

A World Free of Tuberculosis



Unite People to Defeat Tuberculosis

STRATEGIC
PLAN

2019–2022





The history of TBpeople begins in July 2016, from the regional workshop on mobilization of the community of people with experience of tuberculosis (TB).

During this workshop, participants who included TB survivors from across Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) – decided to create a regional network of people with experience of TB. They formed the interim coordinating group, consisting of four people, selected a name – TBpeople – and formulated the vision and the mission of the network.

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Thanks to the passion of its members and with the support of friends and partners of the network (first of all, Stop TB Partnership, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, USAID, TB Europe Coalition, PAS Center, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) TBpeople grew rapidly. In 2017, after the second regional meeting, it was officially registered in Georgia. At that moment, the network has grown beyond EECA region and covered Eurasia, and in addition to Russian, English became the second working language. In early 2018, with the first African member joining the network, TBpeople has become the first global network of people affected by TB.

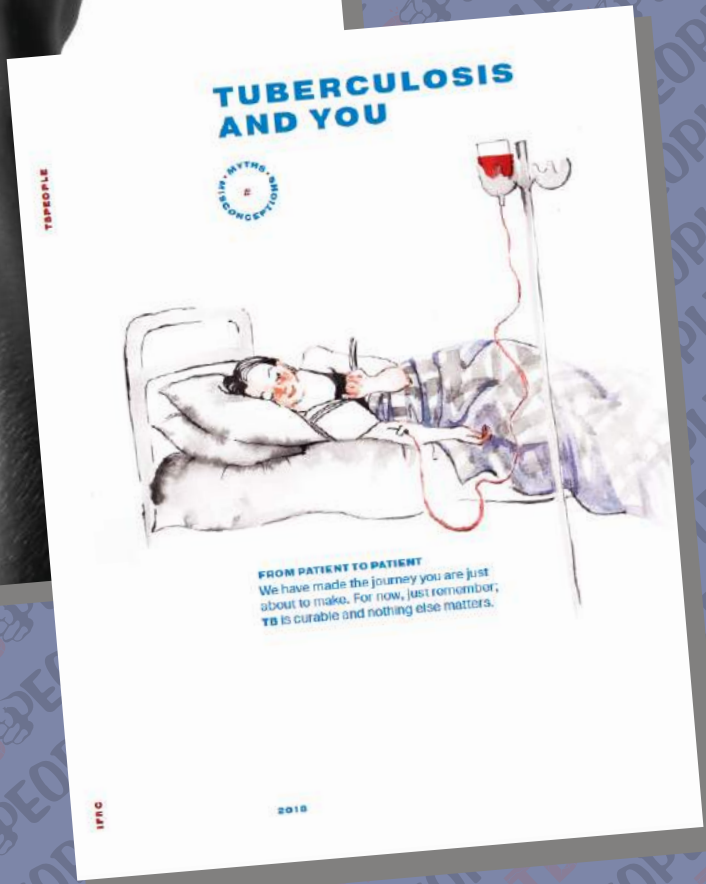
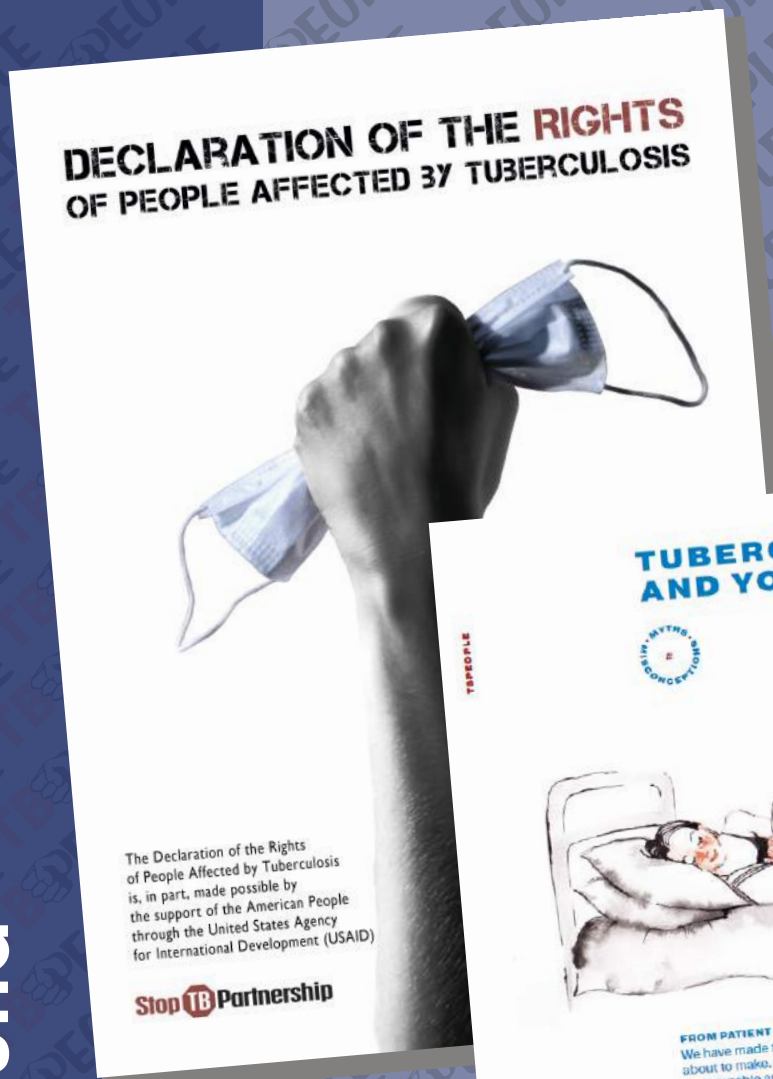
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Taking into account the need to strengthen the network's linkages with the communities on the ground, and being conscious about language limitations, which could prevent many people affected by TB from joining the network, early in 2018 TBpeople started piloting a country representation model. In May 2018, it signed its first Memorandum of Understanding, Co-operation and Representation with a the newly created network, TB PEOPLE UKRAINE.

