



Annual meeting of the Child and Adolescent TB working group: background and objectives

9 October 2017, Kigali, Rwanda

Background Child and Adolescent TB Working Group

- The working group was established in 2003
- Entity that belongs to the Stop TB Partnership; secretariat hosted at WHO Global TB Programme (WHO GTB) in Geneva
- Nearly 300 members from around the world - paediatricians, academicians, public health specialists, NTP managers, nurses, and community representatives
- Mandate:
 - to promote implementation of policies and guidelines;
 - to mobilize human and financial resources to address childhood TB;
 - to establish and strengthen collaboration between partners working in relevant fields (including maternal and child health, the extended programme on immunization and HIV);
 - > with the goal to decrease childhood TB mortality and morbidity

Background Child and Adolescent TB Working Group (continued)

Annual meetings usually around the end of the year. This meeting is the 14th meeting.

Today's meeting has a focus on Africa and is organized in conjunction with the WHO/AFRO Mother and Child Health Programme managers meeting for countries in East and Southern Africa, 10-13 October 2017.

We are therefore joined by members of the WHO Regional Task Force on Childhood TB & many country representatives (NTP and MCH) of countries in East and Southern Africa.

Main purpose of today's meeting:

To share global developments and country experiences in scaling up the response to childhood TB and to discuss next steps to move the agenda forward.

Specific objectives

- To provide an update on the activities of the working group since the last annual meeting on Wednesday 26 October 2016 in Liverpool, UK;
- To share country experiences in scaling up childhood TB activities; including collaboration with MCH and other health services at country level;
- To discuss case-finding strategies that could improve early case detection as well as prevention of TB -> through contact investigation and integration of childhood tuberculosis screening into other child health services such as HIV, nutrition and the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness screening programmes;
- To give the WHO AFRO Task Force the opportunity to present their activities in the region;
- To share new initiatives that will be implemented in the African region; and,
- To prepare for session on childhood TB during WHO AFRO MCH managers meeting of Eastern and Southern Africa.

Welcome to all and wishing you a productive meeting!



<http://www.who.int/tb/areas-of-work/children/en/>