

# The Global Fund's Strategic Initiative

To Find the Missing People with TB

# THE NEWSLETTER

to share countries' latest experiences and practices in TB case finding



In the last quarter, Strategic Initiative partners Global Fund, Stop TB Partnership, and WHO were eager to capitalize on the experiences of the Kigali Summit. A workshop in Tanzania brought national TB program stakeholders from 7 countries (Burkina Faso, DR Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, Mozambique, South Africa, and Uganda) to learn about facility- and community-based TB case finding in Tanzania and to facilitate important informational exchange between countries.

Another workshop in Benin focused on paediatric TB and integrating community rights and gender approaches into TB interventions and was attended by representatives of 15 countries. In Ukraine, Stop TB Partnership held a meeting with the local network of TB survivors to begin utilizing Onelmpact – a digital solution to facilitate community based monitoring in TB. Other events, including Sothern African Development Community meeting dedicated to the review of Tuberculosis in the Mining Sector (TIMS) project and TB program reviews in Cambodia and Nigeria allowed the Initiative to glean important learnings from implementing countries and obtain experiences that can improve TB case finding not only in the countries supported by the Strategic Initiative, but also beyond.

## MISSIONS AND EVENTS

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

Tanzania hosted representatives from seven countries of the African region to share national experiences with implementing the Quality Improvement initiative that boosted facility-based case finding by 22 percent in less than two years. [Read more](#)

### **Rights and Gender in Benin: Francophone Africa gets a Boost from SI Support**

Gathering in Cotonou, Benin, representatives of 15 West and Central African countries learned about best practices of integrating community, rights and gender approaches to accelerate TB case finding. [Read more](#)

### **SADC Secretariat Zeroes in on TB**

In Botswana, Southern African Development Community Secretariat discussed implementation of regional projects focused on TB and prioritized partnership with the Strategic Initiative to improve country-level responses. [Read more](#)

## Ukraine launches OneImpact to Improve Services for People with TB

OneImpact – a mobile phone app developed by StopTB Partnership – can help people with TB find friendly health facilities, seek support from peers and report challenges with providers and/or medication stockouts. TBpeople Ukraine with support from Stop TB Partnership are rolling out the app in the country. [Read more](#)

## Cambodia and Nigeria Review Strides Made in the Fight against TB

Stop TB Partnership supported the Joint Programme Review in Cambodia 17-28 June 2019. The mission included reviewing country progress and site visits. Stop TB Partnership and the Global Fund also held joint meetings to support Nigeria's TB program review. [Read more](#)

## UPDATES FROM THE FIELD



### Nigeria: Gombe State Agency for the Control of AIDS (GomSACA) screens internally displaced persons for TB

TB case finding and care services reached internally displaced persons seeking refuge from Boko Haram Insurgency in north-eastern Nigeria. [Read more](#)



### Indonesia: Yayasan Menara Agung Pengharaan Internasional (MAP) conducts community mobilization to combat TB in Nias Island

The objectives of the project were to increase identified TB cases; build capacity of local health staff; and raise community awareness on TB prevention and reduce stigma. [Read more](#)



### India: Ashakalp Healthcare Association improves TB case notification among tribal groups

Ashakalp Healthcare Association established a community outreach project to close the gap between availability and accessibility of TB services within the Revised National TB Control Program in India. [Read more](#)



### African Regional TB Summit: It's time for Africa to step up efforts to find all missing people with TB

The African Regional TB Summit took place March 4-6 in Kigali, Rwanda, to review progress and challenges, share best practices and support countries to achieve national and global targets. [Read more](#)



### Kenya: University students screen for TB on campus and surroundings

Medical students at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) screened for TB in the University campus and surroundings with support from Stop TB Partnership-Kenya. [Read more](#)



### Bangladesh: BRAC targets missing people with TB thanks to 62 TB Diagnostic Centers

From their establishment in January 2018 to December 2018, the 62 TDCs have screened a total of 557,747 people with presumptive TB. [Read more](#)



### **DRC: National TB Program implements intensified TB case-finding approach in Kinshasa**

A 4-day "TB Village" was set up in the context of World TB Day to screen, test and diagnose TB amongst the population of 7 health districts. [Read more](#)



### **Mozambique: Health Alliance International engages community health workers to conduct TB screening at health facilities**

Activities of 30 Community Health Workers include patient TB education, TB screening at all clinical sites in health facilities and contact tracing in communities. [Read more](#)

## LATEST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**17-30 September 2019**

**74th UN General Assembly, New York City, USA**

**30 Oct – 2 Nov 2019**

**50th Union World Conference on Lung Health, Hyderabad, India**

**10 Oct 2019**

**Global Fund's Sixth replenishment pledging conference, Lyon, France**

## UPCOMING COURSES

**23-27 September 2019**

**The Union - Cours international sur la tuberculose multi-résistante, Niamey, Niger**

**11-15 Nov 2019**

**The Union – International course on the clinical management of drug-resistant tuberculosis, Bangkok, Thailand**

## LEARNING RESOURCES

All eleven Stop TB Partnership guides are now available on the platform along with the special e-learning page, where contents of each guide can be reviewed online. Spend some time familiarizing yourself with best practices in TB case finding [here](#).

## GET INVOLVED

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](mailto:MissingpeoplewithTB@stoptb.org)