



Concept Note

38th STOP TB Partnership Board Meeting

Abuja, Nigeria, 12-14 December 2024

Session 3: Preventing TB: Nutrition

Date and time: 13 December, 11.45am-1pm

BACKGROUND

It has been known for decades that nutrition has a role in prevention and care for TB. Recent clinical trials done in India and published in Lancet have for the first time scientifically quantified the role of nutrition in preventing TB. We now know that providing nutrition to people at risk of developing TB is one of the most potent ways of preventing TB. With this scientific knowledge available and knowing that providing nutrition is inexpensive and has benefits beyond TB, it is unacceptable not to use nutrition as an intervention in TB responses in countries. To make progress on scaling up nutrition as a tool to end TB the stakeholders and financing channels engaged in nutrition need to be engaged.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

To end TB we need to diagnose, treat as well as prevent TB. Recognizing that the prevention part has not received due attention in the past, this Board session will focus on prevention and deep dive into nutrition as a prevention tool. The scope will include:

- Inform the Board on the role of nutrition in prevention of TB.
- Discussions on opportunities and challenges for scaling up nutrition initiatives targeting reduction of TB incidence.
- Strategic discussions on how to engage nutrition stakeholders and financial partners engaged in nutrition.
- Board steer on the role of Stop TB Partnership in scaling up nutrition as a TB prevention tool.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

- The Board is aware of the potential of nutrition as a tool to end TB
- Board constituencies are aligned on priority setting and strategic approaches needed to make progress on using nutrition to prevent TB
- Board provides guidance on actions to be taken to address nutrition and TB

DETAILS OF SESSION

Opening	Vice Chair	3 minutes
Setting the stage	Stop TB Secretariat	7 minutes
Nutrition - A tool to prevent TB	Dr Anurag Bhargava Head of Center for Nutrition Studies	10 minutes
Country perspectives		10 minutes
Building Partnerships	Ms Afshan Khan SUN Movement Coordinator	5 minutes
Board Discussion		20 minutes
Decision Points		5 minutes

