

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



The joint Global Fund and Stop TB Partnership summit in Kigali, Rwanda, called on Africa to follow through on commitments to end TB. Last September world leaders set ambitious targets in the first UNHLM on TB. Among the 3.6 million people missed by routine health programs, 1.4 million are missed in Africa. 65% of this regional burden are missed in the 13 countries that were hosted at the summit. These countries are DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Despite these sobering statistics, the 13 countries have made significant strides towards improving their TB response and finding people who are missed.

The goal of the summit was to share lessons learned and identify a way forward – one in which Africa can lead the global TB response and realize regional commitments put forth in the UNHLM. To gain regional attention, African music stars B'Flow and Bebe Cool attended the summit and the high-level panel that closed it. Tabloids covered the event in [this video](#) and in [this article](#) as global TB stakeholders, regional leaders, and celebrities all called on Africa to step up its strides in ending TB. A detailed report on the outcomes of the meeting is coming soon.

Earlier this month we celebrated international Women's day to focus on innovative ways to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, which converges with the rights-based and gender-responsive approach advocate by the strategic initiative. This second edition of the newsletter dedicates a special spotlight for projects engaging in the empowerment of women.

LEARNING RESOURCES

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Eight Stop TB Partnership field guides are now available on the platform and bring together tools, practical experience, expertise and examples to help national TB programs and other implementers identifying the best strategies for finding people with TB who are missed by routine health services. These field guides revolve around different key themes such as the engagement of communities to improve TB case finding, TB case finding with key populations, the role of laboratory systems in TB case detection and many more to discover [here](#).

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

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Tanzania: Addressing gender barriers to design more inclusive TB interventions

SHDEPHA+Kahama recognizes that supporting gender equality and the empowerment of women is the best way to build a more inclusive and prosperous community. [Read more](#)



REACH India: Empowering Women Through TB Work

REACH believes in empowering women and especially women in those families where TB has wreaked havoc, emotionally and financially. [Read more](#)



Nigeria: Janna Health Foundation (JHF) screens for TB in Nomadic Communities in Gassol, Taraba State

The project screened 12 nomadic communities and active TB case-finding is still underway in Taraba and Adamawa States. [Read more](#)



DRC: National TB Control Programme screens prisons for TB

Prisoners, prison personnel and TB contacts in 2 provinces were screened using mobile units equipped with chest X-rays and GeneXpert. [Read more](#)



Bangladesh: icddr,b develops model to involve private sector in TB detection through specialized screening centers

Each screening center is equipped with digital X-ray and GeneXpert systems that offer low-cost, high-quality exams. [Read more](#)



Kenya: FIKIA Project increases TB case finding in children by improving child contact management

FIKIA identified children at TB risk and improved diagnosis and provision of preventive treatment through the management of children with household exposure to TB patients and contact investigation. [Read more](#)

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Mozambique: CCS launches TB case-finding activities at community level

Community-based organizations and community health workers are empowered and encouraged to lead TB fighting efforts. [Read more](#)



Ukraine: Point of care GeneXpert technology improves the speed of TB diagnosis

Since the introduction of GeneXpert systems, identification of MDR-TB almost doubled and diagnosis time has decreased from 45 to 7 days. [Read more](#)

LATEST & UPCOMING EVENTS

Get informed about important TB case finding meetings worldwide!

4-6 March 2019

High level TB symposium: Translating commitments made at the United Nations High Level Meeting on Tuberculosis into country actions. Kigali, Rwanda.

24 March 2019

World Tuberculosis Day.

19 April 2019

Close of the Union call for submission

16-17 May 2019

Conference on translating the commitments of the UNHLM on TB into actions. The Hague, Netherlands.

LATEST & UPCOMING COURSES

10-21 June 2019

5th McGill Summer Institute in Infectious Diseases and Global Health. Montreal, Canada.

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!

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