

# What is TBCTA?

TBCTA is a unique coalition of the major international organizations in TB control. The coalition was created in 2000 and has been the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Global Health's **lead technical assistance partner** in developing and implementing TB control strategies. The partnership consists of eight well known organizations in TB control:

- American Thoracic Society (ATS)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Family Health International (FHI)
- International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)
- Japanese Anti-Tuberculosis Association (JATA)
- KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation
- Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

## An external evaluation of TBCTA stated the following:

*'TBCTA is a unique structure that is widely recognized as a model for international collaboration. Almost without argument, it includes the most experienced and respected expertise in international TB that is available to USAID or any other donor. It would be difficult for USAID to find another major TB collaborating institution to carry out core-funded activities, international coordination, and strategic planning/monitoring for national TB programs at the present level of success.'*

# What is TB CAP?

The Tuberculosis Control Assistance Program (TB CAP) is a USAID five year cooperative agreement that has been awarded to TBCTA with KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation as the lead partner. During the second five year project (2006 – 2010), TB CAP will contribute to the decrease in morbidity and mortality by increasing case detection and treatment success of TB patients in USAID priority countries.

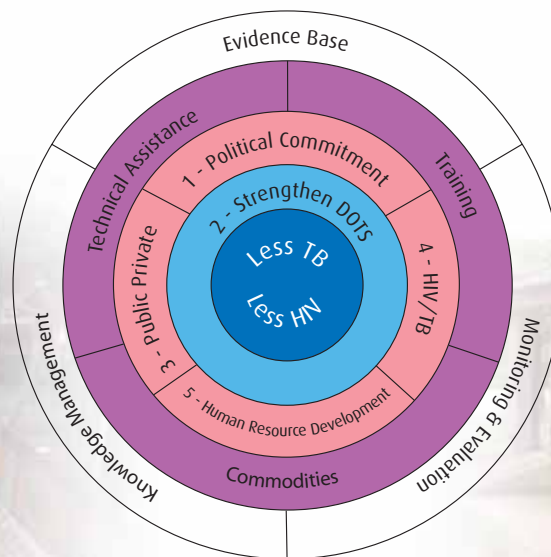
## Priority Technical Areas

TB CAP focuses on five priority areas:

- Increasing political commitment for DOTS;
- Strengthening and expanding DOTS Programs;
- Increasing public and private sector partnerships;
- Strengthening TB and HIV/AIDS collaboration;
- Improving human and institutional capacity.

## TB CAP conceptual framework

The core and primary focus of these five areas is to strengthen and expand DOTS, with the other areas supporting this effort. This can be visualized by the conceptual framework below.



