



Draft Concept Note
Africa Regional Meeting / Learning and Experience Sharing Forum

**Theme: “Achieving the Africa TB UNHLM targets by
Enhancing CSO and Communities Engagement in Region:
Lessons learned and opportunities for the future”**

Date: October 27 – 29, 2020 | Venue: Virtual. GMT+00

1.0 Background

In July 2020, the Stop TB Partnership reaffirmed its commitment to the strengthening of the voices of civil society in the TB response by approving the biggest Challenge Facilities for Civil Society CFCS with focus on understanding and application of the Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) tools for effective use in countries ensuring evidence-based interventions.

The CFCS is a Stop TB Partnership grants mechanism for TB affected community and civil society grassroots organizations. It supports national, regional and global advocacy efforts as well as on the ground efforts to transform the TB response so that it promotes and protects human rights and gender equality. The USAID and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria presently mainly support this grant mechanism

Globally, there is growing recognition that the fight against TB must actively seek the participation and meaningful engagement of Civil Society Organizations and those most affected by the disease – individuals who have had TB and their families. It is their stories, their experiences, their voices that matter, that will resonate with communities, policymakers and governments and that can reduce stigma, accelerate investment in TB, advocate for a transition to patient-friendly approaches and raise the profile of TB.

This virtual training workshop is intended for TB CSOs (Communities & NGOs) and those who have had TB or been directly affected by the disease and have a keen interest in building their capacity to be effective TB Advocates and Champions, understanding Global Fund processes and implementing TB CRG tools. The training workshop will adopt inclusive, participatory approaches to learning and will focus on:

- Building knowledge on different aspects of TB
- Update on the current state of affairs in TB epidemic:
 - Understand the UN HLM targets, status of achievement per country, and way-forward
 - TB and COVID-19
- Contextualising individual experiences within the national / regional/ global fight against TB





- Update from CFCS implementers
- Understanding the public and private health responses to TB including TB service delivery
- TB advocacy, community mobilization and empowerment:
 - including developing key advocacy and communication skills to share personal experiences with different audiences
- Understanding CRG tools and conducting TB CRG assessment
 - Understanding and conducting Community Led-Monitoring and how to link to country programmes using OneImpact and other solutions
 - Understanding the impact of integrating CRG issues in TB Control strategies among key and Vulnerable populations
- Understanding the Global Fund processes (country request, TRP comments and Grant making)
- Mentoring

2.1 Introduction

The Africa Coalition on TB (ACT) is a TB regional network that brings together national networks of TB civil society and community groups in the African Region and currently in a strategic partnership with DRAF TB a Francophone regional TB network, EANNASO an Anglophone CS platform, WACI Health and many more regional and national networks that aims at empowering civil society (CS) and community groups (CG) to effectively contribute to the regional and national TB and other health related responses.

The aim of the workshop is to ensure TB CS and CG access relevant information on the global, regional and national TB responses including Global Fund (GF) processes and Stop TB Partnership, as well as ensure CS/CG engage in relevant policy dialogue related to UN HLM targets. The network also empowers CS/CG to be able to effectively engage in advocacy, activism and decision-making processes related to the TB responses.

This workshop will engage the African region Under this initiative, including the Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone countries

Given that one of the key roles of the network is to enhance communication, knowledge and improve meaningful engagement of communities through creating space/platform for dialogue sharing forum, ACT will have all the CFCS grantees to share experiences, best practices and take stock of what worked well and what challenges persist in the implementation of various grants.



2.2 Participants and Meeting venue

ACT will bring together over 100 delegates representing civil society organizations, community-based organizations, Key and vulnerable population organisations, women’s organizations and partners working towards TB responses across the Africa Region. ACT will also invite technical partners from Stop TB Partnership, Global Fund and USAID.

Meeting venue: Join [This link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483303936?pwd=ZXhEcEtwOTZET211ZE9uemJldWkzdz09) Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483303936?pwd=ZXhEcEtwOTZET211ZE9uemJldWkzdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 8330 3936
 Passcode: 826712

2.3 Meeting Objectives

The meeting is set to address five core objectives that include;

1. Share experiences and take stock of CS and Community engagement in the CFCS grants.
2. Introduce Community Led-Monitoring
3. Support civil society and community’s preparedness for effective TB CRG assessment.
4. Develop regional advocacy priorities and plan on how civil society and community groups will be meaningfully engaged
5. Increase the understanding of civil society and community-based groups in Global Fund processes

