

**STATEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FOR
ENDING TUBERCULOSIS IN VIETNAM**

This Statement of Partnership (SP) reflects the intended cooperation between the Ministry of Health of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (MOH), Viet Nam National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP), and the United States Agency for International Development in Viet Nam (USAID/Vietnam), each a “Participant” and, collectively, the “Participants”

I. Background:

USAID intends to provide assistance to the Government of Viet Nam’s NTP through various activities such as the Infectious Diseases Detection and Surveillance, Sustainable HIV Responses from Technical Assistance, Tuberculosis (TB) Implementation Framework Agreement, TB Local Organization Network, and Sustaining Technical and Analytic Resources.

This SP aims to establish a shared framework of support, between the Participants to achieve a mutual goal of reducing the incidence of TB by detecting and treating TB cases, including multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB, and providing preventive therapy between 2019 – 2024, with respect to ending Viet Nam’s TB epidemic by 2030.

II. Objectives

MOH, NTP and USAID intend to work together in a joint approach to achieve the following objectives by 2024:

- Increase the annual case detection of all forms of TB to 85% of all incident cases;
- Increase the treatment success rate to 95% for drug susceptible TB;
- Increase the MDR-TB case diagnosed rate to 90% among notified pulmonary TB patients;
- Treat 100% of individuals diagnosed with multidrug-resistant (MDR) TB;
- Increase the MDR-TB treatment success rate to 85%;
- Increase the proportion of TB patients with documented HIV status to 95%;

- Increase the proportion of TB-HIV patients enrolled in ARV treatment to 95%;
- Increase TB preventive therapy coverage (TPT) to 90% of PLHIV and children under five who are contacts of pulmonary TB patients;
- Ensure the long-term availability of domestic funding for activities at all program levels;
- Ensure uninterrupted supply of quality assured TB drugs and commodities.

III. Roles and Responsibilities

The Participants intend to:

1. Jointly monitor progress, share information, and evaluate and report on progress;
2. Meet on a quarterly basis, or more frequently as needed to define the specific activities to be undertaken and provide the required guidance to the implementing partners;
3. Jointly plan and organize any launch or dissemination events related to this SP; and
4. Participate in a regular (e.g., semi-annual and annual) performance review process.

Individual intentions of the Participants:

A. MOH/NTP

In support of the objectives outlined above, the MOH and NTP intend to:

1. Include the commitments and targets agreed to at the High Level Meeting on TB at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2018 in the National Action Plan to End TB by 2030;
2. Convene a high level group (such as an National Committee to End TB) that will establish and monitor a Multi-sectoral Accountability Framework for TB;
3. Adopt and implement relevant national guidelines and policies;
4. Ensure sufficient and sustainable financing for quality and cost-effective TB services towards achieving universal health coverage;
5. Enable policy environment to support an uninterrupted and sufficient supply of quality assured TB drugs and commodities;
6. Improve data monitoring and reporting systems at all levels;
7. Share routine TB data with USAID-funded advisors and projects in a timely manner;
8. Convene quarterly meetings to jointly review performance data, technical reports and accountability records with USAID for activities that involve USAID commodities or technical assistance.

B. USAID

In support of the objectives outlined above, and subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to:

1. Participate in a joint annual action planning process between the MoH/NTP and all other relevant partners, to assess results and reach consensus on the next interventions by the government and USAID-funded activities on an annual basis;
2. Provide technical assistance to strengthen capacity and achieve results;
3. Provide financial support to the MOH's NTP to conduct specified activities as agreed in the joint annual action plan, complementary to available support by other funding sources, and subject to funding availability;
4. Second TB experts to key roles within the NTP to serve as TB advisors for the NTP;
5. Assist in the improvement of monitoring and evaluation systems, and the quality of data collection, analysis, and utilization;
6. Work with USAID implementing partners to enhance coordination with the MOH's NTP, in terms of activity planning, implementation and submission of reports on project progress, challenges, and results.

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IV. Communications

Public communications should recognize the Participants through appropriate branding, in accordance with their respective legal, policy, and procedural requirements. Each Participant intends to communicate publicly the contributions of the other in articles, media, and publications or other documents, as well as hand-outs and signage at events. The Participants will endeavor to share information on their individual policies, procedures, and requirements relating to branding, and other communications-related requirements, so that potential obstacles can be addressed in a timely manner.

All communications should be sent to the Participants at the following addresses:

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V. Other Provisions:

- 1. No Obligation of Funds:** This SP does not effectuate an obligation of funds by either Participant. Any obligation of funds by USAID to support its intentions under this SP would be accomplished through agreements with USAID implementing partners, consistent with U.S. laws and regulations, and in accordance with USAID procurement and other related policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- 2. Effect of SP:** This SP does not constitute a legal obligation or binding agreement under domestic or international law. The Participants maintain their own separate and unique missions and mandates and their own accountabilities. This SP does not supersede or interfere in any way with other agreements or contracts entered into by the Participants, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of this SP.

3. **Duration and Termination:** This SP will come into operation upon signature of the Participants, and will expire on December 31st, 2024 or otherwise notified by either Participant. Either Participant may terminate this SP by providing the other Participant with written notice. In the event of termination, the Participants intend to consult with each other on how to bring the SP to an orderly close.
4. **Resolution of Disputes:** The Participants intend to use the utmost good faith to resolve any issues and disputes that arise under this SP.
5. **Modifications:** This SP may be modified in writing by mutual consent of all Participants, as may be necessary from time to time.

Signed at Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 16th October 2019

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