BUILDING COMMITMENT AND CAPACITY TO END TB

Tuberculosis (TB) is the world’s deadliest infectious disease, taking the lives of an estimated 1.4 million people each year. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) leads the U.S. Government’s (USG) global TB efforts by working with agencies and partners around the world to reach every person with the disease, cure those in need of treatment, and prevent the spread of new infections and the progression to active TB disease. USAID provides bilateral assistance in 23 countries with high burdens of TB, as well as targeted technical assistance in an additional 32 countries.

OUR APPROACH: THE GLOBAL ACCELERATOR TO END TB

USAID’s TB business model, the Global Accelerator to End TB, increases commitment and builds capacity of governments, civil society, and the private sector to accelerate countries’ progress in achieving the United Nations High-Level Meeting (UNHLM) on TB target of diagnosing and enrolling an additional 40 million people on TB treatment by 2022 and ultimately, ending TB. Through the Accelerator, USAID continues to improve TB diagnosis, treatment, and prevention services. To address the specific challenges of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) patients, USAID is expanding the availability of new MDR-TB drugs and regimens that save lives, as well as investing in pivotal clinical trials.

Through redefining our development relationship with partner governments, strengthening local institutions, and promoting systemic change, the Accelerator remains increasingly relevant in building countries’ local capacity to address TB. Since launching, the Accelerator has made significant progress in three key areas to support reaching country TB targets:

Partnering with Ministries of Health:
USAID Missions have signed partnership statements with Ministries of Health in 18 out of 23 USAID TB priority countries. The statements are the basis for increased collaboration and coordination on interventions to reach the UNHLM targets. To support the commitments made in these statements, USAID is developing TB commitment grants with the Ministries.

Sustainable Technical Support:
USAID has embedded nearly 60 advisors in priority countries to build National TB Programs’ capacity. Through mentorship and technical expertise, these advisors help improve systems and expand interventions for more sustainable and focused TB programming.

Locally Generated Solutions:
USAID has made direct awards to 34 local organizations, including faith-based groups and many new partners. These awards support grassroots solutions and drive community-generated results towards National TB Strategic Plan and UNHLM targets.
Developed through an intensive U.S. interagency effort, the USG Global TB Strategy (2015-2019), aimed to help countries achieve five key targets in the five-year timeframe, with the ultimate goal of TB elimination by 2050. Through promoting prevention strategies, improving patient-centric care, strengthening service delivery, and providing access to new diagnostics and drugs in the fight against TB, USAID and partners have achieved three of the USG Global TB Strategy 2019 targets.