2.4 Program

ACT will host a 3 day-meeting featuring a mix of presentations, case studies group work and plenary discussions. The time is GMT+00

3.0 ACT meeting Agenda

Day 1: 27 October 2020

Share experiences and take stock of CS and Community engagement in the CFCS grants

Time GMT +00	Session	Expected outcomes	Presenter	Chair
8:15 8:30	Registration		ACT	Austin Obiefuna
8:30	Introductions and objectives	Briefly introduction of	Deborah Ogwuche	



8:40		participants Present the meeting objectives and agree on the agenda for day one		
8:40 9:20		Welcome note Keynote address Remarks	Carol Nawina - ACT Peter Sand – Global Fund Dr Lucica Dittu – Stop TB Cheri Vincent - USAID Dr Benjamin Djodalbaye - African CDC Dr Andre Ndongosieme - WHO AFRO TB RFP	Rosemary Mburu
09:20 10:05	Session 1: Where are we? Snapshot of the TB epidemics in Sub-Saharan Africa amidst COVID-19 challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key trends and epidemiology 	Participants will increase their understanding on the epidemiological data on TB epidemics in Africa and progress on the TB & COVID 19 – CDC Progress on TB Report-WHO Progress on DR TB Progress on Global Plan to End TB / UNHLM Targets Progress on finding the missing people with TB	Dr Andre Ndongosieme - WHO AFRO TB Unit Dr Norbert Ndjeka - rGLC Dr Sheila - African CDC Eliud Wandwalo - Global Fund Sahu Suvanand - Stop TB Partnership	Rosemary Mburu
10:05 10:25	Break			

<p>10:25 11:15</p>	<p>Session 2: Progress towards achieving the Stop TB and Global Fund’s Strategy on CRG: Update on CRG-related key performance indicators”</p> <p>Progress on the UN HLM targets on commitment towards promoting and protecting Human Rights and gender equality, achieving impact by reaching the most marginalised and strengthening the role of technical partners</p>	<p>Participants will get understanding on the CRG tools available towards promoting and protecting Human Rights and gender equality, stigma assessment etc</p> <p>The USAID Global Accelerator to End TB</p>	<p>Panelists TIMS Project - South Africa Miners Association (SAMA) - Vama Jele</p> <p>Stop TB CRG – Dr Thandi Katiloho</p> <p>Global Fund CRG SI - Kate Thomson</p> <p>Cheri Vincent - USAID</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Allan Malache</p>
<p>11:15 12:00</p>	<p>Session 3: Learning from our experiences! CFCS implementers national and regional projects experience sharing space and effective engagement in TB CRG</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CRG Assessments 2. Action plans <p>What key successes have been registered, challenges faced during the CFCS implementation and way forward. Understanding key engagement opportunities and challenges for civil society and community groups in CFCS</p>	<p>Participants will learn from the good practices, experiences shared from other implementers on how to effectively engage in CRG assessment.</p> <p>Regional and National status quo</p> <p>Recommendations going forward to improve CS and Community Group engagements in CRG assessment at national and regional level</p>	<p>Presenters ACT Africa – Austin</p> <p>DRAF TB - Bertrand Kampoer</p> <p>WACI Health – Rosemary Mburu</p> <p>TB Proof – Ingrid Schoerman</p> <p>DHDC - Roland Igbinoba</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Carol Nawina</p>
<p>12:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>			

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13:05 13:35	<p>Session 4: Regional Advocacy priorities including UN HLM targets/ UHC / Activism / Empowerment:</p> <p>Experiences / opportunities USAID, GFAN Africa, Communities Delegation to GF and Stop TB,</p> <p>USAID TB Accelerator</p> <p>Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A)</p>	<p>Participants would review progress and challenges in advancing gender and human rights in Global Fund focused investments on adolescent girls and young women, key populations and finding the missing TB cases</p> <p><i>Opportunities around the USAID TB Accelerator</i></p> <p><i>Opportunities around the ACT-</i></p>	<p>Panelist</p> <p>- USAID</p> <p>Rosemary Mburu - GFAN</p> <p>Thokozile Phiri – Stop TB / TB Women</p> <p>Deborah Ogwuche - Global TB Caucus</p> <p>Ivan Anthony - Union Africa Region</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Bertrand Kampoer