TBpeople Strategic Plan 2019-2022

As the global network kept on growing, it was decided to register TBpeople in United Kingdom; it was officially launched during the International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam. The network in Georgia was turned into a national network simultaneously serving as a regional hub. Starting from 2019, it has been acting a sub-recipient of two multi-country grants of the Global Fund – on TB and HIV.



TBpeople continues its growth and development.

With the support of its partners it is implementing various projects related to communities, rights and gender.

Brochure of people with TB, "TB and You", developed in Russian, was later translated into English and eleven languages of ECA region. Based on extensive global consultations, and with the support of the Stop TB Partnership, the Declaration of the Rights of People Affected by TB was launched. At the same time, the network is strengthening its internal structures by adopting policies and procedures and creating a Membership Working Group to deal with all matters related to membership in TBpeople.

In March 2019, TBpeople held a strategic planning meeting in Istanbul, resulting in formulation of four strategic priorities of the network.



In the achievement of its strategic priorities, TBpeople will adhere to its core principles and values

- 1. Human life is the ultimate value**
- 2. Promotion, protection and respect for human rights, human dignity and individual autonomy**
- 3. Respectful and ethical treatment of all members, partners and other stakeholders**
- 4. Greater and meaningful participation and leadership of people affected by TB in all aspects of the TB response**
- 5. Creative and disruptive thinking and actions**
- 6. Commitment to inclusiveness and diversity**
- 7. Accountability and transparency in all processes and projects**
- 8. Spirit of collaboration and partnership**

This Strategy defines overall vectors of TBpeople's work by the end of 2022, which coincides with the deadline for the achievement of targets of the UN Political Declaration on the Fight Against TB. With the purpose of implementing the Strategy and monitoring the progress in its implementation, TBpeople will:

- develop annual work plans at the beginning of each year;**
- prepare and disseminate annual reports at the end of each year;**
- introduce and implement other instruments of monitoring and evaluation.**

Become the most influential community network

For this, TBpeople will focus on:

- mobilization of the community of people affected by TB (expanding membership; establishing national networks; improving communication within the network);
- strengthening the capacity of TBpeople members (raising awareness; building skills; forming leadership potential);
- strengthening institutional capacity of the network (improving organizational structure; development of strategies, policies and procedures; ensuring reporting; enhancing external communications; ensuring effective resource mobilization).

38. Commit to providing special attention to the poor, those who are vulnerable, including infants, young children and adolescents, as well as elderly **people and communities especially at risk of and affected by tuberculosis, in accordance with the principle of social inclusion, especially through ensuring strong and meaningful engagement of civil society and affected communities in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the tuberculosis response, within and beyond the health sector**; we further acknowledge the link between incarceration and tuberculosis and therefore reaffirm the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules) as defined in General Assembly resolution 70/175 of 17 December 2015;



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Eliminate the TB funding gap

Being guided by the UN Political Declaration on the Fight Against TB, TBpeople will prioritize advocacy of adequate funding of TB responses at both global and national levels.

21 **Recognize the lack of sufficient and sustainable financing for the tuberculosis response, including for the implementation of integrated, people-centred prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of tuberculosis,** including community-based health service delivery, and for tuberculosis research and innovation, including for the development and evaluation of better diagnostics, drugs, treatment regimens and vaccines, as well as other innovative care and prevention approaches, such as addressing social and economic factors of the disease;

46 **Commit to mobilize sufficient and sustainable financing for universal access to quality prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of tuberculosis, from all sources, with the aim of increasing overall global investments for ending tuberculosis and reaching at least 13 billion United States dollars a year by 2022,** as estimated by the Stop TB Partnership and the World Health Organization, according to each country's capacity and strengthened solidarity, including through contributions to the World Health Organization as well as voluntary mechanisms such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, including its replenishment, which provides 65 per cent of all international financing for tuberculosis; and to align within overall national health financing strategies, including by helping developing countries to raise domestic revenues and providing financial support bilaterally, at regional and global levels, towards achieving universal health coverage and social protection strategies, in the lead-up to 2030;



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Demand innovation and accessibility

TBpeople will prioritize the work with partners from among international organizations, donors, private sector and civil society for promoting and ensuring of accessibility of innovative tools for TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and support, while ensuring that existing tools are both available and accessible.

43 Commit to create an environment conducive to research and development of new tools for tuberculosis, and to **enable timely and effective innovation and affordable and available access to existing and new tools and delivery strategies** and promote their proper use, by promoting competition and collaboration, removing barriers to innovation, and working towards improving regulatory processes and capabilities;



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Activate human rights, fight stigma and end discrimination

Within this priority area, TBpeople will focus on:

- promoting the rights of people affected by TB, including through wide acceptance and application of the Declaration of the Rights of People Affected by TB;
- reducing stigmatization of people affected by TB in the society;
- combatting discrimination of people affected by TB.

37 **Commit to protect and promote the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health**, in order to advance towards universal access to quality, affordable and equitable prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and education related to tuberculosis and multidrugresistant tuberculosis and support for those who become disabled due to tuberculosis, integrated within health systems towards achieving universal health coverage and removing barriers to care; to address the economic and social determinants of the disease; and **to promote and support an end to stigma and all forms of discrimination, including by removing discriminatory laws, policies and programmes against people with tuberculosis, and through the protection and promotion of human rights and dignity**, as well as policies and practices which improve outreach, education and care;



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