FOREWORD

WHO has proactively strengthened our collaboration with civil society in TB – I believe in the transformative power of civil society to drive change. Change that will impact the lives of millions of people worldwide who are suffering or dying from TB.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,
WHO Director-General

It has been about a year since the revamped Civil Society Taskforce is operational. Although it certainly feels much longer as the collaboration deepened considerably in this short period.

Capitalizing on the momentum created at the 1st Ministerial Conference on Ending TB in Moscow in 2017, a dedicated meeting with the Director-General and civil society in Geneva in early 2018, as well as the UN High Level Meeting on TB later in 2018, WHO leadership and civil society representatives built a powerful collaboration under the umbrella of the Task Force, launched in late December 2018.

Since then, the Secretariat and the Task Force have jointly undertaken a number of actions. The Task Force has been and continues to mainstream the civil society and affected community perspectives in all key Global TB Programme efforts and agendas on the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals. This includes participation in high-level events such as the stakeholder hearing and the UN High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage in September 2019. The openness of all stakeholders within this process has built trust, increased transparency and allowed us to focus more sharply on our common goal to End TB.

While access to and engagement in the high-level events enabled the Task Force to influence the dialogues, it also helped WHO to include civil society and affected community voices in its internal processes. As a firm commitment of WHO, our leadership emphasized the role of the Task Force to the Regional Directors in an official communication, highlighting the opportunities in close collaboration with the Country Offices. The progress on this front is gaining momentum and the Task Force is increasingly involved at the regional and country efforts to accelerate the TB response.

As a natural progression and a clear sign of meaningful collaboration, the Task Force was at the frontline of World TB Day 2019 with widely disseminated advocacy video messages, central place in the World TB Day 2019 “End TB Accelerator Package”, followed by the Task Force and WHO Director-General joint call for accelerating action in July 2019.

There is encouraging progress achieved on policy and guidelines development front. In 2018, WHO’s Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on TB recommended strengthened process and transparency of selection of civil society and affected community representatives on Guideline Development Groups. As a response, WHO put a new procedure in place to enhance the selection of relevant Guideline Development group members. A call for expressions of interest was issued from the Secretariat, encouraging the Task Force to explore interest among its members and through their networks, to include strong civil society and affected community representatives in guideline development processes.

Looking ahead, WHO will continue to provide the Task Force with resources, a platform for dialogue, outreach, engagement and action. The focus in 2020 is on production of tool to assess the civil society engagement in the Multisectoral Accountability Framework processes. Opportunities for capacity building will include WHO new training on integrated community-based TB service delivery (ENGAGE-TB) and beyond. We will continue catalyzing the engagement of the Task Force members and their partners and networks in national TB programmes’ and strategic plans’ reviews. Last but not least, consorted efforts will be made to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of civil society engagement at all levels of TB response.

We at WHO will continue to increase our efforts in terms of resources and commitment to reach the common goal to end TB together with civil society as a close partner.

Dr Tereza Kasaeva
Director, Global TB Programme
World Health Organization
ABOUT THE WHO CIVIL SOCIETY TASK FORCE ON TB

The WHO Civil Society Task Force provides a Platform for discussion and exchange with WHO building on the commitment of the Director-General, with emphasis on harnessing the untapped potential in engagement with civil society and affected communities at all levels.

Following commitments made by Heads of State at the first-ever UN High Level Meeting on TB (UNHLM) in September 2018, the role of civil society in driving action and accountability is more important than ever. The UNHLM political declaration and WHO End TB Strategy both call for prioritizing strong and meaningful engagement of civil society and affected communities in all aspects of the TB response.

In this context, WHO Civil Society Task Force aims to strengthen collaboration for accelerating progress towards ending TB. The Task Force is a culmination of the commitments made by WHO’s Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to strengthen civil society engagement, as discussed at several consultations with civil society representatives, starting from the Ministerial Conference on Ending TB which took place in Moscow in November 2017.

