

# Tools and strategies for successful scale-up of TB preventive treatment

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# Background

Tuberculosis is a leading cause of death among people with HIV, accounting for close to a third of all AIDS-related deaths annually. The provision of TB preventive treatment (TPT) is a proven intervention to reduce mortality among people with HIV. At the 2018 UN High-Level Meeting on the Fight against TB the UN Member States agreed to ensuring at least 6 million people receive TPT and at the 2021 UN High level meeting on HIV and AIDS an ambitious target was set of ensuring 90% of people living with HIV receive TPT by 2025.

This is aligned with the End TB Strategy and the Global health sector strategies for HIV, viral Hepatitis and STIs 2022-2030 and translates into 35 million of the estimated 38 million people currently living with HIV. Whilst there has been considerable scale-up, only 13 million people with HIV were reported to have received TPT from 2005-2020.

Access for persons at risk remains low and the target of 90% coverage of TPT among people living with HIV and household contacts of TB patients by 2025 will not be met without aggressive scale-up and use of the latest technologies and tools. As part of efforts to support countries in scaling up TPT, the Global Fund and WHO are working closely with selected countries to provide technical assistance, as part of the Strategic Initiative on “TB preventive treatment for People Living with HIV with a family approach”.

## Webinar objectives

1. Galvanize global efforts in scale-up of TB preventive treatment (TPT) and uptake of the new WHO-recommended shorter regimens as preferred options.
2. Provide high TB/HIV-burden countries and a broader audience with an overview of the countries' experiences, challenges, bottlenecks and enablers for scaling up TPT services towards a target of saturation of people living with HIV.

Countries that have accelerated TPT rollout will share successes and challenges, and partners will give an overview of valuable tools, strategies and information for scale-up.

## Target audience:

This session will be of interest to Ministry of Health representatives, partners and stakeholders from the high TB/HIV burden countries, and from those countries scaling up the TPT services or planning to perform acceleration plans for TPT among people with HIV.

The broader audience, especially the high TB/HIV burden countries that are planning to scale up TPT services for people with HIV, will greatly benefit from the experience sharing from countries that already successfully performed the exercise and will gain a broad knowledge of the tools and resources available for an impactful and time-bound scale-up.

# Agenda

## Welcome and introductions (5 min)

Co-Chairs:

**Elena Vovc**, Medical officer, Global HIV, Hepatitis, STIs Programme, WHO, Geneva

**Celeste Gracia Edwards**, TB/HIV Disease advisor, The Global Fund, Geneva

## SESSION 1: Global overview and strategies

1. Overview of global data, tools and technologies for & WHO recommendations for programmatic management of TB preventive treatment (10 min)

**Avinash Kanchar**, Medical Officer, Global TB programme, WHO, Geneva

2. The Global Fund Strategic Initiative on “TB preventive treatment for People Living with HIV with a family approach” - lessons learnt and strategies for scale-up (10 min)

**Fabrizia Del Greco**, Consultant, HIV, Hepatitis, STIs Programme, WHO, Geneva

3. Scaling up TB Preventive Therapy leveraging short course TPT regimens (10 min)

**Makaita Gombe**, IMPAACT4TB/AURUM Institute; South Africa

**Panel / Q&A session** (10 min)

## SESSION 2: Countries' examples

1. Uganda: Experience on scale-up of TB preventive treatment (10 min)

**Proscovia Namuwenge**, Senior Program Officer Advanced HIV Disease and TB/HIV, Ministry of Health, Uganda

2. Kenya: TPT surge experience (10 min)

**Rhoda Pola Karisa**, TPT focal person, National Tuberculosis, leprosy and lung disease Program, Kenya

3. Indonesia: A national effort to scale up the TPT during the COVID-19 pandemic (10 min)

**Tiara Pakasi**, Acting director of disease control and prevention, Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia

**Panel / Q&A session** (15 min)

## Closing remarks (7 min)

**Celeste Gracia Edwards**, The Global Fund

**Elena Vovc**, Global HIV, Hepatitis, STIs Programme, WHO, Geneva