



What does Challenge TB do?

Challenge TB contributes to the WHO End TB Strategy targets:

Vision: A world free of TB

Goal: To end the global TB epidemic

By 2025: A 75% reduction in TB deaths (compared with 2015) and less than 50 cases per 100,000 population.

Global Fund:

Challenge TB assists countries with the full Global Fund life cycle, from epi-analysis and national strategic plans to concept notes and full implementation.

Overarching:

Challenge TB is a cost-effective and efficient mechanism with a particular emphasis on reaching out to vulnerable communities. It assists countries to move towards universal access through a patient-centered approach that identifies and addresses the needs of all patients including women and children.



CHALLENGE TB EAST AFRICA REGION

Where Does Challenge TB Work?

Asia

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Burma
Cambodia
India
Indonesia
Kyrgyzstan
Tajikistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan
Vietnam

Africa

Botswana
DR Congo
East Africa Region
Ethiopia
Malawi
Mozambique
Namibia
Nigeria
South Sudan
Tanzania
Zimbabwe

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In 2014 KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation (KNCV) began implementing the new five year United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded Challenge TB project as the prime partner of an international coalition. In the next five years USAID will invest US\$525 million through the Challenge TB project to accelerate the global fight against tuberculosis (TB).

The international coalition consists of nine organizations:

- American Thoracic Society (ATS)
- FHI 360
- Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association (JATA)
- International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)
- Interactive Research and Development (IRD)
- KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation (KNCV)
- Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
- PATH
- World Health Organization (WHO).

Challenge TB has three main objectives

- **Objective 1:** Improved access to high-quality patient-centered TB, Drug-Resistant TB (DR-TB) & TB/HIV services
- **Objective 2:** Prevent transmission and disease progression
- **Objective 3:** Strengthen TB service delivery platforms

The five-year Challenge TB East Africa Regional Project is based in Nairobi and funded by the USAID East African Regional Bureau with KNCV as the lead partner. The project focuses its activities in six countries in the region: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda. It is designed to cover activities that are beyond individual countries and to develop demonstration/learning sites through which best practices can be generated and shared for adoption/ implementation.

The project works closely with the East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) in Tanzania, the Rwanda Center of Excellence for the Programmatic Management of Drug-resistant TB, and the Supra-national TB Reference Laboratory in Uganda.

The main challenges in the region are:

- Limited access to TB care for migrants, refugees, nomads and pastorals (cross-border issues)
- Limited interventions to address cross-border TB referral systems
- Suboptimal planning for the procurement and distribution of anti-TB medicines, especially second-line drugs (SLDs) to treat DR-TB
- Weak management of patients who fail multi-drug resistant TB treatment
- Poor use of the existing knowledge and skills available in the region
- Weak focus on childhood TB by programs.

All these challenges can be addressed through stakeholder engagement and by strengthening management capacity.

The Challenge TB East Africa Project focuses on:

- Establishing demonstration sites for cross-border TB control, to facilitate joint planning and the coordination of interventions
- Establishing a patient referral and transfer system to make sure patients are not lost to follow-up as they move between countries
- Creating a regional training corridor for TB to coordinate training efforts throughout the region
- Strengthening the quality assurance of TB diagnostics in vulnerable populations
- Providing timely access to SLDs, including new drugs and shorter regimens by establishing a regional dashboard to facilitate the exchange of SLDs
- Establishing a multi/extensively drug-resistant TB case management and palliative care demonstration site
- Strengthening TB infection control in laboratories in Somalia by introducing standard operating procedures
- Strengthening childhood TB interventions by developing a facilitator guide for the *Childhood TB for Healthcare Workers* manual and an online training course.