With a mandate from January 2019 to December 2020, The Task Force seeks to emphasize key actions to drive stronger civil society engagement in efforts to end TB including:

- Translating WHO TB policies including End TB Strategy into practice through mainstreaming of voices of communities affected by TB and their networks at global, regional and country levels;
- Catalyzing greater collaboration between civil society organizations, national TB programmes and WHO at all levels in all activities and projects for improved TB outcomes including meaningful engagement of civil society and affected communities in policy development;
- Contributing to the implementation of WHO TB policies with particular focus on multisectoral action for social protection and universal health coverage and advocating their inclusion in national TB strategies and plans, national social programmes and political platforms (e.g. parliaments) and regional and global platforms of policy dialogue.
- Promoting and nurturing strong and effective linkages between community-based actors and national TB programmes or their equivalents as well as promoting the generation of demand for TB prevention, diagnosis, care and treatment services.
- Development of framework for monitoring and evaluation of collaboration among civil society organizations, national TB programmes and WHO at all levels.
- Promoting capacity building of civil society members and representatives of communities affected by TB to intensify the information sharing, dialogue and consultation on the implementation of WHO TB policies and norms.
- Advocating for increased domestic funding and donor commitments for TB response at all levels.

Fifteen members were selected with inputs from an independent Selection Panel. Selection was based on assessments of individual competencies and experiences and the process aimed to balance geography, gender, and the diversity of communities and civil society representatives.
MEET THE WHO CIVIL SOCIETY TASK FORCE ON TB

TEREZA KASAEVA
- Global health leader;
- WHO Global TB Programme Director leading the response to end TB and responsible for setting norms, policies and standards;
- Strong believer in the power of civil society and community representatives, and the importance of engagement to reach the SDGs

WHO is working closely with the Task Force in implementing priorities and actions towards ending TB identified together. The Task Force is a strong ally in driving forward the End TB response. We need the voice and power of those most affected by TB and civil society to make the ambitious commitments made by Heads of State at the UN High Level Meeting a reality.

BRAZIL
EZIO TAVORA DOS SANTOS FILHO
- Research;
- Advocacy;
- Building partnerships

Task Force has a privileged mission to bridge WHO and the communities in all regions. We know the challenges, fragilities and potential of our health systems. In these difficult days of emergency of a new pandemic, our increased responsibility is to make sure we keep our commitments to End TB. Universal health access is the only way.

CAMEROON
BERTRAND KAMPOER
- Francophone Africa Network (DRAF TB);
- Community, Rights and Gender;
- Health Systems Strengthening

We need fast scale up of TB preventive treatment, capacity building of health care providers, sustained community involvement including TB survivors, reduction of gender and human rights barriers as well as ethical considerations. As a Task Force, our mandate is also to support national programs to strengthen community-based active TB case finding and human rights approaches to close the notification gap, because currently a lot of efforts are still to be made.

SOUTH AFRICA
HARRY HAUSLER
- National network lead;
- Strengthened service delivery and technical assistance for TB and HIV prevention

The Task Force is an excellent forum that allows civil society and affected communities to provide input on WHO policies and guidelines to increase access to and quality of patient-centred TB services. Collective action is required to strengthen the TB prevention and treatment cascades for all, including key populations for TB. It is only through united efforts between WHO, governments, civil society and affected communities that we will end TB.

UGANDA
ROGER PAUL KAMUGASHA
- TB advocacy
- Investigative Journalism
- Mobilization of Regional Parliaments

Task Force is focused on catalysing greater collaboration between governments, civil society, communities and National TB Programmes towards the WHO Multisectoral Accountability Framework and ensuring achievement of commitments on the UN High Level Meeting on TB.

KENYA
EVALINE KIBUCHI
- National partnership;
- Parliamentary engagement (regional);
- Advocacy for increase domestic investments

Three ingredients for the End TB recipe with civil society: reduce stigma for improved access to TB services; create more awareness in the entire community; bring in other sectors to identify their role in ending TB. And ensure immediate role out of Research and Development products and commodities. End product = well on the path to ending TB by 2030.
UKRAINE

YULIYA CHORNA
 ► Regional advocacy;
 ► Boosting political and financial commitments;
 ► Multisectorial engagement

To end TB we urgently need to unite all efforts and ensure that people everywhere have access to effective diagnostics, treatment and care. Task Force gives us a platform for dialogue with WHO leadership. We share knowledge, needs and lessons to collectively impact policies on how people-centered care should look like.

