



STATEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH
AND
THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FOR
REDUCING TUBERCULOSIS IN BANGLADESH

This Statement of Partnership (SP) reflects the intended cooperation between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of Bangladesh (MOHFW) and the United States Agency for International Development in Bangladesh (USAID/Bangladesh), each a “Participant” and, collectively, the “Participants.”

I. Background

USAID provides assistance to the Government of Bangladesh’s (GOB) National TB Program (NTP) through various projects such as the Infectious Diseases Detection and Surveillance, Advancing Universal Health Coverage, Research for Decision Makers, Ujjiban, Marketing Innovations for Sustainable Health Development, Medicine, Technology and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS), Measure Evaluation Phase IV, Global Health Program Cycle Improvement Project, Data for Impact, and Capacity Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Regulatory Quality.

This SP aims to establish a shared framework of support, between the Participants to achieve a mutual goal of reducing the incidence of tuberculosis (TB) by detecting and treating TB cases,



including multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB and childhood TB cases, and providing preventive therapy between 2019 and 2022.

II. Objectives

MOHFW and USAID intend to work together in a joint approach to achieve the following objectives:

- Increase annual case detection of all forms of TB to more than 90% of all incident cases by 2022 (baseline of 57% in 2015) with increased detection and reporting on childhood TB. Further increase and sustain treatment success rate at levels of more than 90% in all forms of detected non-MDR TB cases and ensure quality-controlled treatment services at implementation sites;
- Increase annual case detection of MDR-TB to 4,100 cases (from baseline of 880 in 2015), and Child MDR case detection to 112 cases by 2022 (from baseline of 0 in 2015), and improve the management of MDR-TB cases through country-wide implementation of the shorter MDR-TB treatment regimen;
- Strengthen preventive therapy and enroll over 0.9 million people for preventive therapy by 2022;
- Assist TB-affected families facing catastrophic costs due to tuberculosis by 2022;
- Ensure that 100% of TB service facilities receive regular supervision and monitoring with appropriate feedback resulting in remedial actions by 2022;
- Ensure the long-term availability of required funding for activities at all program levels through effective planning and partner coordination and the continuing increase of GOB contributions to the NTP budget; and
- Ensure adequate support for operational research to foster innovation.



III. Roles and Responsibilities

The Participants intend to:

- Jointly monitor progress, share information, review learnings, and evaluate and report on progress;
- 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;
- Participate in a regular (e.g., semi-annual and annual) performance review process;
- Jointly plan and organize advocacy or public dissemination events related to this SP; and
- Jointly agree for technical assistance needed in Programmatic Management of Drug resistant Tuberculosis (PMDT), Preventive Therapy and scaling-up new diagnostics.

Individual intentions of the Participants:

A. MOHFW/NTP

In support of the objectives outlined above, MOHFW intends to:

- Convene a high level group (such as an Inter-Ministerial Task Force on TB Control) that will establish and monitor a Multi-sectoral Accountability Framework for TB involving all other relevant partners;
- Enable a policy environment to support an uninterrupted supply of quality assured TB drugs and logistics for diagnostics (i.e., Gene Xpert cartridges, reagents etc);
- Build the capacity and access for effective use of data and performance monitoring and evaluation;
- Adopt and implement relevant national guidelines and policies;
- Ensure sufficient work space and logistics to host USAID-embedded TB Advisors; and



- Convene a quarterly meeting 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:

- Participate in a joint annual action planning process between MOHFW/NTP and all other relevant partners to assess results and to agree to interventions by government and USAID-funded activities on an annual basis;
- Provide technical assistance to strengthen capacity and achieve results through USAID activities;
- Provide support to local organizations to supplement and complement NTP's effort in active case detection and management for all forms of TB, communication and social mobilization, research, and capacity building;
- Ensure reporting by its implementing partners to NTP on project progress, challenges, and results; and
- Coordinate with the global partners and other development partners.

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:



For USAID/Bangladesh:

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Dhaka, Bangladesh

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. **Development Objective Assistance Agreement and Framework Bilateral Agreement:** This SP is issued in accordance with the terms of the Development Objective Assistance Agreement for Bangladesh, signed by the GOB and the United States Government (USG), acting through USAID on August 14, 2012, as amended; and the Economic, Technical, and Related Assistance Agreement signed by the GOB and USG on May 21, 1974.



4. **Duration and Termination:** This SP will come into operation upon signature of the Participants, and will expire on December 31, 2022 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.

5. **Resolution of Disputes:** The Participants intend to use the utmost good faith to resolve any issues and disputes that arise under this SP.

6. **Modifications:** This SP may be modified in writing by mutual consent of the Participants.

Signed at Dhaka, Bangladesh on June 25, 2019.

**Government of the People's Republic
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