

Pakistan

Community, Rights and Gender Country Profile

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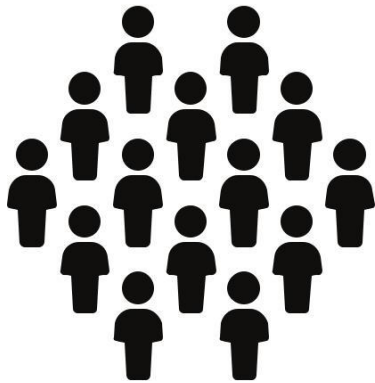


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231 million people (2021)

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**High TB and MDR-
RR Burden Country**



High Impact Asia

UNHLM Targets



Resource Needs (2022)
714.11 million (USD)

Available TB Funding 2020 (USD)

Domestic: 3.3 million

International (Excluding Global Fund): 0.0million

Global Fund: 40.9million

Funding Needs: 157.9million



Diagnosis and Treatment Targets (2020)

TB Target: 498,100

% Target Achieved:56



Prevention Therapy (2022)

Total PT Targets: 618,850

*Please note that this will be updated in October after 2023 UNHLM on TB
Source: [Stop TB Partnership Dashboard](#)

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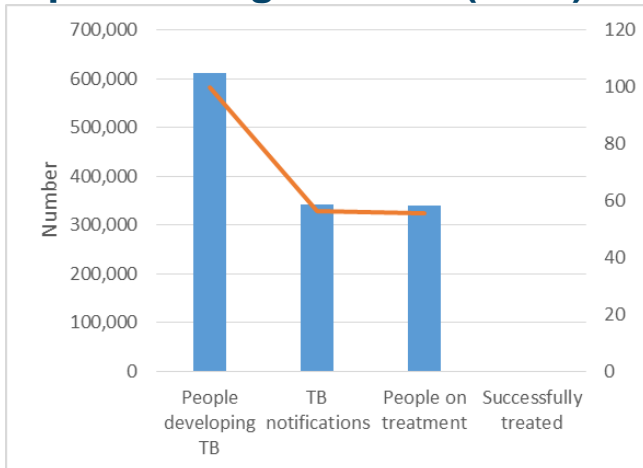


National Strategic Plan and Funding Opportunities

- Next National Strategic Plan Development: **2023**
- Next Global Fund funding request (proposal development): **2023**

TB Situation

Epidemiological Data (2021)¹



Major Gaps in TB Prevention and Care

- 271,744 Missing people with TB (36,129 were children)
- 50,000 people died because of TB
- 2,300 Laboratory confirmed people with MDR/RR-TB (WHO data, 2021)

Acceptability issues include harassment and denial of services for trans persons, discriminatory and abusive attitudes of HCWs in public and private clinics, lack of gender sensitive health services, no gender training for HCWs, long wait times, lack of privacy and confidentiality at health facilities including physical infrastructure and operational procedures (“common counters” for people with TB). Also, no law or policy recognise and protects privacy and confidentiality of people with TB.

Discrimination issues: There is no legal prohibition of TB discrimination and no formal mechanism to combat stigma discrimination in NSP. HCWs in public and private clinics have discriminatory and abusive attitudes.

There is no legal or policy prohibition of gender discrimination in healthcare. Self-stigma, stigma and discrimination from the community discourages and impedes the use of services.

Freedoms: laws criminalizing same sex relations and other sexual activity impede access to TB & HIV services. Also, there is lack of privacy and confidentiality at health facilities, including physical infrastructure and operational procedures. There are no law or policy that recognize or protects privacy and confidentiality of people with TB

Gender: gender and age disaggregated data is unavailable at national level. There is Low knowledge of TB among trans persons. Law prohibits discrimination and denial or unfair treatment in healthcare for trans persons, but harassment and denial of services is common for trans persons. Fear and stigma has greater impact on women causing socio-economic harm. There is also a lack of gender sensitive HCWs & health services, no gender training for HCWs and no legal or policy prohibition of gender discrimination in healthcare.

