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
Strategic priorities

- Establish GLI partnership projects
- Develop templates for country-specific roadmaps for laboratory strengthening
- Develop human resource strategies
- Develop appropriate and adequate laboratory biosafety standards
- Develop a process for the accreditation of labs or sections of labs that do TB testing
- Move new diagnostics into countries
How can DTLab assist?

- Establish GLI partnership projects

Large network of partners and contacts

- Develop templates for country-specific roadmaps for laboratory strengthening

Experience with setting up laboratory policies in LMIC and laboratory capacity building at all levels

- Develop human resource strategies

DTLab harbours a WHO Collaborating Centre for Human Resources for Health
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  **Worldwide experience in technical advice, training, implementation including BSL 3/4**

- Develop a process for the accreditation of labs or section of labs that do TB testing

  **Experience with accreditation, development of roadmaps to accreditation, quality management training, coaching, auditing and assessment**

- Move new diagnostics into countries

  **Involved in development, evaluation, standardization and implementation of new diagnostics and improvement of existing diagnostics**
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