

## Mobilizing the TB affected community

## MAHAMATE Health Care Organization (Alliance Myanmar)

Myanmar 



**LOCATION** Kachin, Mandalay and Yangon States



**TARGET POPULATION(S)** People affected by TB



### IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS

National TB Program and CBOs: Phoenix in Yangon; Myanmar Positive Women Network in Yangon; Myitta Yin Kwin in Mandalay; Phoenix Moegaung in Kachin

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

**PROBLEM STATEMENT** — TB is deeply rooted in poverty in Myanmar. Furthermore, legal, structural, and social barriers prevent universal access to quality TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and support in Myanmar and increase vulnerability to TB. One of the recommendations in the Myanmar Joint Program Review was to conduct a Community, Rights and Gender Assessment, using the Stop TB Partnership qualitative assessment tool to better understand and to respond to these barriers.

**AIM** — To have more effective TB interventions in Myanmar by filling a critical information gap and improving community engagement.

### OBJECTIVES

- 1 To mobilize and empower the community so that they can engage meaningfully in advocacy, service delivery and monitoring of the TB response.
- 2 To conduct the Community, Rights and Gender Assessment which will:
  - Review the policy and legal framework for TB response in Myanmar.
  - Determine which key population sub-groups should be considered as “key, vulnerable and underserved populations” in the TB response.
  - Understand perceived TB related stigma and its manifestations.
  - Assess ways in which gender impacts on the vulnerability to TB infection, access to TB services and treatment outcomes.
- 3 Develop a costed CRG Action Plan, based on the findings and recommendations from the CRG Assessment.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS



**CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022.** By conducting the CRG assessment with civil society driving the process, with strategic guidance and leadership from the National TB Program this CFCS project contributes to transforming the TB response to be one that is rights-based, gender transformative and people centered, a key commitment contained within the UN Political Declaration on TB. It also aims to contribute towards ending TB stigma in Myanmar by 2022, a target contained within the UN Political Declaration on TB.



**ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN.** One of the recommendations in the Myanmar Joint Program Review was to conduct the CRG Assessment, a priority therefore for the National TB Response. The assessment findings and recommended actions will contribute to Myanmar’s commitment to advancing a rights-based approach to TB.

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ROUND 9 GRANTEE PROFILE



## ABOUT ALLIANCE MYANMAR

Alliance Myanmar strengthens community systems and reinforces linkages with the health system and collaboration with other stakeholders towards ending HIV/AIDS, improving health, advancing the rights of key affected priority populations, and improving the environment for HIV/AIDS interventions.