



## ***Concept Note***

### ***38<sup>th</sup> STOP TB Partnership Board Meeting***

#### ***Abuja, Nigeria, 12-14 December 2024***

#### ***Session 2: Ending TB Stigma***

**Date and time:** 12 December, 14:00-15:30

#### **BACKGROUND**

Addressing stigma has long been a focus of the TB community, with many stakeholders making important contributions. Following the UN High-Level Meeting (UNHLM) on TB, where countries committed to ending TB stigma, there is renewed attention on this critical issue. Through Community, Rights and Gender Assessments, Stop TB Partnership (STP) has identified stigma as a significant barrier to accessing TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care, and support services. STP now aims to support countries and communities to map out where stigma occurs throughout the TB care journey, to implement solutions to mitigate stigma, and to enhance coordinated TB stigma monitoring and reporting – guided by the three TB stigma indicators featured in the Global Fund performance framework (self stigma, stigma in communities, stigma in health care settings).

#### **SCOPE AND PURPOSE**

- **Provide an update on evidence derived from Country Stigma Assessments:** Review findings from stigma assessments conducted at the country level.
- **Reinforce and discuss the UNHLM Target to End Stigma:** Examine the UNHLM commitment to end TB stigma and what it entails for member states, civil society, affected communities, technical partners, and other stakeholders.
- **Discuss Interventions:** Explore targeted interventions to monitor, report, reduce and overcome stigma throughout TB diagnosis, treatment prevention and care at country and global levels and the related technical assistance needs to realize these.
- **Leverage monitoring mechanisms:** Discuss opportunities to leverage existing monitoring and reporting mechanisms to support countries to realize the target of ending TB stigma.

## EXPECTED OUTCOME

STP Board members will explore emerging evidence on TB stigma and the innovative and disruptive interventions derived from Stop TB-led Stigma Hackathons that will respond to this challenge. The Board will discuss the best way to further define the UNHLM on TB ending stigma target and the related support countries would need to scale up efforts to realize this target, including leveraging Challenge Facility for Civil Society grant mechanism, and other related support and monitoring mechanisms that can be utilized to further assist achieving this target.

## DETAILS OF SESSION

Session will open with reflections from a TB survivor along with a brief video featuring sharing experiences of stigma and the impact stigma plays on the TB journey of a person with TB disease.

Representatives from three countries will join the Secretariat to share updated TB stigma evidence and trends as well as intervention insights garnered from stigma hackathons and propose next steps to support country efforts to end TB stigma.

Opening: Stigma in context	TB Survivor	5 minutes
Video		5 minutes
Stigma in the TB response	STP Secretariat	10 minutes
TB stigma evidence and analysis, insights and interventions garnered from stigma hackathons– featuring country experiences from Indonesia, Pakistan, and Nigeria	Moderated presentations	45 minutes
Board Discussion		15 minutes
Decision Points		10 minutes