## Strategic Approach

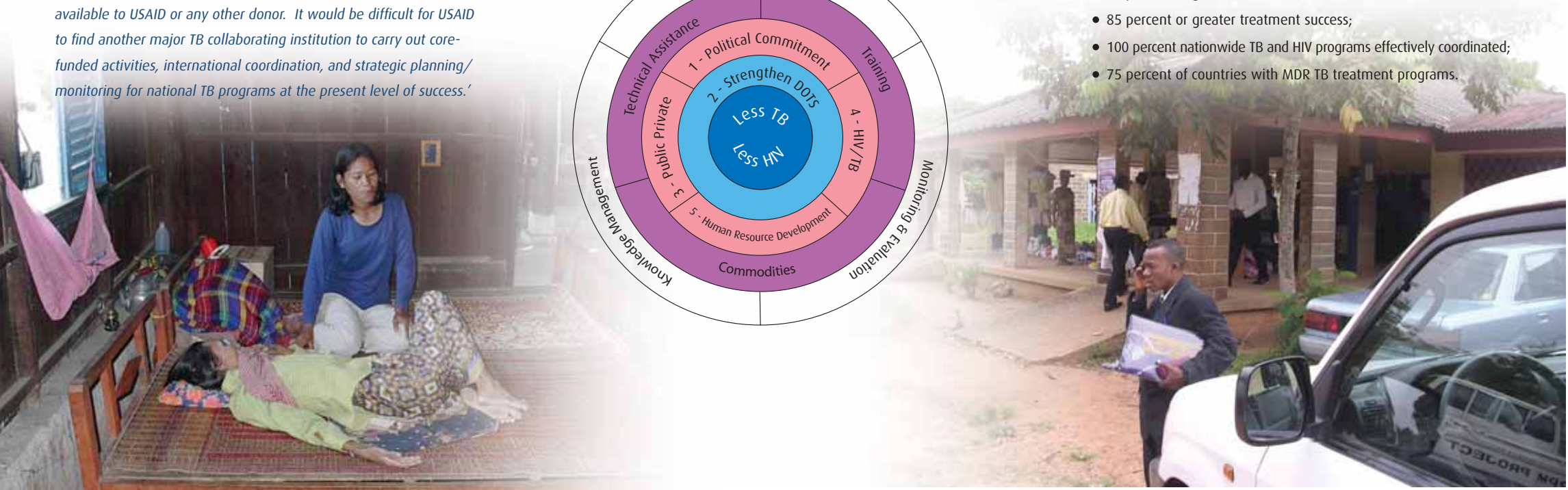
- Scale up country programs to provide national coverage;
- Provide global leadership for state of the art strategic planning and tools development;
- Leverage resources to increase project impact through collaboration and coordination with other partners;
- Integrate sustainable TB programs into health systems;
- Integrate gender equality and equity approaches in program activities.

The program will have a particular emphasis on reaching out to vulnerable communities.

## Expected Results

TB CAP is expected to assist countries in scaling up and expanding activities in the five priority technical areas. The project is expected to have a significant impact on TB control and contribute to reaching the Millennium Development Goals for TB and U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief goals. The particular results expected at the end of the project in countries with significant investments include:

- 90 percent of the population will have access to DOTS;
- 70 percent or greater case detection;
- 85 percent or greater treatment success;
- 100 percent nationwide TB and HIV programs effectively coordinated;
- 75 percent of countries with MDR TB treatment programs.



## The TB crisis

Global tuberculosis control is at a critical juncture. The need for a joint and dynamic approach to TB control has never been more urgent. The disease threatens the poorest and most marginalized groups, disrupts the social fabric of society, and undermines gains in economic development. The global resurgence of TB of the past few decades is being fueled by decreasing investments in public health systems, emerging drug resistance, and increasing HIV/AIDS prevalence. New challenges, such as TB/HIV and multi-drug resistant TB, call for innovative and strategic approaches and for more efficient and cost-effective TB programs.

## How TBCTA and TB CAP can help

Members of TBCTA have a longstanding reputation in global TB control and specialized knowledge on TB and HIV/AIDS co-infection. In the first five years of the TBCTA-USAID collaboration, DOTS coverage, treatment success rates and case detection rates accelerated significantly in the TBCTA-supported countries. Other ongoing achievements are the development of training courses for different levels of health care workers on a wide range of issues.

The internationally recognized strategy for TB control (DOTS) has proven to be a highly effective and affordable strategy for controlling TB and is especially valuable in resource-poor settings. If implemented appropriately, DOTS has been shown to have a high average success rate (cure and completion of treatment) and can also help prevent the emergence and spread of drug-resistant TB. Many of the TBCTA member organizations have been part of the development and expansion of DOTS from the beginning.

## What TBCTA offers

TBCTA is a cost-effective and efficient mechanism. The individual organizations have offices in 27 of the 34 USAID TB priority countries and all but one of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief countries, allowing for a rapid response to requests. In addition, TBCTA will leverage resources from other donor support. It is estimated that the cost share will be 18 percent over the life of the project.

## How to obtain TBCTA support through TB CAP

USAID missions and regional bureaus can use the TB CAP cooperative agreement to implement **tuberculosis control and prevention programs including TB/HIV activities under the Emergency Plan**. TB CAP provides quality technical assistance to countries in a wide range of TB and TB/HIV technical areas using the most experienced partners in the field.

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## Partners in implementing TB CAP

