

HEALTH CHALLENGES IN DR CONGO

One of the **30** high-burden TB countries
and **27** high-burden MDR-TB countries

Estimated MDR-TB cases: **4,000**

Estimated TB cases: **250,000**

Number of people living with HIV: **370,000**
of whom an estimated **39,000** have TB-HIV

Source: WHO Global TB Report, 2016

MAIN DONORS

United States Agency for International Development

US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

The Global Fund

France Expertise International

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Programme National de Lutte Contre la Tuberculose

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THE UNION DR CONGO OFFICE is the technical lead for the Challenge Tuberculosis (TB) project; responsible for overseeing the successful implementation of the project and coordinating with partners at national and international level. DR Congo has been part of the study testing a nine-month multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) regimen, increasing diagnosis and treatment amongst high risk populations and people with TB-HIV.

*“Know. Share. Act.
These principles
have driven The
Union’s work since
its founding nearly
100 years ago.”*

José Luis Castro,
Executive Director,
The Union

THE WORK OF THE UNION DR CONGO OFFICE

The Union DR Congo Office implements the Challenge TB project, a USAID-funded five-year global programme to decrease TB mortality and morbidity in high burden countries. Through Challenge TB, The Union works with the DR Congo government and other stakeholders to improve access to quality patient-centred care for TB, TB-HIV, and MDR-TB services; to prevent transmission and disease progression; and to strengthen TB service platforms.

DR Congo has been part of the study testing a nine-month MDR-TB regimen. Funded by France Expertise Internationale and coordinated by The Union, this project has helped implement a common treatment protocol across nine countries in the region. In the seven provinces covered by this work, it has increased diagnosis and treatment amongst high risk populations and people with TB-HIV. The results of this research show a treatment success rate above 85%, as expected.

With the financial support of Challenge TB, The Union DR Congo Office has developed the first ever National Laboratory Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. The office has also overseen an improvement of TB prevention and care services in prisons.

IMPACT

3,583
TB cases detected

3,577
TB cases treated

123
MDR-TB cases detected

122
MDR-TB cases treated

653
TB-HIV patients treated