

For Impacts in Social Health

Cameroon

Grantee Profile

Name of organization

For Impacts in Social Health (FIS)

Where we work

Cameroon



About FIS

FIS works in Cameroon with its headquarters in Yaoundé (Central Region of Cameroon). Our activities spread across all the ten regions of Cameroon where we have 4 specific programs on; aid efficiency Demand creation, Direct support to vulnerable communities and Governance and Sustainability. We also have an agreement with the Ministry of Health to implement mother and child activities in the southern region.

FIS is a civil society organization which works on social justice issues in the health sector and we're driven by values such as equity, transparency and universal access. Our organization has 10 years of experience in advocacy, capacity building,



Objectives of Round 7

- 1 Strengthen existing or new national level TB constituencies that engage, represent and are accountable to communities.
- 2 Reinforce the capacities & responses of local communities who are part of the TB response.
- 3 Tighten linkages, collaboration and coordination between communities and government.

community engagement, gender and human rights in developing interventions alongside formal health systems and contributing to reinforcing community health systems.

TB in Cameroon

Cameroon is a country with high TB/HIV incidence. In 2014, 26, 368 TB cases in all forms were detected. 623, 350 people were living with HIV with a coinfection rate of 38%. In the same year, 750 patients were detected with MDR-TB. The MDR-TB rate is between 10% and 17% across regions for those who have been treated for over one month. The notification rate of TB in prisons is almost 10 times higher than in the general population. The treatment success rate was 82% in 2013. According to WHO, TB mortality is 7,800 representing 35 cases among 100, 000 inhabitants.

Challenges faced by communities in Cameroon in the TB response

Despite the recent adoption of the 2015-2019 TB National Strategic Plan with objectives dedicated to community involvement, the country still lacks a framework for formal collaboration between the National TB Programme (NTP) and civil society organizations. The NTP only has an operational partnership with three national NGOs out of the 10 regions for the implementation of communication and social mobilization activities.

Additionally, the community engagement component is under-funded in all NTP activities, there is a lack of monitoring and capitalization tools for activities undertaken by CSOs, there is limited participation of former TB patients and key affected populations in the national TB response as well as limited collaboration between civil society organizations involved in the fight against TB.

The Challenge Facility for Civil Society in Cameroon

FIS, with the support of the Stop TB Partnership's Challenge Facility for Civil Society will support the sustainable engagement of communities in the TB response.

The Challenge Facility for Civil Society Grant in Cameroon will be implemented in two phases:



- **Phase I:** FIS will undertake a resource mapping exercise to identify existing resources, coverage gaps, and perspectives of stakeholders about the quality of existing services.
- **Phase II:** FIS will collaborate with existing resources to identify key TB-related issues to bring to the national level, develop plans to fill the coverage gaps, and reassess the perspectives of the stakeholders about the quality of the newly developed network.



Get involved!

If you are a community or civil society organization or patient group (those working on TB or interested in working on TB) in Cameroon and want to engage in the Challenge Facility for Civil Society work in Cameroon please contact **MR. KAMPOER PFOUMINZHOUER BERTRAND**: fissmstsida97@yahoo.fr or kampoer@gmail.com

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