

HEALTH CHALLENGES IN ZIMBABWE

One of the **30** high-burden TB countries with a triple burden of TB, TB-HIV and MDR-TB

Estimated number of TB cases annually: **28,225**

Estimated number of MDR-TB cases in 2015: **1,100**

HIV-positive TB cases (2014): **18,072**

Source: WHO Global TB Report, 2016

MAIN DONORS

United States Agency for International Development

US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Global Fund

World Diabetes Foundation

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OFFICE

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THE UNION ZIMBABWE OFFICE is the lead partner in the five year USAID Challenge Tuberculosis (TB) programme. The office also provides technical, managerial and financial support to the National Tuberculosis Programme (NTP).

The Union Zimbabwe Office works with the World Health Organization, Interactive Research & Development and KNCV as collaborating partners.

“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 ZIMBABWE OFFICE

Under the Challenge TB programme, The Union Zimbabwe Office has three objectives:

- **Improve access to quality patient-centred TB, TB-HIV and MDR-TB services. We do this through:**
 - Interventions supporting the fight against childhood TB
 - Strengthening the programmatic management of drug resistant TB and TB-HIV
 - Supporting a specimen transport system (covering 40% of health facilities)
 - Media mentorship, to improve media coverage on TB, TB-HIV and MDR-TB
- **Prevent transmission and disease progression. We do this through:**
 - Contact investigation in selected districts
 - Targeted screening for active TB among high risk groups
- **Strengthen TB platforms. We do this through:**
 - Capacity building initiatives, with a focus on mentoring and supportive supervision
 - Leadership development through various international courses
 - Supporting monitoring and evaluation interventions
 - Parliamentary engagements, to increase domestic funding

IMPACT

Prevention of transmission and disease progression (2015)

28,225
patients
treated

468
MDR-TB
confirmed cases

433
MDR-TB
patients treated

Improved access to quality patient-centred care for TB, TB-HIV and MDR-TB services

1,530
primary health
care facilities

50,809
TB specimens transported
Oct 2015 to Sept 2016

1,225
people trained under the
Strengthen TB platforms work