Tanzania Leads by Example:
Workshop on Quality Improvement in Facility Based Screening

31 May 2019, Tanzania - Since 2017, when The Strategic Initiative to Find the Missing People with TB was launched through an agreement between The Global Fund, The Stop TB Partnership, and WHO, 13 countries have stepped up efforts to collectively find 1.5 million people missed by routine health programs.

Tanzania – one of the 13 countries – zeroed in on improving quality of facility-based screening. In two and a half years, the country's Quality Improvement (QI) initiative resulted into a 22 percent increase in notifications. This achievement is even more so impressive, when considering that prior to this, notifications in Tanzania have either plateaued or were in decline.

To share this experience with colleagues from the region, Tanzania’s National TB and Leprosy Programme with support from Global Fund, Stop TB Partnership and WHO organized a workshop 27-31 May 2019.

Representatives from Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, DR Congo, Burkina Faso, South Africa, and Mozambique attended to learn through interactive presentations and site visits. The workshop engaged participants in active discussions around what strengthening case finding, sample transport and improving lab capacity can look like at facility level and in the community.

Workshop attendees also conducted two days of site visits – learning from facility staff in Dar-es-Salaam and from non-governmental and community/TB survivor-driven organizations about their work. Building on the momentum of the workshop, Stop TB Partnership will continue providing support to countries that have gained insight in QI approaches.