

Challenge Facility for Civil Society Round 8

Grantee Profile

Helping Hands Foundation Pakistan



Religious leaders and Community Health Workers leveraging digital health solutions, to fight TB in Multan, Pakistan



Organisation	Helping Hands Foundation
Location	Multan, Pakistan
Population Reach	100,000 population of 3 union councils on the outskirts of Multan
Timeline	May 2018 - May 2019
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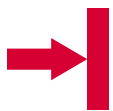


PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To change the behavior of people towards TB, allaying fears, using local actors and innovative technology
- To find missing people with TB, linking them to health services

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Training 75 Imams on the importance of combatting TB. Among other things the training will cover; TB treatment, stigma and gender specific responses
- Training and retraining 25 Community Health Workers to reach and link people presumptive of TB to health services, using a people centered approach and leveraging digital health solutions
- Supervising the 25 CHWs
- Monitoring and reporting on project outcomes



Contribution to the Global Plan to End TB target(s)

- Reach at least 90% of all people with TB and place them on appropriate therapy.
- Achieve at least 90% treatment success for all people diagnosed with TB through affordable treatment services, adherence to complete and correct treatment and social support.



Links to National Priorities and the TB Strategic Plan

We are contributing to the following objective in our strategic plan - Invest in new diagnostic TB management tools and approaches that are less labor intensive, more cost-effective, can be delivered close to patients to minimize the health workforce burden, help improve patient access, thereby increasing case detection & enhance treatment success rates.



Links to Finding the Missing People with TB

Community Health Workers with the support of religious leaders will go door to door to reach and screen all family members with pre-designed questionnaires and will invite those presumptive of TB for a full diagnostic evaluation. Later they will monitor the treatment follow up till completion and will record the final outcomes.



Helping Hands Foundation, Pakistan

About Helping Hands Foundation

HHF is working for Health, Education & Community Empowerment. It is a regional leader providing exceptionally high-quality diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive services for the mothers and children while empowering communities through interest free micro-financing initiatives.

TB in Pakistan

With a population of over 200 million, Pakistan is ranked 5th amongst the 22 high TB burden countries producing 510,000 cases/year. It also has the 4th highest burden of Drug Resistant TB (15000 cases/year), globally. The incidence of TB is 255/100,000 among adults and 46/100,000 among children, while the prevalence rate of all forms of TB is 364/100,000 population. Pakistan harbors 61% of the TB burden in WHO East Mediterranean Region. Approximately 60,000 people die of TB every year, with a cautionary report that only 32% of diagnosed cases were notified to National TB control Program.

About CFCS

Stop TB Partnership's Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS) is a unique small grants mechanism that, since 2007, supports innovative community responses to fight tuberculosis (TB). CFCS over the course of 7 rounds has invested in, tested and demonstrated the effectiveness of community responses to strengthen and expand access to quality TB prevention and care services beyond health facilities to settings that cannot be easily reached by public TB programs - US\$ 3 million (approx.) in investments to 130 grantees in over 40 countries. The Stop TB Partnership looks forward to collaborating with, supporting and learning from CFCS Round 8 grantees.