: National TB Control Program conducts TB mass screening among persons deprived of liberty
TB mass screenings were conducted in jails in different provinces of Central Luzon Region. All persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) and jail personnel underwent chest x-ray and symptom screening. Read more

India: PPM approach in Chennai increases case notification in private sector
The TB Free Chennai Initiative aims to engage the private health care sector through the establishment of 44 Nodal Centers for TB referral and treatment. Read more

Congo: 65 Community Health Workers conduct door-to-door TB screening in mining area
Humana People to People–Congo, with the help of 65 community health workers, conducted door-to-door searches for the missing people with TB in the Ruashi mining area. Read more

Tanzania: Community outreach approach in Shinyanga region increases case notification
Community Health Workers and Peer Educators who are trained on TB education, TB screening services and linkage to TB treatment support this case finding intervention. Read more

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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

27-28 November 2018
Global Fund Executive Meeting of TB Programs in High Impact Asia. New Delhi, India

LATEST AND UPCOMING EVENTS
Get informed about important TB case finding meetings worldwide!