Key and Vulnerable Populations: are PLHIV, including TB/HIV coinfection, MSM and trans persons. Disaggregated data is unavailable for key populations at national level. Also, NSP doesn't define key population. NTP doesn't have a strategy that recognise or prioritizes key populations (HIV program does). **Participation:** there are some engagements with key populations but not reflected in services. Communities not aware of formal mechanism for participation in national planning for TB. There is a TB representative on GF CCM but does not influence decision making for resource allocation or prioritization of gender and rights-based interventions or drugs and medical supplies.

Remedies and Accountability: there is no formal mechanism to combat stigma in NSP, no access to justice or monitoring mechanism for rights violations in healthcare settings, no constitutional or statutory mechanism for protection of human rights. There is lack of legal remedies for people with TB and accountability mechanisms

Source: HHR: Health and Human Rights Journal: Building the Evidence for a Rights-Based, People-Centered, Gender-Transformative Tuberculosis Response: An Analysis of the Stop TB Partnership Community, Rights, and Gender Tuberculosis Assessment

Community, Rights and Gender Data

The CRG assessment showed the following:

Accessibility Barriers: There is no law or policy for healthcare access. Laws criminalizing same sex relations and other sexual activity impede access to TB & HIV services. Law doesn't ensure safe, respectful, dignified treatment of key populations in healthcare. Access to TB services is hindered by long wait times, cost of initial tests and travels to clinic and limited clinic hours.

Quality issues: law doesn't ensure safe, respectful, dignified treatment of key populations in healthcare, stigmatizing and discriminatory attitudes among HCWs, instances of improper diagnosis, poor infection control at health facilities, poor responsiveness, long wait times, lack of trust between patient and provider.

¹Source: [Stop TB Partnership Interactive Map Dashboard](#)

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Community Engagement and Representation

Active National Stop TB Partnership

- **Yes**

National Network of People Affected by TB

- **TBpeople Pakistan and Pakistan Anti TB Association**

TB Network/Community represented on CCM

- **Yes**

National High-Level Engagement with Parliamentarians

- **Yes**

Celebrities Engagement in TB Response

- **Yes**

Challenge Facility for Civil Society Round 10 Regional Partners

- **APCASO**

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Partners

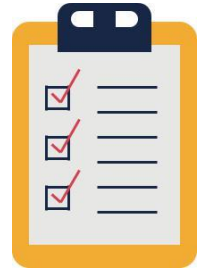
- **APCASO**

Global Network:

- **Lean on Me Foundation**



Community, Rights and Gender



• **CRG Assessment Complete**



• **Costed CRG Action Plan**



• **TB Stigma Assessment Conducted**

◦ **No**



◦ **TB Stigma Elimination Plan Available**

◦ **No**



◦ **Community-led Monitoring Mechanism in place**



◦ **Legal and Human Rights Scorecard Assessment**

◦ **No**



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CFCS Round 10 Grantees

Association of People Living with HIV (APLHIV Pakistan)

Global Fund Sub Recipient

Project Location: National Level

Timeline: November 2021 - November 2022

Objectives

- To ensure the right level of advocacy and engagement of National Stakeholders in monitoring and ensuring that the UNHLM 2022 targets are achieved.
- To contribute towards the National TB program recovery from COVID-19 to meet the UNHLM 2022 targets.
- To transform the TB response to be rights-based, gender-transformative and people-centered.

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CFCS Round 10 Grantees

Association for Social Development

Global Fund NFM3 Sub Recipient

Project Location: Punjab Province

Timeline: November 2021 - November 2022

Objectives

- To prepare for Implementation of DR-TB Survivors Engagement
- To implement and monitor DR-TB survivor engagement intervention at 10 PMDT sites
- To design and conduct method-mix evaluation of the TB Survivor engagement.

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CFCS Round 10 Grantees

Dopasi Foundation

Project Location: Pakistan and Afghanistan

Timeline: January 2022 - January 2023

Objectives:

- To support Pakistan in furthering their TB-UNHLM commitments and reaching the UNHLM TB interim 2022 targets and commitments.
- To ensure that TB & COVID-19 affected communities and civil society are working in tandem with sensitized, strengthened, and capacitated legal and mental health professional societies, advocating for provision of all dimensions of TB care and support as a matter of right, and for recovery efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID on the TB Response.
- To adapt and scale up OneImpact platform available to the people affected by TB/COVID19 to access mental health and peer support alongside legal support when and where required.
- To document CRG best practices and lessons learnt

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CFCS Round 11 Grantees

Dopasi Foundation

Project Location: Pakistan and Afghanistan

Timeline: March 2023 – March 2024

Aim:

- To engage and empower communities and key stakeholders through an enhanced CLM platform established and supported through legislation for the rights of people affected by TB and thereby generating data for accountability and advocating for a demand-driven, community-led, rights-based and gender-transformative TB response in Pakistan.