13:35 14:05	<p>Session 5: “Bringing TB CRG assessment to scale in Africa: Lessons and opportunities from the implementing countries</p> <p>-Lessons and challenges from the human rights and gender assessments, costing within country request, stigma assessment, CLM etc</p>	<p>Traditional and integrated CRG Assessment</p> <p>Key success, challenges and recommendations TB CRG assessments including TB Stigma Assessment</p> <p>Development of costed action plan</p> <p>Lessons and challenges in supporting the TB CRG assessments in, Kenya, Ghana, DRC and Tanzania.)</p>	<p>Hyeyoung – Global Fund</p> <p>Allan Malache–Kenya</p> <p>Maxime Lunga - DRC</p> <p>Jerry Amoah-Larbi / Mohammed Aliyu- Ghana</p> <p>Roderick Mogishagwe – Tanzania</p>	Abubakar Sessay
14:05	Closing and housekeeping		ACT	

Day 2

28 October 2020:

Develop regional advocacy priorities and implementation plan on how civil society and community groups will be meaningfully engaged

Time GMT+00	Session		Presenter	Chair
8:30 – 8:40	Recap of Day 1	Participants Reflections from Day 1 and introduction of Day 2	Deborah Ogwuche	Dr John Stephen
8:40 – 9:10	<p>Session 6:</p> <p>Looking ahead to the 2021-2023 Regional TB Response on CRG focus: Global Plan to End TB, UN HLM Targets, The END TB Strategy, Global Fund new strategy development</p>	<p>Panellists will touch on Stop TB Global Plan to End TB 2018-2022, the TB HLM Targets and the new Global Fund strategy development and strategize on how to engage meaningfully in all these processes with CRG focus.</p>	<p>Panellists</p> <p>Stop TB – Dr Enos Masini</p> <p>Global Fund – Annabelle</p> <p>WHO CSTF – Paul Kamugasha</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Dr John Stephen



9:45 - 10:00	Tea break			
10:00 - 10:30	<p>Session 7: Regional & Country Advocacy priorities plan development; needs and opportunities</p> <p>All the countries will work to develop and share their advocacy priorities to inform the Regional advocacy plan</p>	<p>Participants will develop advocacy plan to inform the Regional Advocacy strategy</p>	All participants	Evelyn Kibuchi
	Presentations by few countries	<p>Participants share some of their advocacy priorities</p> <p>(Nigeria, South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, Cote d' Ivoire)</p>	TBC Q&A	
10:30- 10:50	<p>Session 8: Know your Global representatives</p> <p>Feedback from the most recent Global Fund Board meeting and Key decisions</p>	<p>Participants will have a better understanding of how to engage with NGO/community delegations to the Global Health Initiatives</p>	<p>Thokozile Phiri – Stop TB Communities Maurine Murenga (Communities Delegation to the Global Fund Board) Evelyn Kibuchi - WHO CSTF</p> <p>PCB UNAIDS</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Chawanga Modongo
10:50 11:20	<p>Session 9: Launch of the Sustainable Communication Response for TB (SCORE-TB Campaign)</p>	<p>Introduction and Launching of the (SCORE-TB Campaign by Austin / Lucica Dittu)</p>	<p>ACT / AGA</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Mayowa Joel
11:20 - 12:00	<p>Consultation on the TB HLM UNSG Report: Civil Society</p>	<p>The region will be able to make input into the</p>	<p>Sarah Middleton Lee – Lead Writer</p>	Austin Obiefuna



	Perspective	UNSG report from the CS lens and also support the launch and dissemination of findings	Olive Mumba – Africa RFP James Malar – Stop TB	
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch Break			
12:45– 13:00	What next? Informing the development of next work plan for the region Online Survey around what the network should do to support civil society and community engagement in TB response	Participants will have the opportunity to provide specific input to inform the Regional network support to civil society and community groups during grant implementation and monitoring	Sansan, Endakalchew / Rogerio / Paul Kamugasha / Impact assessment of the Network services and specific needs	
13:00-	Concluding Remarks, Next Steps, vote of thanks and Closing	Issuing of certificate of participation	ACT, WACI H, DRAF TB, EANNASO	ACT

Day 3

29 October 2020:

Training on Community Led-Monitoring

Time GMT+00	Session		Presenter	Chair
9:00 – 12:00	Session 11: Introduction to CLM Training on Community Led-Monitoring (OneImpact and other solutions) CLM SI and TB-related support	Participants from the chosen countries are trained on CLM Issuing of certificate of participation	Olive Mumba Stop TB Partnership - Caoimhe Global Fund - Keith Q&A	Maxime Lunga
12:00	Certificate and Closing			