Dear #2023TBHLM advocates,

As you may have seen, the Deadly Divide 2.0 accountability report launched with key policy and advocacy asks coming from affected communities and civil society at the Stop TB Board meeting on March 25. The report reflects on progress made, success stories, as well as the shortcomings of our efforts in subsequent years. It charts a course for the second UNHLM on TB in 2023 and beyond to end TB by 2030, drawing on the established road map of the Global Plan to End TB 2023-2030 and, more significantly, the inspiration and learnings garnered from over 1000 TB-affected community and civil society partners from 90 TB-impacted countries who have provided rich and unique insights, including contributions to over 30 case studies of guidance and lessons learnt to enable progress in the TB response.

As the Deadly Divide key asks form the foundation for our key asks for the HLM, we must now start the work to localize them at national and regional levels.

Please take action now by convening national and/or regional level consultations either in person or virtually.

The purpose of said consultations should be to:

- Review the asks from Deadly Divide 2.0 and identify which are a particular priority for your context (identify and localize ~ 3 that the community can all align behind to push hard on throughout your HLM on TB advocacy efforts, including in meetings with MPs and UN Mission reps secured off the back of your outreach in and around World TB Day)
- Take stock of the TB HLM advocacy being done at the national/regional level and chart a collective course forward (refer to The Hubs roadmap on our landing page for inspiration and ideas)
- Identify key targets for your advocacy (note that the Hub developed template letters and assets to support you to start engaging your Head of State, Members of Parliament, and representations of your UN Mission. If you have not already started that outreach, start it now. Learn more here and access all supportive resources from the Hub’s advocacy toolkit).
- Identify who from your country or region is well/best placed to try to secure access to the Multistakeholder hearings and UN HLM in NYC (who has a strong voice and story to share; who is a new champion and who is a legacy champion in the space; who has an active US visa; who has had a visa before and who has never had one before; who has funding to attend if they are selected as a speaker, who has funding to attend either way, and who needs funding). If you find consensus in this exercise, you can work to ensure said advocates are included in your country’s official delegation to the HLM.

Access and put to use this draft agenda that outlines what consultations could look like.