HEALTH CHALLENGES IN UGANDA

An estimated 43,736 TB cases are notified annually.

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

42% HIV co-infection among TB patients.

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


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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.

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

“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

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