

CHALLENGE FACILITY FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

Mobilizing TB-Affected Communities to Lobby for an Enhanced TB Law in the Philippines

Action for Health Initiatives (ACHIEVE), Inc.

Philippines **LOCATION** Nationwide**TARGET POPULATION(S)** Survivors of drug-susceptible and drug-resistant TB**IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS**

ACHIEVE, communities of DSTB and DRTB who want to establish their own organization

ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROBLEM STATEMENT — A people-centered TB response requires a robust civil society and community movement that can offer government perspectives in designing, implementing, monitoring and assessing TB policies, programs and services. Unfortunately, although there are TB-affected people groups activated by treatment facilities in the Philippines, they lack the support and the technical expertise to meaningfully and substantially engage with lawmakers to lobby for better laws on TB.

AIM — To lobby for an improved TB amendment bill that reflects the needs and concerns of TB-affected communities through community mobilization.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To mobilize the United TB-HIV Advocates Network to lobby for an improved TB amendment bill.
- 2 To draft the community's alternative TB amendment bill.
- 3 To formally register with the Securities and Exchange Commission one community organization of people with TB.
- 4 To build and enhance the capacity of communities affected by TB as advocates for policy change.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS



CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022. By mobilizing people affected by TB to engage in advocacy for an improved national policy on TB in the Philippines, the project contributes to most of the UNHLM targets. The project also very closely responds to Target #7 on promoting and supporting the end of TB-related stigma and discrimination through the TB Law, and contributes to the operationalization of people-centred TB-care that is cognizant of the realities faced by communities affected by TB, including in the areas of stigma reduction and access to social protections.



ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN. The project contributes to the TB strategic plan in the Philippines by addressing one of the cross-cutting interventions that is required to achieve the targets of the plan - to build the capacity of TB affected communities to engage in advocacy for a people-centered TB response.

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ROUND 9 GRANTEE PROFILE



ABOUT ACHIEVE, INC.

ACHIEVE, Inc. works with key and vulnerable communities, empowered stakeholders, and policy makers to address public health, migration and development concerns through evidence-based, human rights-centered and gender transformative interventions. Presently, its main programs are focused on strengthening civil society and community engagement in the HIV and TB response in the Philippines.