

## CHALLENGE FACILITY FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

Strengthening coordination amongst TB affected community in Anglophone Africa to improve TB advocacy and accountability post HLM



**LOCATION** Regional Africa; Nigeria; Ghana; Botswana; Eswatini; Ethiopia



**TARGET POPULATION(S)** Key and vulnerable, TB affected community, donors, Technical Partners, General (19,500,000)



**IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS**

WHO AFRO; Africa Union CDC; The Global Fund; Union Africa Region; USAID; CITAM+ Zambia; Afro Global Alliance; Stop TB Kenya; Volunteer Health Services Ethiopia; DRAF TB; WACI Health, EANNASO; JANNA Health Foundation Nigeria; Victus Global Botswana; rGLC WHO AFRO; iCHARGE Ghana; SCORE TB Campaign; TB Proof South Africa

# Africa Coalition on TB (ACT Africa)

## Anglophone Africa

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

**PROBLEM STATEMENT** — Inadequate meaningful involvement of communities and TB survivors in decision making processes and accountability mechanism need to be strengthened as well as insufficient civil society organizations which can support the provision of services and conduct advocacy. In addition, coordination at grassroots, local, country regional and global level is very weak. There is also weak capacity in the implementation of CRG assessment recommendations and adaptation of the tools by countries based on global initiatives such as the United Nations Political Declaration on TB, The Stop TB Global Plan to End TB and The End TB Strategy.

**AIM** — Promoting a person-centered approach to TB in the African region by building and strengthening the advocacy and CRG tools implementation skills of the CSOs and Communities including the key and vulnerable populations to ensure evidence-based approach to decision making.

### OBJECTIVES

- 1 To strengthen the organizational, advocacy, CRG and TB technical capacity of TB affected communities and civil society in Anglophone Africa by 2022 with main focus on the high burden countries.
- 2 To engage major stakeholders by 2020 and catalyze regional and global dialogues on reaching TB UN HLM targets in Anglophone Africa by 2022.
- 3 To develop and implement regional community monitoring tools to enhance UN HLM accountability by 2021.
- 4 To conduct regional advocacy campaigns to advance priority TB issues identified by TB affected communities and CRG Assessments in the Anglophone Africa Region by 2020.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS



**CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022.** The project is aligned to UN HLM targets to promote and support the end to stigma and all forms of discrimination, including removing discriminatory laws, policies and programmes against people with TB, and through the protection of human rights and dignity. ACT recognises the various sociocultural barriers to TB prevention, diagnostics and treatment services, especially for key and vulnerable populations, hence the need to develop integrated people-centred community based and gender responsive health services based on human rights and informed by CRG assessment outcomes.



**ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN.** This project is aligned to national priorities articulated in all the targeted countries TB National Strategic Plans. ACT has and continues to support civil society and communities in the African region in their country dialogues leading to Global Fund proposal developments. Countries NSPs are developed on the backdrop of the End TB Strategy, Global Plan to End TB and these countries include Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Mozambique, and Eswatini. ACT also supports many other African countries through the CFCS by providing training on integrated CRG tools and advocacy. This support is geared towards implementation of the CRG tools and integrating a costed action plan in the country NSP.

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## ABOUT ACT AFRICA

ACT is a regional network of TB CSOs and Communities working in the African Region hosted by Afro Global Alliance Ghana and in strategic partnership with regional and national TB networks including the francophone and Lusophone Regions in Africa. ACT overtime has developed strong organizational networking and coordination skills in TB response and has created a very important niche in the African Region on TB advocacy, social mobilization and prevention.

The Vision is a TB free Africa and the Mission is to support the global, regional and national efforts on TB prevention, management and treatment strategies by helping to reduce the social and economic inequalities associated with TB clients and ultimately maintaining person-centered approaches to all interventions.