16 November 2017

Re: Civil society requests for the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis

Dear Dr. Tedros,

The Global Ministerial Conference on TB in Moscow marks a highpoint for tuberculosis’s position in the global political agenda. We welcome the Declaration and hope that it will lead to concrete action. As we look towards the upcoming United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB in 2018, we see an opportunity for Heads of State to build on the outcomes of Moscow and drive comprehensive efforts to end the world’s leading infectious killer.

We, the undersigned civil society organizations, representing tuberculosis (TB) civil society and affected communities worldwide, express a list of what top-line core principles we would like to see come out of the UN High-Level Meeting on TB.

1. Global and country level targets to find, test, and provide quality treatment to all people with TB through person-centered care and through the active involvement and engagement of affected communities. These targets must encompass diagnosis and treatment for all forms of TB and co-infections, including latent TB infection, drug-sensitive TB, and drug-resistant TB.

2. Global and country level targets on financing for TB innovation to close the annual global research and development funding gap of $1.3 billion. Governments should commit to increasing funding for TB research through domestic mechanisms at the country level and on the international level through the creation of new, collaborative platforms and mechanisms.

3. Recognition of community leadership and engagement, human rights, ethics, and equity as key principles towards ending TB. Central to the TB response are the human rights to life, health, scientific progress, non-discrimination, participation, freedom of movement, among others, as articulated in international and regional human rights treaties and domestic constitutions.
4. An independent, impartial, politically-relevant accountability framework reporting to the United Nations General Assembly to track the progress of all countries against the epidemic and identify gaps and challenges.

This statement has been made on behalf of:

The TB HLM Civil Society and Communities Advisory Panel

Signatories

- Action against AIDS Germany
- ACTION global health advocacy partnership
- AFEW International
- Africa Japan Forum
- African Ethics and Theatre Reformation Initiative (AETRI)
- AIDS Foundation East-West in the Kyrgyz Republic
- AILES (Aides Infos Liberte Espoir et Solidarite)
- Alliance of Public Health
- Americas TB Coalition
- Anglicare PNG Inc
- APCASO
- ARASMIN
- Association Burkinabé d'Action Communautaire
- Biedriba Apvieniba HIV.LV
- The Botswana Network on Ethics, Law Human rights and HIV/AIDS (BONELA)
- Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
- Comitato Collaborazione Medica
- Center for Change and Community Development
- Civil Society Movement Against Tuberculosis
- Sierra Leone (CISMAT-SL)
- Coalition of Key Advocates Fighting Tuberculosis in the Philippines (CKAT Philippines)
- Coordinadora Peruana de Personas con VIH
- Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)
- FHI 360
- FIND
- For Impacts in Social Health (FIS Cameroon)
- Fund for Global Health
- Genesis Educational Trust
- Ghana National TB Voice Network
- Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA)
- Global Health Advocates France
- Global Health Council
- Granny Connection
- Grassroots Poverty Alleviation Program
- Institute on Disability and Public Policy (IDPP)
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD)
- International AIDS Society
- International Civil Society Support
- International HIV/AIDS Alliance
- International Indigenous Working Group on HIV & AIDS
- KANCO
- KHANA
- Lean on Me Foundation - Kenya
- LHL International
- Life Concern
- Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
- Media for Social Change and Development (MSCD)
Mongolian TB Coalition
Moxafrica
Myanmar Medical Association
National Capital District Health Services of Papua New Guinea
National Coalition of PLHIV in India (NCPI+)
National TB Controllers Association, USA
Network of Maharashtra By People Living With HIV/AIDS (NMP+)
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PAS Center
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Public Foundation "Kyrgyz Coalition Against Tuberculosis"
Public Foundation Trust Plus
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STOPAIDS UK
Stronger TB
Support to Health Public Union
Swaziland Migrant Mineworkers Association (SWAMMIWA)
Synergycare Development Initiative
TB Alert
TB and Me NGO
TB Europe Coalition
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Wote Youth Development Projects