



Tuberculosis

DAHW German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association Supporting TB Control

► TB – a global concern

Tuberculosis (TB) is a poverty related disease affecting millions of people worldwide. In 2014, the World Health Organisation (WHO) estimated a total of 9.6 million new cases. About 1.5 million people have died of TB even though effective drugs are available for free. An increasing global concern is multidrug resistant TB, along with growing numbers of extensively drug resistant cases. As a specialist in diseases of poverty and discrimination, the DAHW provides TB diagnostic and treatment services to millions of TB patients worldwide – together with its partners. DAHW is part of a global network committed to the achievement of



the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations. The SDGs aim to end the global TB epidemic by reducing TB deaths by 95% and reducing new cases by 90% between 2015 and 2035.

► Our approach

DAHW focuses on filling gaps - from diagnosis and treatment to logistics and outreach activities. In collaboration with national programmes, the organization supports drug resistant-TB



control and prevention measures, the improvement of treatment adherence as well as TB / HIV and TB / diabetes prevention and care. DAHW also assists in the management of children with TB, an area where huge challenges in the supply of medical services still exist. DAHW further invests in basic and applied research projects, e.g. in developing and testing diagnostic tools. In order to strengthen local capacity, DAHW trains health care workers and staff of national TB programmes and supports national programmes in coordination, supervision and information.





► Where we work

- Clinical management of TB patients, e.g. in Liberia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Columbia, carried out directly by DAHW staff and local partners
- Support to Direct Observed Treatment (DOT) centres, including training of community workers to support DOT, e.g. in India
- Child TB case detection and preventing TB disease among exposed children and HIV infected children, e.g. in Uganda and Afghanistan
- Support to TB management of particularly vulnerable populations, e.g. prisoners, children, women in Togo, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Afghanistan
- Support to research projects for the application of new technologies in diagnostics, e.g. GeneXpert implementation in Tanzania



► Facts & Figures

DAHW is a specialist in the diagnostics and treatment of Tuberculosis (TB) since the 1990s. Together with its partners, it has assisted millions of TB patients worldwide. DAHW supports drug resistant – TB control, prevention measures, the improvement of treatment adherence as well as TB / HIV and TB/diabetes prevention and care. DAHW implements TB related projects in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Its offices are managed by local staff cooperating with governmental health departments and local and international partners in the health and social fields.

► Partners & Networks

Partners: Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM), TB Reach, The Union, UNICEF, World Vision, ALRA Austrian Leprosy Relief Association, Institute for Human Virology Nigeria, KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, Stop TB Partnership, National Tuberculosis Programmes.

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