



Concept Note
38th STOP TB Partnership Board Meeting
Abuja, Nigeria, 12-14 December 2024
Session 4: Preventing TB: Nutrition

Date and time: 13 December, 12:00-13:15

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 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 nutritional support 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 working in people's 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 nutritional support 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 support initiatives targeting reduction of TB incidence.
- Strategic discussions on how to engage nutrition stakeholders and financial partners.
- Board steer on the role of Stop TB Partnership in scaling up nutritional support 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 Scene	Stop TB Secretariat	10 minutes
Nutrition - A tool to prevent TB	Dr Anurag Bhargava Professor of Medicine and Head of Center for Nutrition Studies, Mangalore, India	10 minutes
Perspectives	Govt. of India Mr David Stevenson Country Director World Food Program Mr Joel Spicer CEO Nutrition International	25 minutes
Board Discussion		25 minutes
Decision Points		5 minutes

