



Letter of Commitment Partnership for Tuberculosis Care and Control in India

1. Background

The “Partnership” brings together civil society partners across the country on a common platform towards supporting and strengthening India’s TB control efforts. It seeks to harness the strengths and expertise of various partners in various technical and implementation areas, and to empower affected communities, in TB care and Control. It consists of technical agencies, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, affected communities, the corporate sector, professional bodies, media and academia.

2. Partnership Vision, Mission and Objectives:

2.1. Vision

Achievement of the TB-related targets of the Millennium Development Goals and the Stop TB Partnership in India through a unified response from civil society and multiple stakeholders.

2.2. Mission

Contribute to India’s TB control efforts through a unified response from civil society and all other stakeholders, in line with a common national goal.

2.3. Objectives

To bring together and synergize civil society contribution to TB care and control in India by:

- Advocating with national, state and district level authorities and with all existing and potential partners/stakeholders of TB care and control in India
- Developing a comprehensive and dynamic strategic plan for civil society participation in TB control efforts in India
- Mobilising resources to support partner activities in the context of the strategic plan, and providing an interface with donors
- Coordinating TB related activities of partners/stakeholders, including disseminating tools and information, and providing platforms to share successes/ lessons/ constraints/ innovations, etc
- Facilitating need-based technical support for partners/stakeholders
- Promoting the International Standards of TB Care and the Patients Charter as internationally accepted standardized tools to improve TB care in the country
- Increasing the visibility of India’s national TB programme and promoting its community ownership
- Expanding the Partnership to include the full range of potentially relevant organisations as members, in order to harness all available resources and move towards a self-sustaining movement for TB control in India.



The partnership proposes to identify new medium and long-term activities to achieve this broader vision. In order to realise this vision, the members make this Letter of Commitment (LOC) to the Partnership.

3. Structure of Partnership

3.1. Steering Committee:

The Partnership's Steering Committee comprises members from various partner organizations, and standing invitees include the Deputy Director General (TB) of the Central TB Division (Government of India) and the Program Manager of the National TB Program (RNTCP), a World Health Organization (India) representative and the Director, Union South East Asia Regional Office. The steering committee will be the main advisory body for the partnership and projects undertaken by the partnership. It will provide necessary advisory services/guidelines for the partnership. The Committee will meet quarterly or at any time felt necessary. The tenure of steering committee will be for two years.

3.2. Secretariat of Partnership:

A Secretariat hosted by the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union), through its Union South East Asia office, provides technical and administrative support to the Partnership. The Secretariat operates as a coordinating mechanism; works transparently and is currently accountable to a steering committee. It regularly interacts with government and other stakeholders. Its role is to support the Partnership towards the achievement of common objectives, and to facilitate, create synergies and add value to the work of others in the Global Partnership to Stop TB.

4. Commitment made by the Partner:

The Partner is joining out of its own volition, that it shares the vision, mission and objectives of the Partnership, commits to contribute to the Partnership to the best of its potential and abilities, respect the core values of the Partnership including mutual trust and respect, and appreciates the need to work jointly to multiply the impact.

5. Amendments to the LOC

Amendments may be made to this LOC provided that Steering Committee agree to such amendments. All changes must be discussed and approved in a Steering Committee meeting.

6. Duration and Validity of LOC

This LOC shall come into immediate effect on signing and shall remain in place for a period of two years. Upon/before expiry of the LOC, the Steering committee shall convene a meeting and extend the validity of this LOC to such period as may be unanimously approved.

Signed this on theday of....., Place.....

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