Objectives

- To engage and empower communities in all aspects of TB response catalyzed by OneImpact community-led monitoring platform with support through eTB mobile application and eTB helpline
- To advocate and build partnerships at all levels with meaningful engagement of affected communities in TB-related decision making.
- To document the best Community, Rights and gender practices and lessons learnt and test the application and efficacy in the context of Pakistan.
- To support the National/Provincial Programs, Pakistan in furthering UN-HLM 2022 targets and commitment and support preparations for the next UN-HLM scheduled for 2023

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CFCS Round 11 Grantees

TB People Pakistan

Project Location: Punjab

Timeline:

Overall aim:

- To establish a community based patient centred Tuberculosis Surveillance lead by TB survivors and their allied families for suspect identification, case detection, outbreak detection, contact tracing and investigation, targeting testing, referral development and treatment provision and follow up.

Proposal Objectives:

- To work with TB Affected communities to promote TB patients engagement and TB patient empowerment model developing TB survivors skills to address services gap to facilitate the process of meeting the targets agreed at the 2018 UNHLM on TB.
- To empower TB survivor groups to lead TB patients centred advocacy for TB to develop a results based coordinated activities designed to prioritise TB on the national health agenda to sustain TB patients participation in all TB related activities.
- To support and advocate for TB vulnerable communities and TB survivors to engage in National Strategic Plan (NSP) development process and their inclusion Country Coordination Mechanism, not their representative agencies or organisations per CCM guidelines.
- To support TB survivors groups, networks and organisations to take lead in TB eradication services by becoming active, effective and powerful registered TB networks.

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Association for Social Development

Timeline: March 2023 -March 2024

Aim:

- To develop, implement and process evaluate technology- assisted (OneImpact Pakistan) TB survivor engagement for better delivery and utilization of TB care at ≥ 950 private clinics and ≥ 130 private laboratories in 15 selected districts of Pakistan.

Objectives:

- To adapt the technology-assisted (OneImpact Pakistan) intervention contents, to engage TB survivors in better TB care at private clinics and laboratories.
- To operationalize technology-assisted (OneImpact Pakistan) intervention, to engage TB survivors in better delivery and utilization of TB care at ≥ 950 private clinics in 15 districts of Punjab and Islamabad
- To design and conduct mixed-method evaluation of the technology-assisted TB Survivor engagement at private clinics and laboratories.
- To participate and engage in TB advocacy and accountability initiatives at national, regional, and global levels

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Bridge Consultants Foundation

Project Location: Province of Sindh

Timeline: April 2023 – April 2024

Aim:

- To promote human rights and remove barriers at health facilities for key populations for equitable TB diagnosis and treatment services for all.

Objectives:

- To build a movement of TB survivors who can support, raise awareness, advocate and facilitate access to TB services with a focus on KVPs
- To overcome barriers and increase access of key populations to TB diagnostic and treatment service
- To conduct effective advocacy with policy makers and other stakeholders to protect and promote the rights of KVPs
- To participate and engage in TB advocacy and accountability initiatives at national, regional and global levels.

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Country level Platform Partnership

Dopasi Foundation

Project Location: National Level

Timeline: November 2022-May 2024

Overall aim:

- To generate high level advocacy targeting country stakeholders and decision makers to ensure a person-centered TB Response in alignment with the UNHLM and End TB Targets

Proposal Objectives:

- To increase the visibility and understanding of the TB response and TB Efforts in the country through advocacy, communication and social mobilization for TB control, for fulfilling the UNHLM and End TB Strategy Targets and ensure alignment of national and global advocacy efforts
- To establish effective partnerships with multi-stakeholders to ensure their engagement in the TB Response at the country level
- To enhance the structure of the Stop TB Partnership, while positioning the platform as a strategic actor on TB control along with sustained engagement with key stakeholders in the fight against the TB at national alongside resource mobilization to continue TB control efforts

Questions?

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