Vivian Faith, a TB advocate creates awareness in her community in Mathare North about the importance of visiting a medical facility. With support from TB ARC II, 70 TB champions like Vivian have been trained to support and educate their peers and community. Photo: Geoffrey Mwangi/USAID

KENYA
TUBERCULOSIS ACCELERATED RESPONSE AND CARE II

The Tuberculosis Accelerated Response and Care II (TB ARC II) program supports Kenya's National Tuberculosis, Leprosy, and Lung Disease Program (NTLD-P) in the control and prevention of tuberculosis (TB) in Kenya. TB ARC II aims to improve TB case finding through active case finding initiatives; promote access to high quality patient-centered services for TB, drug-resistant TB, and TB/HIV; prevent TB transmission and disease progression; strengthen TB service delivery platforms; and accelerate research and innovation. The goal is to decrease the incidence of TB and TB-related sickness and death and to help meet the global target of ending TB by 2030.

OUR WORK

TB ARC II supports the NTLD-P with national-level coordination, policy formulation, the rapid scale-up of key interventions, and sustainable TB control initiatives. The program has developed strategic partnerships with the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease to provide technical expertise for capacity building and operations research; the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics to support diagnostic initiatives; the STOP TB Partnership – Kenya for TB advocacy and multi-sectoral engagement of communities, stakeholders and leadership; and the Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium for the engagement of informal service providers in TB control. TB ARC II advocates for county-led implementation, strong health leadership and governance, and support for the National Strategic Plan for TB (2019-2023), with a focus on adequate resource allocation and management, patient-centered initiatives, and social protection for all people with TB.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since inception, TBARC II has:

- Worked collaboratively with the national TB program to support counties to implement various TB control activities, leading to more people diagnosed with TB, including children, people living with HIV and those with drug-resistant TB.
- Supported the development, launch, and roll-out of multiple policies and guidelines including on management of latent TB infection, the use of injectable-free regimens for the management of drug-resistant TB, bi-directional screening of TB and COVID-19, public-private partnerships, in collaboration with the national TB program.
- Facilitated the county and sub-county TB coordinators in all the 47 counties to conduct supervision of TB treatment sites with the aim of improving quality of care.
- Supported the transport of samples for TB cultures from all health facilities to the national TB reference laboratory.
- Supported the roll out of the introducing New Tools Project (iNTP) in Kenya.
- Supported the national TB program to conduct mid-term review of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for TB (2019-2023), epidemiological review of the NSP, end-term review of the NSP, and is assisting with the development of the next Kenya NSP for TB (2023-2028).

BUDGET: USD $34,933,017

DURATION: 2018-2023

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS
All 47 counties in Kenya
Regional Offices: Nairobi, Mombasa, Homa Bay, Meru

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER
Centre for Health Solutions Kenya

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