TAJIKISTAN

JAMILYA ISMOILOVA
 ► Advocacy;
 ► Boosting community engagement in the region

Do you consider TB as something not very worrying for our global family? If yes, then it is sad. Humanity has gone through tremendous challenges to make it less threatening for our lives. Therefore, we are here to bring the end to TB all around the globe.

PAKISTAN

AMIR KHAN
 ► Research and policy setting;
 ► Service delivery

Task Force has an intention and ability to make significant contribution by effectively engaging the civil society and affected communities in achieving the End TB goals and targets.

INDONESIA

ESTY FEBRIANI MKES
 ► Service delivery and capacity building;
 ► Advocacy;
 ► Faith-based organization representative

To End TB must bring all the stakeholders synergize to take action. The power of community engagement has been proven by the Task Force. This effort needs to continue to ensure the enabling environment to support persons with TB until cure.

THAILAND

NYAN WIN PHYO
 ► Service delivery;
 ► Marginalized population;
 ► Advocacy

We believe that having Task Force members with their knowledge and understanding of the real needs and obstacles of TB affected communities in WHO efforts can defeat TB definitely.

PHILIPPINES

JEFFRY P. ACABA
 ► TB survivors movement;
 ► Regional advocacy platform;
 ► Capacity building

The role of the Task Force is critical to ensuring that the global TB response, as framed by the End TB Strategy, is reflective of the priorities of people with and affected by TB.

VIET NAM

ANH TUAN NGUYEN
 ► Research;
 ► Capacity building;
 ► TB epidemiology and diagnosis

Women and girls are primary care givers to protect their families from TB. TB survivors can be TB champions to support their peers. Human resources to end TB are unlimited. It is the Task Force’s mission to engage and empower them.

INDIA

NANDITA VENKATESAN
 ► TB survivor;
 ► Person living with disability

It’s a good step to include TB survivors in the Task Force, and must be followed in the future as well. The Task Force gives an opportunity to provide vital inputs to WHO TB policies and acts a platform to raise the community concerns and demands. We must strengthen engagement with the national TB programmes, going forward.

BLESSINA KUMAR
 ► Advocacy;
 ► Regional technical assistance provider;
 ► Boosting voices of TB survivors

WHO Task Force is a great platform to bring the ground reality to decision-makers and technical partners. This is a real dream come true, bridging the gap between policy-makers and people affected by TB. We are able to work with WHO offices more closely, voice our concerns from the ground, and benefit people who need the care most. To End TB, the affected community should have the space to work with stakeholders as a team.

TB high burden country

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Overview of WHO engagement with civil society representatives through the Task Force

- **WHO Task Force on Global TB Research**
  - 22-23 January 2019
  - Geneva, Switzerland

- **UN High Level Meeting on TB**
  - 26 September 2018
  - New York

- **World TB Day**
  - 24 March 2019

- **Meeting with TB civil society and WHO Director-General in WHO HQ**
  - 15-16 January 2018

- **Luncheon with TB civil society representatives and WHO leadership in conjunction with Civil Society hearing in the run up to the TB UNHLM**
  - 5 June 2018

- **STAG and CSTF meeting**
  - 11-13 June 2019
  - Geneva, Switzerland
  - Joint DG-CSTF
  - Advocacy messages published

- **The Fifth Meeting of the BRICS TB Research Network**
  - 2-3 July 2019
  - Beijing, China

- **Guideline Development Group meeting on LF-LAM assay (diagnostic urine test for the detection of LAM antigen)**
  - 14-16 May 2019
  - Geneva, Switzerland

- **Multi-stakeholder hearing in the run-up to the UNHLM on Universal Health Coverage**
  - 29 April 2019
  - NY, USA

- **World TB Day**
  - 24 March 2019

- **Launch of community training modules for Drug Resistant TB in South East Asian Region**
  - 13 May 2019
  - Delhi, India

- **STAG-TB**

- **CSTF movie produced with advocacy messages; new CSTF factsheet in “End TB Accelerator Package”**
  - 14 March 2019

- **1st meeting of the CSTF sets its strategic direction**
  - 7-8 March 2019
  - Geneva, Switzerland

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HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY:
UN HIGH LEVEL MEETING on TB, STAG and beyond

WHO Director-General and civil society representatives jointly define engagement mechanism and priorities

16 NOVEMBER 2017
WHO Director-General consulting with civil society representatives at the Ministerial Conference in Moscow, Russian Federation: defining priorities and next steps.

