DT Lab

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

KNCV - Tuberculosis Foundation
  – linking TB control with laboratory systems

RIVM - National Institute for Public Health and the Environment
  – reference laboratory and technologies
Good quality and evidence-based laboratory services are mandatory for effective and efficient TB control.
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
  - 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
- Delivering leadership to international working groups
- Facilitating quality laboratory services
- Delivering services in line with the Stop TB Strategy
- Services based on state-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 DT Lab 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
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