

## HEALTH CHALLENGES IN UGANDA

An estimated **43,736** TB cases are notified annually

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HIV prevalence is **7.1%** of the adult population aged 15 to 49

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**42%** HIV co-infection among TB patients

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**1.6%** prevalence of MDR-TB among new sputum smear-positive TB cases and **12%** among previously treated TB cases

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*Source: WHO Global TB Report, 2016*

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OFFICE

# KNOW. SHARE. ACT.

**THE UNION UGANDA OFFICE** supports the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Program (NTLP) to strengthen interventions for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis (TB) and drug-resistant TB, through technical assistance, training and operational research.

*“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 UGANDA OFFICE

**DETECT Child TB Project:** The Union Uganda Office, in partnership with Baylor-Uganda and Mildmay Uganda, runs the DETECT Child TB project in Kabarole and Wakiso districts. The aim is to provide childhood TB services locally and engage communities to transform the lives of children with TB. The Union and partners help build capacity of the district health teams and health workers to increase child TB diagnosis and treatment. The project also introduces household contact screening, with an aim of finding and treating ‘missing’ children with TB and increasing access to TB preventive therapy.

**TB-DM Project:** This project actively screens TB patients for diabetes, and provides chronic diabetes care. The project is implemented in eight governmental facilities and two non-governmental facilities in Kampala. The Union delivers this project in partnership with the Ministry of Health Non-Communicable Disease programme, the NTLP and Kampala Capital City Authority,

**Pilot study into perinatal screening for TB in Ugandan women:** This pilot cohort study introduces a simple symptom-based screening tool for perinatal TB case-finding into routine antenatal and postnatal care of mothers and their infants in three health facilities in Kampala District.

## IMPACT

Increase in childhood TB cases identified

**7.2% → 18%**

in Kabarole district

**10.8% → 14%**

in Wakiso district

**1,368**

health workers from  
99 health facilities trained  
in childhood TB

**40**

health care workers  
have been trained  
through TB-DM project

**95%**

of TB patients in  
participating facilities  
receive diabetes testing

**100%**

of those diagnosed  
with DM  
receive care