

**Sudan**

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***Overview of the progress in TB control activities in Sudan***

**- Objectives**

Detect at least 70% of the infectious TB cases, and obtain a cure rate of 85%. As well as to achieve DOTS ALL OVER phase by 2003 therefore making it possible to control TB and eliminate the spread of infection in the community.

**- Achievements**

- DOTS ALL OVER phase by February 2002
- WHO-IUATLD Policy in place
- All DOTS WHO components in place
- TB program implemented in 22 states out of 26, the remaining 4 states covered by the Horn of Africa and NGOs
- Quality assurance for microscopy implemented and in the process of being strengthened
- 23 programs in displaced camps compared to only 3 in 1995
- Reference laboratory established
- Initiation of TB/HIV monitoring
- Health education project in place (with partners)
- Operational research component implemented through Epidemiological Laboratory
- TB patient association formulated and running
- Tuberculin survey (October to December 2004)

***Brief description of the Stop TB Partnership Sudan***

**Aims and Purposes**

- Improve detection rate and treatment outcome
- Improve accessibility to DOTS
- Community Mobilization and participation in TB campaign
- Empower TB patients

**Results up to date**

1. DOTS committees: 170
2. Universities out reach: 19 Universities
3. Schools outreach: 300
4. TB in workplaces: 17
5. TB in prisons: 27
6. TB in force defense (police and army): 37

**Constraints**

1. Advocacy
2. Funding for the expansion of different projects
3. Involvement of the private sector

***Best practices of the Stop TB Partnership Sudan up till now***

The DOTS committees originate from the community, it is a group of individuals that aims to help the TB patient in his fight with the disease. Many activities are in place, such as helping a female TB patient with her household tasks, or helping a sick male with his daily duties such as taking his children to school. These various activities help TB patients to keep up with their treatment schedule thus giving a better treatment outcome.

***Current technical and financial partners that supports the DOTS implementation and expansion in Sudan***

TB Technical Partners	Financial/Donors Partners	Others	Areas of work
- IUATLD - WHO	- Norwegian Heart and Lung association ( LHL ) - Fidelis Canada		The MOH contribute to about 70% and the financial donor to 30% mainly in continuous drug supply, sputum microscopy and the recording and reporting system.

***Current activities for Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization***

Among all our activities, there is an independent Health education project implemented in collaboration with partner organizations and 22 state coordinators. We have as well an Information, Education and Communication program on TV and radio spots.

***Other relevant information***

The structure of this project is running in parallel with the National Tuberculosis Programme and with the Stop TB Partnership Sudan office. The central unit coordinates and facilitates the work at the national, state and provincial levels. TB Management Units and DOTS Training of Trainers teams are responsible for put together focal persons and peer groups.

Currently efforts are made to make the Stop TB Partnership Sudan an autonomous and independent body just like the TB patient association, which started off with a similar structure and then gradually gained its autonomy.

Update on Stop TB Board and Executive Office will follow.