



Partnership for TB Care and Control in India National Consultative meeting of Partners

The “Partnership for Tuberculosis Care and Control in India” (the Partnership) www.tbpartnership.org brings together civil society across the country on a common platform to support and strengthen India’s national TB control efforts. It seeks to harness the strengths and expertise of partners in various technical and implementation areas, and to empower affected communities, in TB care and control. It consists of technical agencies, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, affected communities, the corporate sector, professional bodies’, media and academia.

In a short time, the Partnership with more than 95 partners all over India has become a hub for disseminating information, creating visibility for India's national TB program, responding to TB related challenges and providing support to various stakeholders. We still have a long way to go but, with commitment from partners, donors and stakeholders, we are sure, it will sustain and continue to deliver results and save many lives.

The National meeting of the Partnership is the platform in which we bring all partners together and discuss how we can support and strengthen India’s national TB control efforts. It is the general assembly of the Partnership where we chalk out strategies and help partners gain ownership of the Partnership. It is also a platform to introduce each partner to one another and exchange experiences and expertise.

This year the Partnership will be holding a crucial consultation among its members to discuss and finalize a roadmap for its future. The Consultation will address very critical issues for the partnership, such as, the organization and framework for the partnership as an entity, its role in supporting the NTP and whether to register the partnership in order to be able to receive funds and improve governance.

There are 5 urgent matters that will be taken up during this meeting.

- 1) Registration of the Partnership – expert opinion on pros and cons and deliberations on the processes and the way forward.
- 2) Defining the partnerships role in supporting national efforts and developing a 5 year strategy and a detailed first year work plan.
- 3) Seeking volunteers for using their expertise in various thematic areas and forming working groups for each.
- 4) Positioning the Voice of the affected communities with sessions on dialogue between patients and providers
- 5) Advocacy issues that needs immediate attention including advocacy for the partnership itself.