Update from the chair and vice-chair

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Annual meeting of the Child and Adolescent TB Working Group
Virtual meeting, 29 November 2022
Outline

• Activities in 2022
• Dissemination of new guidance
• Programme reviews
• Union Conference
• Publications and materials
• Core team updates
• Planned activities for the next year
• Acknowledgements
Activities in 2022

• Annual meeting of Global Fund Strategic Initiative to find the missing people with TB (February 2022)
• Capacity building on TB management in children and adolescents
  • Ghana (Anthony Enimil)
  • Brazil (Betina Mendez Alcântara Gabardo)
  • Mongolia (with national policy update, Steve Graham)
• 1/4/6 x 24 campaign (Lindsay McKenna)
• End TB summit, 7-8 November (HBCs, WHO, partners, funders)
• Kenya lung conference, 23-25 November (Lisa Obimbo)
• Sharing of new publications, papers and other interesting information with members

https://www.treatmentactiongroup.org/1-4-6-x-24/
Activities in 2022 and dissemination of new guidance

- Annual meeting of the Working Group – virtual, 30 November 2021 – recordings, report and presentations available on WG pages of Stop TB website
- STAG TB: Moorine Sekadde (member), June 2022
- Various dissemination events on the new guidelines and handbook at global and regional level with involvement of working group members (see box on the right)

Global dissemination events:
- UN press conference (launch)
- WFPI/ISR/WHO scientific symposium
- Global Fund consultands training
- ECHO webinar TB/HIV
- Global Fund Brown Bag
- IMPAACT network annual meeting
- Vatican Rome5 monitoring webinar
- Post-graduate course: Ending the TB pandemic with innovative and updated WHO TB recommendations
- Post-graduate course: New WHO operational guidance on the management of TB in children and adolescents: a game changer to save young lives
- Union symposia, sessions, abstracts
- Vatican Rome5 reporting webinar
- TB-Speed reconstitution symposium Mozambique

Regional dissemination events:
- AFR: Southern African Centre of Excellence webinar; Regional consultation on the management of TB in children and adolescents
- AMR/PAHO World TB Day event
- EMR RGLC webinar
- EURO: Wolfhese meeting; Virtual Medical Consilium (2 sessions); Riga Collaborating Centre webinar
- SEAR: Natcon pre-conference India; SEARO webinar on new guidance; 4th International TB Indonesia meeting
- WPR: Centre of Research Excellence in Tuberculosis Control T(B-CRE) regional event; WPRO in-health webinar; WPR Regional Child and Adolescent TB meeting; Cambodia national TB Speed restitution meeting

Over 4000 people reached!
Programme reviews

• Programme reviews with child and adolescent TB component
  – Kenya, March 2022 (Monde Muyoyeta, Sabine Verkuijl, Lisa Obimbo, Jacquie Oliwa)
  – Afghanistan, September 2022 (Farhana Amanullah)
  – DRC, October 2022 (Ramatoulaye Sall)
  – Bangladesh, October 2022 (Shakil Ahmed)
  – Chad, November 2022 (Ramatoulaye Sall)
  – CAR, November 2022 (Jean-Voisin Taguebue)
  – Pakistan, November 2022 (Shakil Ahmed)
  – Lesotho, November-December 2022 (Moorine Sekadde)
  – Indonesia, December (Steve Graham)
Union conference 2022

Sessions on TB in children and adolescents at the Union conference (not an exhaustive list!)

- **Post-graduate course**: New WHO operational guidance on the management of TB in children and adolescents: a gamechanger to save young lives
- **Symposia**: Stool-based diagnostics; Child contact management; Updated WHO guidance on the management of TB in children and adolescents; Use of diagnostic algorithms to improve tuberculosis diagnosis in children
- **Meet the expert**: Challenges in diagnosis and management of children and adolescents with TB
- **Special session**: Maternal TB: Current status, research gaps and way forward
- **Satellite session**: Treatment of pediatric drug resistant tuberculosis: enabling and optimising accessible care for all children and adolescents
- **Oral abstracts**: new WHO guidance, various abstracts on findings from TB-Speed, CaP-TB and Benefit-kids projects and many others
- **ePosters**: many interesting posters from CAWG members around the world
Publications and materials by working group members

- https://atlaschild.theunion.org/
- Practical manual of processing sputum samples for diagnosis of childhood TB
- https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240042650
- https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1412692/retrieve
- https://www.mdpi.com/journal/pathogens/special-issues/Tuberculosis_Children_Adolescents
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Core team

• Changes in membership
  • Ruslan Malyuta (UNICEF) taking over from Nande Putta
• Core team calls: March, August & November 2022 & written updates throughout the year
• Chair and vice-chair to continue leading the working group to ensure continuity in the lead-up to the second High-Level Meeting on TB in 2023
• 2023: Selection process
  • to identify a new chair and vice-chair
  • some other core team members will be up for rotation
Planned activities for 2022-23

- Further dissemination of module 5 guidelines and operational handbook; exploring options for other regional consultations
- Development of training materials (2022/2023)
- Follow-up to PADO TB 1 and virtual review (PADO-TB2) (quarter 1 or 2 2023)
- High-Level Dialogue on paediatric HIV and Paediatric TB in children living with HIV hosted by the Vatican (Rome6), December 2022
- Updating of the 2018 Roadmap in preparation for the UNGA HLM on TB (work to start in January 2023)
- Programme reviews, support to NSP development, funding applications

- Renewal of Chair and vice-chair as well as core team members who have served for 2 terms
- Continue to highlight challenges and opportunities in all relevant fora
- Promote research and development
- Continue to organize annual meetings of the Child and Adolescent TB working group with regional engagement of all relevant stakeholders
- Assist countries to move from projects to programmatic approaches for sustainability
- Explore modern options for membership management
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