

Challenge Facility for Civil Society Round 8

Grantee Profile

ACHIEVE Philippines



Empowering Communities for
Community-led TB Programs in the Philippines



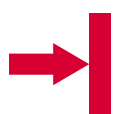
Organisation	Action for Health Initiatives, Inc.
Location	ACHIEVE is based in Quezon City but reaches nationally through its networks
Population Reach	ACHIEVE, with its partners, Samahan ng Lusog Baga (SLB), will focus on people living with HIV and communities of people affected by TB in the National Capital Region and key cities in other parts of the country with organizations of PLHIV and SLB
Timeline	May 2018 - May 2019
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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Engage communities affected by TB, people living with HIV and key populations from around the country and draft an advocacy agenda for the HLM
- Establish a network of TB and HIV community organizations to consolidate and strengthen community voices, issues and concerns
- Build the capacity of TB and HIV community organizations on advocacy through cross-movement learning and partnership-building

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Network building workshops to jumpstart the creation of a network of TB and HIV organizations
- Advocacy training for TB-HIV community organizations
- National Consultation on TB and HIV for the HLM



Contribution to the Global Plan to End TB target(s)

- Reach at least 90% of all people with TB and place them on appropriate therapy.
- Reach (as part of target a.) 90% of the key populations, the most vulnerable, underserved, at risk populations.
- Achieve at least 90% treatment success for all people diagnosed with TB through affordable treatment services, adherence to complete and correct treatment and social support.



Links to National Priorities and the TB Strategic Plan

The national program is committed to community driven responses to TB. This project activates TB patient support groups and communities to access quality TB services. Part of this project is to capacitate the communities and facilitate the development of a TB-HIV community network. This Network will eventually help in mobilizing affected communities to demand for and access quality services for both TB and HIV.



Links to Finding the Missing People with TB

The goal of the project is to strengthen a community movement for TB-HIV advocacy in the Philippines by building a network of community organizations working on both diseases. The network will contribute to finding missing people through community mobilization and advocacy.



Action for Health Initiatives, Inc, Philippines

About Action for Health Initiatives

Founded in 2000, Action for Health Initiatives (ACHIEVE), Inc. is engaged in the development and implementation of an action-research program on mobility and health, specifically addressing sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV/AIDS vulnerability of migrant workers and their families. Using rights-based, gender-responsive and participatory approaches. ACHIEVE endeavors to directly involve communities in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of such initiatives. ACHIEVE values partnership and linkage-building with other stakeholders working on issues affecting migrant workers, their families, people living with HIV and AIDS, women and youth.

TB in the Philippines

As of 2016, out of the country's population of 103 million, there was an estimated 573,000 Filipinos with TB but only 345,144 of them were notified. Seventy percent (70%) of these are males. For the same year, only 58% of people with TB were on treatment. However, about 20,000 of notified pulmonary TB cases have multi-drug resistance and/or rifampicin resistance. Despite the availability of TB treatment coverage under the Philippine Health Insurance (PhilHealth), about 35% of TB patients faced catastrophic costs, based on 2017 data.

About CFCS

Stop TB Partnership's Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS) is a unique small grants mechanism that, since 2007, supports innovative community responses to fight tuberculosis (TB). CFCS over the course of 7 rounds has invested in, tested and demonstrated the effectiveness of community responses to strengthen and expand access to quality TB prevention and care services beyond health facilities to settings that cannot be easily reached by public TB programs - US\$ 3 million (approx.) in investments to 130 grantees in over 40 countries. The Stop TB Partnership looks forward to collaborating with, supporting and learning from CFCS Round 8 grantees.