15-16 JANUARY 2018
WHO Director-General meets with TB civil society to strengthen engagement in accelerating the End TB response.

Civil Society Task Force at the frontline of World TB Day 2019 and End TB Accelerator Package, 24 March 2019

World TB Day 2019 with Task Force at the spotlight as a game changer in Ending TB.

Task Force requesting Strategic and Technical Advisory Group to note the variable level of systematic engagement of civil society and affected communities in Regions and Countries, and to recommend action, 11-13 June 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

At STAG, Task Force requested for WHO to ensure resources for full implementation of Task Force workplan; nurture linkages at regional and country levels to boost engagement; focus on vulnerable populations; measure frequency and quality of engagement; produce good practices.

Task Force and WHO Director-General produce a joint call for accelerating action to end tuberculosis, 24 July 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

Joint call to:
1. Accelerate action to reach the targets of UNGA High Level Meeting on TB, including: treatment for 40 million people with TB, prevention for 30 million people for 5 years, the implementation of WHO’s Multisectoral Accountability Framework.
2. Transition to an all-oral regimen to treat people with drug-resistant TB by World TB Day 2020.
3. Identify best practices and champions to share lessons for rapid implementation of new guidelines in countries.
4. Strengthen meaningful engagement of civil society and affected communities in the TB response.

IT’S TIME FOR ACTION
WHO CIVIL SOCIETY TASKFORCE:
Our close partners in the fight to end TB

ABOUT THE CIVIL SOCIETY TASKFORCE
The revamped Task Force was launched on 12 December 2018. It is a platform for discussion and exchange with WHO with emphasis on:

- Translating WHO TB policies including End TB Strategy into practice through mainstreaming of voices of communities affected by TB and their networks at global, regional and country levels;
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IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT TO END TB
As countries are beginning to ramp up efforts to end TB following commitments made by Heads of State at the first-ever UN High Level Meeting on TB (UNHLM) in September 2018, the role of civil society in driving action and accountability is more important than ever. The UNHLM political declaration and WHO End TB Strategy both call for prioritizing strong and meaningful engagement of civil society and affected communities in all aspects of the TB response.

WHO has revamped its Civil Society Task Force on TB to strengthen collaboration for accelerating progress towards ending TB. Joint action between civil society and WHO is key to reach WHO triple billion goals set in our 13th General Programme of Work. These include 1 billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage (UHC), 1 billion people more people better protected from health emergencies, and 1 billion more people enjoying better health and well-being.

END TB ACCELERATOR PACKAGE
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**Linkages between TB and Universal Health Coverage underlined by Task Force at the Stakeholder Hearing - 29 April 2019 - in the run-up to the UN HLM UHC, 23 September 2019, New York**

Task Force (Bertrand, Ezio, Jeff, Eviline, Jamilya) stressed that “Universal Health Coverage cannot be achieved unless the catastrophic cost in TB and out-of-pocket expenditures are eliminated”, stressed the Task Force.

**Task Force civil society representatives at the frontline of the 5th End TB Strategy Summit, 28-29 October 2019, Hyderabad, India**

Event gathers national programme managers of all highest TB burden countries and representatives of key Partners. Task Force members reinforced the importance of the scale-up use of drug-resistant TB treatment guidelines and TB preventive treatment; adaptation and implementation of the WHO Multisectoral Accountability Framework for TB; and reaching the missed people with TB with services. Opening and closing panels as well as all technical discussions benefited from calls to action and civil society perspectives in all proceedings.
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MAINSTREAMING TASK FORCE VOICES INTO WHO WORK ON ALL 3 PILLARS OF THE END TB STRATEGY

PILLAR 1
INTEGRATED, PATIENT-CENTERED TB CARE AND PREVENTION

▲ Task Force leading production of community capacity building modules for drug-resistant TB in the South-East Asia Region, 13 May 2019, Delhi, India

Subsequent text to read “New training modules were launched by community representatives and stakeholders at the opening of the meeting to empower affected communities to accelerate the response to drug-resistant TB in the South-East Asia Region. The development of the modules was led by affected community representatives through the Global Coalition of TB Activists and WHO/SEARO, with stakeholder inputs.

