

Stop TB Pakistan

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Overview of the progress in TB control activities in Pakistan

- *Objectives in 2005* 100% DOTS coverage,
70% Case Detection Rate 70%, Cure rate 85%

- *Achievements* DOTS population coverage 80% (100 out of 121 districts)
Strategic plan 2005-2010 finalized
National Guidelines available
Case detection rate SS+ 27% (2004), treatment success rate
78% (2002)
Political commitment at all levels including district in the
devolution/decentralization context
Development of Partnership with international donors and
technical agencies including launch of STOP TB Pakistan in April
2004
Initiated involvement of Medical Institutions/tertiary hospitals in
the fight against TB (i.e. Civil hospital and Ojha Institute, Karachi)
Initiated collaboration with Private sector (NGOs and private
practitioners)

- *Constraints* Poor adherence to treatment regimens by doctors and patients
Large and diverse health sector
Stigmatization of TB patients

Please give us a brief description of your National Coordination Activities (ICC, CCM, Partnership)¹

- *Aims and purposes :*
 - Rationalize the use of the resources
 - Mobilize community for TB control
 - Increase access to TB treatment
 - Improve the DOTS quality

- *Results up to date:*
 - 7 meetings held since 2001 when Inter-Agency Coordination Committee (IACC) was set up
 - Partners constantly kept informed about the progress achieved by the National TB Programme
 - IACC Partners have subscribed to be part of STOP TB Pakistan
 - Appointment of Stop TB Ambassador

- *Constraints*
 - Stop TB Pakistan secretariat needs still to be established
 - National TB forum still needs to be organized

What are the best practices of your National Coordination Activities up till now?

- In each “DOTS district” of Pakistan quarterly intra-district meetings are held to compile quarterly reports of all the diagnostic centers, to discuss cases and to approach to reduce the default rate.
- 23 high qualified national programme officers to carry out supervision activities and facilitate DOTS implementations in all the four main provinces of Pakistan
- Computerized district wise surveillance system developed and training plan nationwide to strengthen surveillance developed

Current technical and financial partners that support the DOTS implementation and expansion in Pakistan

TB Technical Partners	Financial/Donors Partners	Others	Areas of work
WHO DFID GTZ (for NWFP) JICA GLRA	USAID CIDA GFATM GTZ JICA	Association of Social Development (ASD) Association for Community Development Aga Khan foundation Anti-TB association Mercy Corps international	DOTS expansion Lab quality assurance system Surveillance Drug management PPM BCC

What are the current activities for Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization?

There is no structured unit in charge of advocacy at the moment. An advocacy expert is being the moment supported by DFID/GFATM

Other relevant information

¹ **Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC)** is a coalition of committed partners and donors directly connected to the performance of the NTP only. **Partnership** is a broad platform of partners in support of a much wider national response to Stop TB. **Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM)** is a management coordination structure that includes all partners committed to implement a GFATM plan.