

The logo for DTLab is centered within a horizontal orange bar with a fine grid pattern. The letters 'D', 'T', and 'L' are in a bold, sans-serif font. 'D' is red, 'T' is white, and 'L' is blue. The word 'Lab' is in a smaller, lowercase, blue sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a light gray rectangular background.

**DTLab**

**A Dutch partnership on  
worldwide strengthening  
of TB laboratory services**

# What is **DTLab**?

**DTLab** (Dutch Tuberculosis Laboratory partnership) provides technical and system-services for international TB-control

## **KIT** - Royal Tropical Institute

– quality laboratory systems and technologies



Royal Tropical Institute

## **KNCV** - Tuberculosis Foundation

– linking TB control with laboratory systems



**K N C V**

TUBERCULOSISFOUNDATION

## **RIVM** - National Institute for Public Health and the Environment

– reference laboratory and technologies

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# **DTLab** vision

**Good quality and evidence-based  
laboratory services are mandatory  
for effective and efficient TB control**

# **DTLab** mission

**To contribute in a collaborative manner  
to the challenges on all components of  
TB laboratory diagnostic services**

# **DTLab objectives**

- Advocate the role of TB laboratory services in TB programs
- Improve the quality of national laboratory networks for sputum smear microscopy
- Strengthen the capacity to deliver reliable culture and DST services
- Strengthen managerial capacity of NRLs
  - quality management, procurement, MIS, planning, biosafety
- Support the introduction of innovative diagnostic tools
- Support operational and translational research on laboratory issues

Local ownership and sustainability are crucial to our approach

# Specific **DTLab** strategies

- Delivering leadership to international working groups
- Facilitating quality laboratory services
- Delivering services in line with the Stop TB Strategy
- Services based on state-of-of-the-art evidence
- Capacity building through pre-service and in-service training and knowledge exchange
- Use of existing tools as well as innovative lab and IT techniques

# How does **DTLab** work?

- One contact point for every client
- Client sends needs request to DT Lab front office
- One proposal from the three partners together
- Tailor-made proposal on how to address the needs
- Both technical and managerial support
- Advisors from the partner institutions or their network
- DTLab does not have funding available, but can advice clients on how and where they might find funding for our services

# **DTLab** – more information

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