

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	Comitato Collaborazione Medica	Granny Connection
ACTION global health advocacy partnership	Center for Change and Community Development	Grassroots Poverty Alleviation Program
AFEW International	Civil Society Movement Against Tuberculosis Sierra Leone (CISMAT-SL)	Institute on Disability and Public Policy (IDPP)
Africa Japan Forum	Coalition of Key Advocates Fighting Tuberculosis in the Philippines (CKAT Philippines)	Infectious Diseases Society of America
African Ethics and Theatre Reformation Initiative (AETRI)	Coordinadora Peruana de Personas con VIH	Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD)
AIDS Foundation East- West in the Kyrgyz Republic	Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)	International AIDS Society
AILES (Aides Infos Liberte Espoir et Solidarite)	FHI 360	International Civil Society Support
Alliance of Public Health	FIND	International HIV/AIDS Alliance
Americas TB Coalition	For Impacts in Social Health (FIS Cameroon)	International Indigenous Working Group on HIV & AIDS
Anglicare PNG Inc	Fund for Global Health	KANCO
APCASO	Genesis Educational Trust	KHANA
ARASMIN	Ghana National TB Voice Network	Lean on Me Foundation - Kenya
Association Burkinabé d'Action Communautaire	Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA)	LHL International
Biedriba Apvieniba HIV.LV	Global Health Advocates France	Life Concern
The Botswana Network on Ethics, Law Human rights and HIV/AIDS (BONELA)	Global Health Council	Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network		Media for Social Change and Development (MSCD)

Mongolian TB Coalition	Public Foundation	Swaziland Migrant
Moxafrica	"Kyrgyz Coalition Against Tuberculosis"	Mineworkers Association (SWAMMIWA)
Myanmar Medical Association	Public Foundation Trust Plus	Synergycare Development Initiative
National Capital District Health Services of Papua New Guinea	RAME	TB Alert
National Coalition of PLHIV in India (NCPI+)	RESULTS Australia	TB and Me NGO
National TB Controllers Association, USA	RESULTS Canada	TB Europe Coalition
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PAS Center	Stop TB Partnership-Kenya	Tim Africa Aid Ghana
Public Awareness for Healthful Approach for Living (PAHAL)	STOPAIDS UK	Treatment Action Group
	Stronger TB	University of Cape Town
	Support to Health Public Union	Updating Medicina del Lavoro
		Wote Youth Development Projects