Pakistan has a population of 185 million. The country is among the highest tuberculosis (TB) burden countries in the world with 500,000 of new TB cases each year as well as one of the top 10 highest multidrug-resistant (MDR-TB) burden countries globally. As one of Pakistan’s major partners, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has been providing critical technical support to the National TB and MDR-TB control program to effectively diagnose and treat TB and decrease the disease burden.

Number of notified TB patients in 2014: 5,811
Estimated MDR-TB cases: 23,000

*Estimates of MDR-TB cases are provisional, pending a review of methods by a WHO Task Force scheduled for April 2016 and subsequent review of estimates by national TB programs in July 2016.

The number of GeneXpert sites has steadily increased since introduction in 2012, reaching 42 in 2014. In the same year, the number of patients screened also increased to reach 20,504.

The MDR-TB treatment success rate has remained steady between 2009 and 2012, reaching an average of 71 percent.

* 2012 data are the latest available for treatment success due to length of treatment.