Accelerating Action on Tuberculosis Towards Achieving 40x22

Fighting Tuberculosis (TB) is a top priority for the United States Government. The U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID) new TB business model, the “Global Accelerator to End Tuberculosis,” will catalyze investments across multiple countries and sectors to end the epidemic while building self-reliance.

USAID has been a leader in the global fight against TB for over two decades and supports anti-TB efforts in more than 50 countries helping to provide TB treatment to more than 1.3 million people, including over 300,000 suffering from multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB). Since 2000, the USAID TB program has achieved a nearly 50 percent reduction in TB-related deaths and, with our partners, we’ve saved more than 54 million lives.

THE USAID GLOBAL ACCELERATOR TO END TUBERCULOSIS

USAID’s investments are most successful when they are coupled and aligned with strong commitments from other governments and partners. To accelerate action, USAID is announcing a new innovative model, “The Global Accelerator to End Tuberculosis,” that will leverage additional resources from countries, private sector partners, and other local organizations in order to meet the UN target of treating 40 million people by 2022. It will focus on the countries with high burdens of TB in which USAID already has existing partnerships, and where the Agency could reprogram funds to better align with local communities and partners to deliver performance-based results towards the global target. This is a change in approach to ensure USAID is fighting to end TB effectively and efficiently.

USAID has initiated the first award of the Accelerator for $35 million to the University of North Carolina. The mechanism will assist with developing and implementing performance-based measurement systems to maximize resources.

The Accelerator will focus on locally generated solutions that tailor the Agency’s TB response to patients and communities to address the diagnosis, treatment and prevention needs, addressing stigma and discrimination. It will engage and leverage civil society, private sector, communities, including faith-based partners. USAID will work directly with nearly 50 local entities within TB priority countries to provide accessible services, resulting in increased diagnosis and treatment success rates.

USAID AND INDIA: A RENEWED PARTNERSHIP

Prime Minister Modi has made an ambitious and highly-applauded commitment to achieve a “TB-Free” India by 2025. India’s drive to conquer and eliminate TB is a strong example of the type of initiative that USAID’s new TB business model intends to support. In order to advance the government’s vision, USAID is making a $30 million commitment, subject to the approval of Congress, which will strengthen our partnership and accelerate India’s efforts to end TB.

A new USAID-India End TB Alliance comprised of leading experts in the public and private sectors will offer innovative approaches to combating TB in India. Alliance members include industry and civil society leaders, academics, scientists, innovators, investors, and members of the diaspora. The unique perspectives of the Alliance members will help inform both USAID and the Government of India in their continued partnership to end TB.

USAID is answering the call of the international community to accelerate the response by presenting concrete and bold commitments to address TB’s threat to public health and security. USAID is rising to the challenge of building stronger and more sustainable partnerships to identify and treat 40 million people by 2022. The United States Government is committed to doing our part, and together, we can overcome any barriers in order to end TB.