PHYSICALLY DISTANCED BUT TOGETHER IN SPIRIT
Life at Stop TB during the Covid-19 pandemic

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We created a new WhatsApp chat group where we supported each other through lockdown, celebrated birthdays, cheered our colleagues on during work events and played fun trivia games!

We slowly returned to the office, we stayed together while keeping our distance at a Stop TB picnic, and we marched for the Black Lives Matter movement!
Andrea's son - Evan

We brought new life to the World

Jennifer's daughter - Kiara

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Raphael's daughter - Emilia

Wedding Bells were Ringing

Alessio & Lisanne

True Love Conquers All

Alvaro & Paloma

And 2 more babies are on their way

Zaza's daughter - Izabelle
We rolled out the red carpet as our Stop TB family continued to grow…

- Rita Seicas, CCS4i Quality Management Specialist (Kazakhstan) joined in Jan
- Natavan Alikhanova, GDF RTA joined in March
- Ekpeno Akpanowo, GDF RTA joined in March
- Charles Njuguna, GDF RTA joined in March
- Raphael Ferry, EASI Strategic Initiatives Specialist joined in April
- Lusine Aydinyan, CCS4i Kazakhstan TB Financing Advisor joined in July
- Toufiq Rahman, TB REACH Technical Officer joined in July
- Artur Giniyatullin, GDF Diagnostics Assistant joined in September
- Tania Mlano, GDF Diagnostics Assistant joined in October

We also said farewell to 7 teammates, and they moved on to other endeavours
We did our best to prevent the spread of pandemic by following guidelines and policies created by the Swiss Government, the United Nations and the Global Health Campus.

To date, only one member of the Stop TB family has tested positive for Covid-19. Thankfully, our friend & colleague is doing well!
STBP has been at the forefront of supporting innovators, including from TB affected countries (e.g., India, South Africa, etc.), developing digital health technologies for TB & across diseases

**Illustrative examples**

- **Screening, diagnosis & triaging**
  - Artificial intelligence for chest x-ray

- **Treatment support**
  - Digital adherence technologies

- **Community-led monitoring platform**
  - OneImpact
STBP will continue to shape the digital health transformation for TB & global health

Launch a Digital Health Technology Hub
- Internal DHT Hub team
- Cross-cutting initiative to leverage the expertise of STBP staff from across the organization & teams
- Meetings began in October 2020 and will continue bi-weekly

Initial outputs will include:
- Digital health technology strategy for TB
- Webpage on STBP’s website describing the vision and past work of the Initiative.

Areas of focus
- AI-powered computer-aided reading software
- Connectivity solutions
- Digital adherence technologies
- Community-led monitoring tools
- Volatile organic compounds (VOC) sensors

Specific initiatives & projects
- Re-imagining TB Care – Initiative to transform *when, where, and how* care is provided and accessed by TB affected people by leveraging digital health technologies for TB and across diseases
- Accelerator for Impact (a4i) – Providing *fit for purpose capital and technical support* for start-ups, particularly from TB affected countries, developing digital health technologies for TB and across diseases