▲ Access news item and modules here

▲ Task Force advocates for uptake of LF-LAM at the International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science 2019, 23 July 2019, Mexico City, Mexico

Session co-hosted with TAG shared latest evidence on diagnostic tests, provided a broad overview of the update to the WHO guidelines for the use of the LF-LAM assay, reviewed the reasons behind poor policy uptake by countries and shared best practice. Emphasis on advocacy efforts by civil society to promote uptake.

▲ Task Force promotes community needs at the First technical consultation on the development of a full public health value assessment of new TB vaccines, 11-12 September 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

Event identified conceptual frameworks that capture causal pathways linking TB vaccines to their proposed benefits, building on dialogue and stakeholder consensus. Task Force representative spoke to the needs and perspective of end users and affected communities in vaccine development and implementation.

▲ Task Force commits to continuous engagement at the 2nd WHO stakeholders meeting to enable implementation of Unitaid supported innovative latent TB infection and childhood TB projects, 26 October 2019, Hyderabad, India

Representatives from 17 project countries, stakeholders and Task Force representatives reviewed progress in implementation, shared early results, identified bottlenecks and successes in terms of tools, approaches and implementation models. Task Force committed to continuous engagement with national programmes to increase awareness and enhance demand for shorter regimen. Advocacy messages for LTBI are under development in collaboration with the Task Force.

▲ Task Force strengthens the voice of civil society at the Global Fund Strategic Initiative meeting, 29-30 October 2019, Hyderabad, India

Focus was on progress achieved in the 2nd year of implementation of Global Fund initiative to find additional 1.5 million missing persons with TB in 13 highest burden countries. Event was instrumental for Task Force members to provide feedback on bottlenecks in access to care in the target countries as well as community, rights and gender barriers in access to care.

▲ Task Force promotes innovation in addressing challenges in TB care at the Union Conference symposium: TB-HIV care cascade analysis to inform programmatic management and quality service delivery, 2 November 2019, Hyderabad, India

Task Force representative spoke to the gaps in TB/HIV care cascade and innovative strategies to address them, from TB screening and HIV testing, to TB prevention and treatment completion, including affected community perspective on strengthening quality of services.
Task Force framing the action plans at the Global Consultation on Ending TB in Children and Adolescents for Priority Countries in 3 WHO Regions, **26-28 November 2019**, Hanoi, Vietnam

Consultation gathered priority countries. Over 100 stakeholders from 12 countries including 4 Task Force members most relevant to the geographical context took part in the event. Task Force supported development of joint action plans in line with the key actions included in the Roadmap towards ending TB in children and adolescents. Exercise included transforming UNGA HLM TB political commitments into programmatic interventions with linkages with the private sector. On the sidelines, Task Force member from Viet Nam and WHO Country Office organized a “Run like a Child” event to raise funds for children and families affected by TB.

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**PILLAR 2**

**BOLD POLICIES AND SUPPORTIVE SYSTEMS**

Task Force assesses the progress and informs way forward at the Workshop on End TB Strategy Pillar II in the Western Pacific Region 2018, **11-13 December 2018**, Seoul, Korea

Stakeholders and Task Force members reached agreement to establish National Civil Society coordination mechanisms in 8 priority countries for closer collaboration with national programmes. Role of Regional Network to oversee the progress with linkage with the Task Force defined.

Read more and access Outcome Statement

Task Force enriches the Global Public Private Mix Group meeting, **16-18 July 2019**, Jakarta, Indonesia

Over 150 stakeholders from across 20 countries came together to review progress towards adoption and roll out of the PPM Roadmap (launched in 2018) to close gaps in care and reach all the missing people with TB. First time ever, six civil society representatives from the Task Force and youth advocates enabled greater engagement of affected communities in efforts to scale up PPM.

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**PILLAR 3**

**INTENSIFIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

Task Force helps frame the Strategy with clearly defined role of civil society at WHO, **22-23 January 2019**, Geneva, Switzerland

Task Force participation was critical in reviewing the overall scope of the draft strategy. It helped define the role of civil society in contributing to its implementation.

