

Total Control of TB

A vision for eradicating TB as a communicable disease

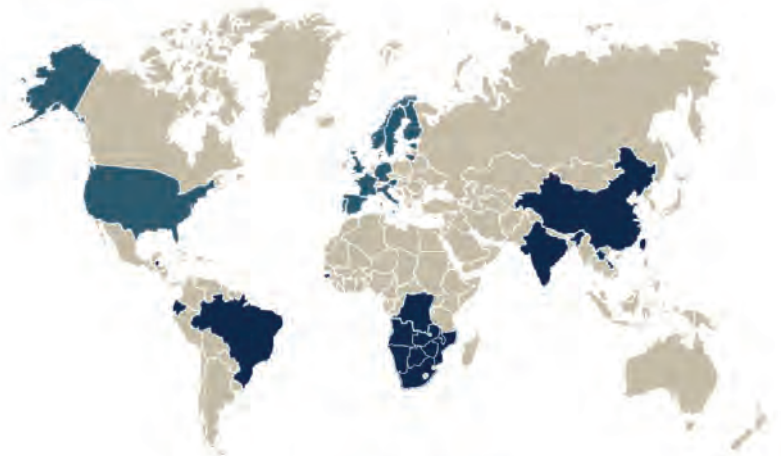


Who are we?

Humana People to People is an international network of 29 national NGOs working for the sustainable development of vulnerable communities, particularly from Sub-Saharan Africa, the Americas and Asia.

We engage in development work that combats epidemics, illiteracy, hunger and environmental challenges. Our members are local organisations in the countries they serve, facilitating deep, meaningful connections with people, communities, governments and other stakeholders.

We pioneered our flagship health programme Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) in 2000 with a vision of ending HIV. TCE has proven to be a powerful model, helping countries move towards the global UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets to end AIDS epidemic by 2030. Humana People to People members have built on this model to combat TB and support the World Health Organisation's End TB Strategy. Since 2018 we have reached over 18.5 million with our TB projects, across 12 countries.



You may know HUMANA member organisations by the names of:



Our Tuberculosis Response

Our Total Control of TB model integrates the full complement of TB services:

TB prevention and community education

Active TB case screening, identification and diagnosis

Referral for TB treatment

Treatment adherence support until cure

Our TB projects are informed by decades of our presence at the frontline of the fight against HIV and we integrate our approach to both diseases.

Our programmes recognise that all people living with HIV should be screened for TB and all people with TB should be tested for HIV.

Our specialism is bringing the local community and local or national health systems together, in areas with high rates of TB, HIV and drug resistant TB.

Our members' knowledge and experience of working with vulnerable communities, often in hard-to-reach areas, is essential in TB prevention and treatment.

FIVE PILLARS OF OUR APPROACH

01

Promoting Universal Healthcare Coverage

Humana People to People members tackle social and economic inequalities that make people vulnerable to TB. We aim to eliminate costs that prevent the most marginalised and vulnerable from accessing support and staying on treatment. We decentralise TB testing and treatment for the people by going to remote locations with such services. We collect sputum or help people get to their nearest health facility. And we help patients improve their nutrition by growing vegetable gardens. We also increase uptake of health services by addressing stigma, discrimination and the lack of knowledge about TB.

02

Building local community TB response networks

Humana People to People members recruit and train local networks of volunteers to be a “community-driven united front”, raising awareness, identifying presumptive cases and supporting treatment adherence. We engage former TB patients, mobilise, train and engage community actors to raise awareness and built sustainable local TB response networks. Our members’ community-based health workers and TB field officers play a vital role locally in identifying people with TB, encouraging up-take of diagnostic testing, helping patients to complete treatment, and gaining the participation of the wider community.

03

Engaging most-at-risk communities

We prioritize reaching out to people living in very densely populated communities as well as remote and hard to reach geographical areas that lack access to public health services. Our members provide TB services at doorsteps, ensuring health access for all. We go for TB hot-spots – former and current mine workers, prisons, slums, homeless people and those living in poorly ventilated family dwellings as part of raising awareness for prevention, identifying active TB cases and engaging members of the community who are exposed to TB to gain control of the epidemic.

04

Supporting public health delivery systems

We support and co-operate with national public health institutions in promoting the right to better health. A selected few of our Community Health Workers are stationed at local Health Facilities to facilitate quick medical support response to people showing presumptive symptoms, patients referred from the community and; coordinating the tracking of TB treatment defaulters by other Community Health Workers based in the community. Together with our funding partners, Humana People to People members provide advanced TB equipment for public health facilities to increase accuracy in TB diagnosis, especially for the tough multi-drug resistant strains and to increase TB detection in children.

05

Integration of digital technology in fighting TB

We integrate innovative digital technology into our work. Humana People to People members promote community-led monitoring, democratise data collection and improve the capacity of health facilities. Working with local leaders and health facilities, our members train and empower local health workers and others in the community to use mobile apps to collect vital information. This leads to better understanding of the barriers people face to accessing TB services. We use this information to advocate for improved services.



Humana People to People is a go-to TB partner

The Humana People to People network’s collective capacity to learn and adapt has been essential in meeting emerging TB needs.

Currently, we are implementing TB projects in Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea Bissau, India, Laos, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We thank all our partners for their continued support and commitment to working with the people in striving for control of the epidemic.