Update from the chair

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Annual meeting of the Child and Adolescent TB Working Group
Virtual meeting, 16 October 2020
Outline

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Progress since UNGA HLM on TB

• Roadmap translations:
  • Russian – completed in December 2019
  • Spanish – completed in May 2020: [https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/52187](https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/52187)

• Regional consultation for EMR, SEAR and WPR regions on Ending TB in children and adolescents, Hanoi, Viet Nam, 26-28 November 2019
  • Hosted by Government of Viet Nam
  • Over 100 participants from 12 countries
  • Presentation, facilitation and participation by various core team and working group members
  • Country action plans developed and later used in NSPs and GF applications

• Section on ending TB in children and adolescents in UNGA HLM on TB progress report (secretariat, input by core team)

• Expansion of data reported on children and adolescents to the Global TB Programme (see WHO update): age-disaggregation, MDR/RR-TB, outcomes
Progress since UNGA HLM on TB

• National TB Programme reviews with paediatric TB experts:
  • India, November 2019
  • South Africa, November 2019
  • Indonesia, January 2020
  • UR Tanzania, February 2020
  • Zambia, February 2020
  • Sierra Leone, March 2020

• Consultants training “Orientation on What’s New in TB and Engagement with the Global Fund” (including session on paediatric TB and introduction of budgeting tools), 27-31 January 2020

• Programme review tool translated into French (by the Union)

• Support to update of guidelines on the management of TB in children and adolescents
  – Consultation with core team of the working group regarding topics to be covered in call for data
  – Call for data issued in July 2020
  – More details in WHO update
Activities in 2019/2020

• Several partners (EGPAF, UNICEF, CDC, TAG, STP and WHO) set up the “Pediatric Operational and Sustainable Expertise Exchange (POSEE)” group to ensure sustainability of interventions in Unitaid funded CaP-TB project
  – Support to countries with NSP development and GF applications
  – Finalized pediatric budgeting tools to assist countries in applying for child and adolescent TB funding; tools were widely disseminated through WHO GTB and GF
  – POSEE is now a task force under the child and adolescent TB working group

• Chair represented the Implementation Working Groups in the 32nd Stop TB Partnership Board meeting (December 2019, Jakarta)

• Review of Global Fund applications of high burden and priority countries focusing on interventions on TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of children and adolescents (secretariat and core team members)

• Chair member of the GF Technical Review Panel (TRP)
Meetings and coordination

• Annual meeting of the Working Group – Hyderabad, 30 October 2019
• Core team calls June and October 2020
• Paediatric Anti-TB Drug Optimization meeting (PADO-TB) virtual review, 22 September 2020
  • Updates on developments around the priorities for paediatric medicines and formulations identified during PADO-TB1 (February 2019)
  • Discussions and consensus on shifts in priorities for DS-TB, DR-TB and LTBI
• Core team and secretariat represented in advisory committee for the Union/CDC Centre of Excellence
• TB/HIV implementation working group call on paediatric TB/HIV (21 May 2020) - Martina Casenghi, James Seddon, Sabine Verkuijl
Webinars on child/adolescent TB and COVID-19

• The Union/SSA Centre of Excellence webinar: The Programmatic Management of Paediatric and Adolescent TB in the initial COVID-19 response (3 June 2020); Facilitators: Brittany Moore and John Paul Dongo; Speakers: Dennis Falzon, Anneke Hesseling, Anne Detjen, Shana Godfred and Grania Brigden

• WARN/CARN network on COVID and childhood TB (11 June 2020); Speakers: Dennis Falzon and Sabine Verkuijl

• Hosted by CAWG and The Union: Maintaining essential child and adolescent TB services during the COVID-19 pandemic: practical solutions and lessons learnt (3 September 2020); Facilitators: Farhana Amanullah and Steve Graham; Speakers: Shakil Ahmed, Celia Martinez, Sathish Kumar and Chishala Chabala; video of affected family by Betina Mendez Alcântara Gabardo, Andrea Rossoni and colleagues
Planned activities for next year

• Regional meeting in African region (focus on implementation of key actions from the Roadmap): timing depending on COVID-19 situation
• Continue support to update of the child and adolescent TB guidelines (expected release date December 2021)
• Support to development of an operational handbook on the management of child and adolescent TB
• Development of updated training materials on child and adolescent TB, in line with guidelines and handbook (in collaboration with The Union)

• Follow-up PADO meeting (PADO-TB2)
• High Level Dialogue on paediatric HIV and Paediatric TB in children living with HIV hosted by the Vatican (Rome5), 5-6 November (virtual)
• Continue to highlight challenges and opportunities in all relevant fora; Promote research and development
• Continue to organize annual meetings of the Child and Adolescent TB working group with regional engagement of all relevant stakeholders
• Assist countries to move from single projects to programmatic approaches
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