



TB Champion Award of the year 2013 Brief Report

Background and objectives:

The Partnership for Tuberculosis Care and Control in India (Partnership) brings together civil society around a common platform to support and strengthen India's national TB control efforts. It has above 127 member organizations consisting of technical agencies, non-governmental and community-based organizations, affected communities, the corporate sector, professional bodies, media, and academia. Most of the TB Partnership members have a larger community network through which they reach people to prevent and treat tuberculosis.

To recognize/acknowledge the effort of individuals and organizations working for tuberculosis care and control in India, the Partnership for TB care and control in India proposes to institute an Annual award for TB Champion Individual and TB Champion Organization from across India.

The award was initiated by Dr. Madhukar Pai in conversation with The Union and he made the first contribution to award the individual category a cash prize of 50,000 INR. Global Health Strategies (GHS) joined with an award for the organization category of also 50,000 INR with the administrative costs to processing the awards being borne by the Partnership. The Partnership will deliberate the ways to sustain the Annual Awards as a regular feature, and actively seek new donors. This award will motivate other TB Champions to increase their efforts to fight TB.

The awardees will become the "Champion of the year" for the Partnership, sharing experience and mentoring individuals and organization across the member organizations, support advocacy effort on Tuberculosis using the Partnership platform i.e. National meeting, Regional meetings and other events organized by the Partnership.

Objective:

- To identify and award one TB Champion Individual for her/his work and TB Champion Organization for their work annually
- Document and disseminate the story of the awardees through the Partnership for TB Care and Control in India, Global Stop TB Partnership, and other forums (and media).

Methodology:

- The Secretariat of the Partnership will constitute a Selection Committee with representation of people from different sections of society/professions including persons affected by TB.
- The selection committee will develop the scope / criteria of this award, invite nominations annually 6 months ahead of the National Consultative meeting of partners and select the champion individual and organization.
- The cash award of INR 50,000 for individual and INR 50,000 for organization will be a part of the National consultative meeting.
- The Secretariat will coordinate to document and disseminate the story of the awardees suitably through the Partnership and other forums.

Outcomes:

- TB Champion individual & organization identified and awarded for excellence in their work
- A pool of TB Champions both individual and organization are identified to inspire and motivate others.



Awarding the first TB Champions (Individual & Organization) 2013:

- A selection committee to select the awardees was formed in consultation with the Working group of the Partnership and the National TB Programme with representations from community representative, technical agencies, Central TB Division, working group members of the Partnership and the donor.
- Members are:
 - Ms. Blessina Kumar, Community representative, Vice- Chair Stop TB Partnership
 - Dr. K.S. Sachdeva, Central TB Division
 - Dr. A. Sreenivas, WHO-India
 - Dr. Nevin Wilson, The Union
 - Mr. Chapal Mehra, GHS, Donor
 - Dr. Vijay Edwards, NTC, WGM- PTCCI
 - Ms. Sunita Prasad, Eli Lilly, WGM-PTCCI
- Call for applications/ nominations for both categories were posted on websites, sent to all CSO partners, social network, etc with a last date of submission on the 30th November 2012. Total of 22 applications were received.
- The selection committee graded the candidates/ institutions on their ;
 - Impact of work/ contribution to program/policy
 - Impact of work/ contribution to patient welfare
 - Impact of work/ contribution to community empowerment
 - Attention to gender/stigma/discrimination/vulnerable population/special population
 - Impact of work/ contribution to research
- Individual & organization with maximum grades were announced during the Inaugural session of the National Consultative meeting of the Partnership held on the 17th January 2013 at Hotel IBIS, Gurgaon.
- The award for the organizational category went to P.D. Hinduja Hospital and Medical Research Centre, Mumbai. They were given a cash prize and a citation by Mr. Chapal Mehra, Global Health Strategies. As they could not be present to receive the award a partner Dr. Narayan Iyer from IDF, Mumbai received the award on their behalf. Dr. Iyer will hand over the award to Hinduja on the 4th Feb 2013.
- The award for the Individual category went to Dr. Nalini Krishnan, REACH who received the cash prize and a citation from Dr. Ashok Kumar, DDG-TB for her outstanding work against the fight against TB.
- The awardees are the “TB Champion of the year” for the Partnership and will be sharing experience and mentoring individuals and organization across the member organizations, support advocacy effort on Tuberculosis using the Partnership platform i.e. National meeting, Regional meetings and other events organized by the Partnership.
- The Secretariat with advice from The Union is documenting and disseminating the story of the awardees suitably through the Partnership and other forums and will add the awardees to the pool of TB spokesperson.



Ms. Sunita Prasad reading the citation of Dr. Nalini Krishnan- TB Champion 2013

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