Civil Society perspectives shape discussions at The Fifth Meeting of the BRICS TB Research Network, **2-3 July 2019**, Beijing, China

Event discussed collaborative scientific research for the development and innovation on diagnostics, vaccines, drugs and regimens, infection control for TB and patient service delivery.

Task Force highlights civil society considerations at the Meeting on TB Research in the Americas, **9-10 September 2019**, São Paulo, Brazil

Event highlighted progress, needs and challenges in TB Research in the Region.

Enriching the technical consultation on latent TB infection management: Research for scale-up and target regimen profiles, **16-17 September 2019**, Montreal, Canada

Task Force enriched the discussion with civil society perspectives on the research needs to the scale-up of TB preventive treatment, as well as the development of Target Regimen Profiles for TB preventive treatment.
WHO put a new procedure in place to enhance the strength of selection of relevant Guideline Development Group members: for each new TB-related guideline, a call for expressions of interest is issued from the Secretariat for the Task Force application, as well as dissemination, collection, analysis and suggestions for membership to the guideline development Secretariat for affected community representatives. Guideline secretariat makes a final decision based on the declarations of interest and factors published in the terms of reference.
WHO CIVIL SOCIETY TASK FORCE
BUILDS COMMON GROUND TO ENHANCE IMPACT

1st Meeting of the WHO Civil Society Task Force, 7-8 March 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

Jointly greed priorities include, but are not limited to, implementation of the Political Declaration resulting from the UN High Level Meeting on TB in 2018; boosting engagement in policy development, research, programmes and processes; and implementation of the Multisectoral Accountability Framework.

2nd Meeting & of the WHO Civil Society Task Force, 13 June 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

At a meeting convened in conjunction with STAG, Task Force reviewed progress and refined key priorities and joint messages in relation to the STAG agenda. Strong Task Force presence and its linkage with STAG thanks to membership in both bodies was instrumental for deepening Task Force identity, networking, and creating new collaborations with Task Force and STAG members, present Partners and WHO staff.

WHO & Civil Society Task Force jointly frame priorities and messaging for the Union Conference and side events, 27 October 2019, Hyderabad, India

In preparation for the End TB Summit and the Union World Conference on Lung Health, WHO and Task Force agreed on messages to boost collaboration and meaningful engagement with civil society to end TB.

Union Conference session “Meet the WHO Civil Society Task Force”, 1 November 2019, Hyderabad, India

Event aimed at Introducing the Task Force and its roles and functions to the Conference participants and sharing priorities for broader consultation and feedback. Request for advocacy targeting the Union to mainstream community representation into the main Conference was one of the key highlights.

Retreat of Task Force civil society representatives, 2 November 2019, Hyderabad, India

WHO financially supported retreat of Task Force civil society representatives to allow for independent discussion on their role, mandate, achievements and needs.

STREAM CAB Webinar, 13 December 2019

Global TB Programme Director and Research lead participated in the webinar explaining the WHO guidelines development process with focus on the upcoming TB guidelines development.

14 COORDINATION CALLS (INCLUDING 4 THEMATIC)

3 FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS
WHO ENGAGE-TB approach guides the implementation of integrated community-based TB service delivery with the existing community-based health and development initiatives. See factsheet here. Building on ongoing support to countries, evidence from implementation and global consultations to review progress and challenges in 2018, WHO is revamping our approach to capacity building.

The new ENGAGE-TB online platform, supported by the Global Fund Strategic Initiative, more closely aligns with the need to find missing persons with TB. Community based service delivery and outreach by community health works is a powerful way to boost the utilization of TB services and find more persons with TB, and find them early. Data (see graph) shows the boost in utilization of TB services in selected countries which prioritized community based service delivery with strong WHO support.

Feedback from the accompanying pilot face-to-face training conducted in December 2019 is promising. 28 trainees from WHO TB high burden Country Offices and four consultants rated the training positively, as shown on the graph.

Are you satisfied with the overall quality of the Training?

