

New initiatives by Health Department KP to control TB for the period, 2018 to 2020

Priority setting and consultation on New Funding Request (NFR 2018-20) of The Global Fund Grants:

Provincial TB Control Programme (PTP) convened consultative meeting with National TB Control Programme Islamabad- The Principal Recipient (PR) of Global Fund Grants in the country, Indus Hospital network, Mercy Corps Pakistan to scale up TB Control interventions during the period 2018-20. It was recommended by all partners, that PTP-KP beside current activities may also get support for the new interventions from the Global Fund new funding request, which will be submitted soon.



(The Global Fund to fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) is an international organization which provides support to Pakistan for controlling Tuberculosis.

Post 18th Constitution Amendment, TB Control Programme-KP was declared a Sub-Recipient to Global Fund Grant through an assessment carried out by the Local Fund Agents (LFA) of the Global Fund. PTP-KP has given the status of Sub-Recipient (SR) to GF since 1st January 2014 to implement project activities in the Province, whereas, National TB Control Programme (NTP) is the Principal Recipient (PR) to Global Fund Grants in the country.

The Indus Hospital Net work(TIH):

The Indus Hospital has supported TB control efforts in Pakistan since 2007, in particular the identification and treatment of Drug Resistant TB in Sindh and Baluchistan. TIH is also presently working as a Private Sector Principal Recipient (PR) for the Global Fund Grants to enhance case finding, treatment of primary and resistant TB in public and private facilities. The TIH has recently conducted two meetings with Provincial TB Control Programme (PTP) and agreed to initiate the following interventions in the province under the Global Fund TB grant for Pakistan from 2018 to 2020.



1. **Zero-TB city model** will be implemented in five cities (Municipal area limits) of KP; including Peshawar, Mardan, D. I. Khan, Swat and Abbottabad with coordination and support of Co-PR i.e. The Indus Hospital (TIH). It will be a phased manner activity starting from Peshawar.
2. **Sehatmand Zindagi initiative** of TIH will be the part of zero-TB city model in all five



cities. This initiative includes establishment of TB center with high quality equipments including Gene-Xpert machines and digital x-ray machine with special computer software installation, etc

3. **Establishment of 02 Programmatic management of Drug Resistant TB (PMDT) sites** for management of Drug Resistant TB patients are proposed in KP province; 01 each in Peshawar (Rehman Medical Institute) and Bannu (Khalifa Gul Nawaz Hospital).

TB / Diabetes joint Interventions for enhancing case detection:

The pilot project was launched in 05 Districts of the province i.e. Peshawar, Mardan, Swat, Abbottabad and D.I.Khan by the Diabetes & Endocrinology Department at HMC Peshawar in collaboration with TB Control Programme Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The project was funded by WDF (World Diabetes Foundation) from January 2015 to September 2017.

The objective of the project was to establish linkages and improve systemic screening, referral, follow up service for the integrated care of Diabetes and Tuberculosis patients in five district of KP.

For sustainability of this initiative, PTP-KP and Endocrinology department at HMC, Peshawar agreed to continue the same interventions in the period (2018-20) with expansion to all the districts of KP.

Involvement of Pakistan Anti TB Association (PATA) to catch missing TB cases in Private sector:

Pakistan Anti TB Association is a community based organization working for the eradication of TB since 1956. PATA has a country wide network of diagnostic and treatment centers for the treatment, rehabilitation and welfare of TB patients



PTP KP had a meaningful dialogue with president Pakistan Anti TB Association (PATA) Mr, Chaudry Nawaz. He assured to provide full support in tracing missing TB cases in private sector in the province.

Expansion of TB Care Services in the Private sector (Public Private Mix interventions- PPM) from current 16 to all Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:

There are basic four types of models that exist currently under PPM initiatives that are contributing in increasing TB case notification and improving treatment success rate.

PPM-1: GPs Model

PPM-2: NGOs

PPM-3: Private Hospitals

PPM-4: Parastatal Hospitals

PPM initiatives are operational in 16 districts of the Province as follows:

- NTP (National TB Control Programme) Islamabad through implementing partner -GSM (Green star Social Marketing), provide support in district Peshawar.
- MC (Mercy Corps) Pakistan through Implementing partners- ACD (Association for Community Development) and MALC (Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre), which provide support in 15 districts;

Nowshera, Charsadda, Mardan, Swabi, Malakand, Swat, Lower Dir, Buner, , Kohat, Bannu, Haripur, Abbottabad, Manshera, Battagram and Chitral.

In consultative meeting with all partners held on 27th March 2017, it was agreed and recommended that under New Funding Request (2018-20),

PPM-1 (GP Model) will be expanded to all districts of the Province for inclusion of GPs working in private sector to work for TBCP KP. PTP also proposed that Green star Social Marketing (GSM) should expand operations in 07 districts i.e. DIK, Lakki Marwat, Tank, Karak, Hangu, Kohistan and Torghar in addition to Peshawar. These districts are currently uncovered.

Association of Community Development (ACD) has operations in 14 districts of KP; ACD will expand interventions in 02 Districts i.e. Dir Upper & Shangla in addition to 14 Districts.

Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (MALC) is working in 01 district of KP i.e. Chitral and will continue in the same district. It will also cover the AKHSP facilities in Chitral for provision of TB care services.

In PPM – 2 Model, there are four organization, which include, Pakistan Anti TB Association (PATA), Anti TB Association (ATA), and District Medical and Rehabilitation Complex working in charsadda. One AKHSP center situated in Peshawar is proposed to be supported by PATA.

PPM model- 3 Private sector Hospitals are included.

PPM model-4 Para statal Hospitals like WAPDA, Railways, Social security Hospitals and others will be implemented by GSM.