

# Philippines

## Community, Rights and Gender Country Profile

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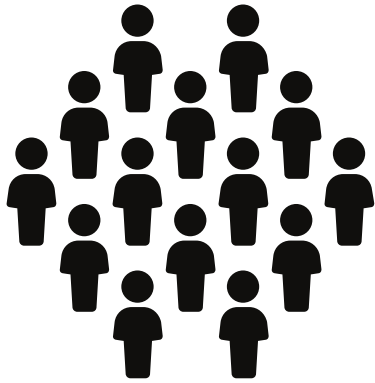


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# Quick Facts



**109.58 million people**

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**High TB, TB-HIV and  
MDR-RR Burden Country**

# UNHLM Targets



Resource Needs (2022)

573.19 million (USD)

Available TB Funding 2020 (USD)

Domestic: 27.5million

International (Excluding Global Fund): 13.0million

Global Fund: 40.0million

Funding Needs: 217.0million

## Diagnosis and Treatment Targets (2020)

TB Target: 440,300

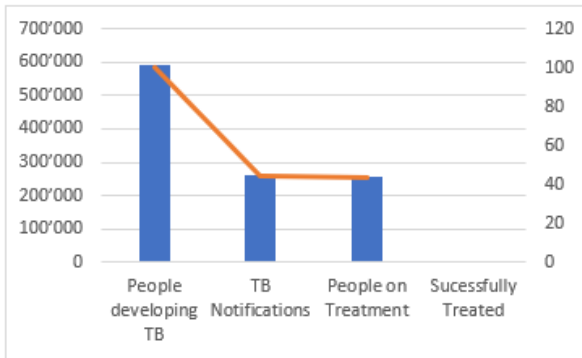
% Target Achieved: 60

# National Strategic Plan and Funding Opportunities

- Next National Strategic Plan Development: 2023
- Next Global Fund funding request (proposal development): 2023

# TB Situation

## Epidemiological Data (2020)



Source: Stop TB Country Dashboard  
[https://www.stoptb.org/static\\_pages/MappingTool\\_Main.html](https://www.stoptb.org/static_pages/MappingTool_Main.html)

### Major Gaps in TB Prevention and Care

- 334,459 Missing people with TB (54,551 were children)
- 31,000 people died because of TB
- 6,279 Laboratory confirmed people with MDR/RR-TB (WHO data, 2020)

**Discrimination issues:** there is no legal prohibition of TB discrimination. TB law does not address stigma or discrimination. Labor regulations prohibit termination of contract based on TB unless certified by health authority that disease can't be cured in 6 months with proper treatment. Widespread misconception and inaccurate information about TB drives stigma. Proposed amendments to TB law would prohibit TB discrimination and provide administration sanctions for violators,

**Freedoms:** TB law does not recognize rights to privacy, confidentiality and informed consent. Lack of respect for privacy and confidentiality are problems for people with TB. Forced isolation is employed as a priority intervention by HCWs for people with TB, sometimes at home.

**Gender:** NTP collects gender disaggregated epidemiological data, but no baseline study for gender-related issues in access to TB services. Subnational government prohibit discrimination based on sex and sexual orientation of gender identity. Law protects women's right to health and provides for access to comprehensive health services. TB law does not address gender-based barriers to services. NSP mentions gender, but not gender-sensitive or gender-transformative services, plans, etc. There is lack of gender-related indicators for TB strategies and activities.

**Participation:** TB law, rules and regulation provide for information and educational campaigns for key population to participate in TB response, but they were not consulted or involved in the development of the law or policy. There is limited role for CSOs/CBOs in TB response, only a couple patient groups are involved in peer educators and treatment support. TB law does not recognize right to participate in treatment. The proposed amendments to TB law would establish right of people affected by TB to participate in the development and implementation of TB response

**Remedies and Accountability:** TB law lacks accountability mechanism for TB program implementers. TB law lacks grievance mechanism or remedies for people with TB. Proposed amendments to TB law would prohibit TB discrimination and provide administrative. sanctions for violators.

## Community, Rights and Gender Data

The CRG assessment conducted in 2019 showed the following: **Accessibility Barriers:** long wait times at clinics **Availability Barriers:** the 2016 NTP study found human resources constraints and lack of funding for DR-TB drugs. **Quality issues:** quality of TB services are affected by long wait times at clinics, lack of people-centered care and reliance on facility-based DOT.

**Acceptability issues:** lack of protection for rights to privacy, confidentiality and informed consent in TB law. There is lack of respect for privacy and confidentiality of people with TB, lack of people-centered care and reliance on facility-based DOT.

**Key and Vulnerable Populations:** PWUD are not prioritized by NSP.



# Community Engagement and Representation

Active National Stop TB Partnership

- Yes

National Network of People Affected by TB

- TBpeople Philippines and Philippine Alliance to Stop TB (PASTB)

TB Network/community represented on CCM

- N/A

High-Level Engagement with Parliamentarians

- Yes

Celebrities Engagement in TB response

- Yes

Challenge Facility for Civil Society Round 10

- Action for Health Initiatives (ACHIEVE)
- Innovations for Community Health, Inc.
- TBpeople Philippines Organization Inc.

CFCS Round 10 Regional Partners

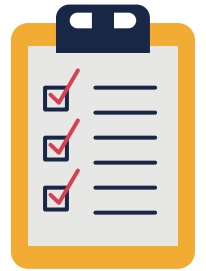
- Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Services Organization (APCASO)

Global Network:

- TB People
- Lean on Me Foundation/  
TB Women



# Community Rights and Gender



- CRG Assessment Complete ✓
- Costed CRG Action Plan ✓
- TB Stigma Assessment Conducted ✗
  - No
- TB Stigma Elimination Plan Available ✗
- Community-led Monitoring Mechanism in place ✓



# CFCS Round 10 Grantees

## Action for Health Initiatives (ACHIEVE)

- **Global Fund Grantee: No**
- Project Location: National Capital Region, Philippines
- Timeline: November 2021 - November 2022
- Objectives
  - To provide technical assistance for the development of four (4) organizations of TB Survivors.
  - To provide a redress mechanism for human rights-based complaints of TB communities.



# CFCS Round 10 Grantees

## Innovations for Community Health, Inc.

- **Global Fund Grantee: No**
- Project Location: Nationwide
- Timeline: January 2022 - January 2023
- Objectives
  - Assess the determinants (micro-, meso-, and macro-level attributes) that are attributed to indigent Filipinos' access to TB care, mainly focusing on CRG and stigma aspects, within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Assess what are the current strategies and mechanisms being provided to address the TB burden among the indigent Filipinos in the context of COVID-19 pandemic
  - Establish a monitoring and evaluation framework to ensure optimal analysis of TB data and appropriate use of information to inform programmatic decision making. This seeks to strengthen the capacity of decision-makers to collect, analyze, and use data to implement high-quality and sustainable TB services that are responsive to the CRG needs of the Filipino indigents.

# CFCS Round 10 Grantees

TBpeople Philippines Organization Inc.

- **Global Fund Grantee: No**
- Project Location: metro Minila, Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog
- Timeline: January 2022 - January 2023
- Objectives
  - Strengthen TB advocacy and engagement with Local Chief Executives
  - Develop partnerships and CRG evidence on the experience of TB for people with disabilities

# Questions? Contact us.

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