- Yes: 32%
- Absolutely: 68%

Key gaps remain capacity of implementers and experts on the importance and how-to of community-based TB programming. Furthermore, global documentation shows current gaps in monitoring and evaluation for community-based service delivery as 30%: 31 out of 89 countries implementing community-based service delivery still do not capture the relevant data in their national surveillance systems (source: Global TB Report 2019).

Contributions of community referrals to notifications, GF SI selected countries

**County impact: Task Force member at the forefront of multisectoral action to end TB in Niger**

In August 2019, the National TB Programme of Niger requested the national civil society network on TB « Coalition Nigérienne de la Société Civile sur la tuberculose » (CONISOC TB), supported by an international consultant through Expertise France and TeAM, to conduct a situational analysis and help establish a National Multisectoral Committee on TB in order to translate commitments from the “Political Declaration” of the UN HLM on TB in September 2018 into action. The international consultant and the Task Force member Bertrand Kampoer supported the work, a pathfinder in the francophone Africa and beyond.

The agreed vision for the multisectoral committee is to “end tuberculosis by 2030”, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3. Its aim is to coordinate action and monitor progress in line with the “Political Declaration”. Main agreed objectives include coordination of strategies, definition of an accountability framework, contribution of financial and technical resources in line with set targets, and regular monitoring of progress. Stakeholders with clearly defined roles include the President’s Cabinet; Prime Minister’s Cabinet; Parliamentarian Coordination Network for HIV/AIDS, Malaria and TB; National AIDS Programme; National TB/HIV Committe; Ministry of Justice, Education, Community Development, Agriculture; CONISOC TB; TB Survivor Association; Action Damien; WHO; UNAIDS; and Association of Public and Private Clinics and Pharmacies.

Additional achievements include formalizing an Agreement of the National Multisectoral Committee; mapping technical, human, logistical and financial resources and contribution in the context of the multisectoral committee; production of an operational plan with actions, timelines, roles and responsibilities of each partner; and defining governance. WHO Country and Regional Offices in coordination with Headquarters and Civil Society Task Force Secretariat provided strong support in the process. Subsequently, the best practice documented through this initiative is being systematically disseminated and promoted among the Task Force, WHO at all levels, National TB Programmes and Partners in key international and regional events to foster multisectoral action with civil society as a key partner in the Region and beyond.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Production of tool for assessing Civil Society engagement in Multisectoral Accountability Framework action in countries.**

In response to requests for WHO to produce more tools for action on Multisectoral Accountability Framework (MAF), Global TB Programme, in consultation with WHO TB Regional Advisers and Countries, developed a Checklist for country baseline assessments around MAF processes. In close collaboration with Civil Society Task Force, Global TB Programme is currently finalizing a related tool to ensure strong assessments of Civil Society engagement in the whole spectrum of the country level MAF-related processes. The tool will be widely promoted through WHO at all levels, Civil Society Task Force and their networks, National TB Programmes and Partners.

**Civil Society Task Force at the forefront of national TB programmatic and National Strategic Plan reviews.**

Task Force Secretariat in coordination with WHO Regional and Country Office will continue to catalyse engagement of Civil Society Task Force in national TB programmatic and National Strategic plan reviews. The aim of such efforts is to boost the quality and depth of civil society and affected community engagement in national TB responses. Task Force was part of reviews in Indonesia, Pakistan, South Africa, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, and Zambia. Next steps include learning lessons from experiences to date and shaping the push for systematic engagement in the reviews and key country events and process to come.

**Strengthening capacity of Civil Society Task Force in integrated community-based TB service delivery (ENGAGE-TB).**

New ENGAGE-TB face-to-face training will target Civil Society Task Force members and other stakeholders. It is planned to be held on 21-24 September 2020 in partnership with International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization, at the UN Training Centre in Turin, Italy. This highly interactive four-day training aims to boost capacity of participants in WHO ENGAGE-TB approach including communication and partnership building skills and management of groups with diverging agendas.

**Efforts to strengthen monitoring and evaluation of civil society engagement at all levels and with all stakeholders in TB response are ongoing.**

Groundwork to track and quantify the engagement of civil society as a close partner in ending TB in key workstreams in ongoing. Progress will be reported at STAG 2020. Civil Society Task Force and WHO are jointly planning a development of a monitoring and evaluation framework for this purpose, in collaboration with experts.