

Memorandum of Understanding between INPUD and TBPEOPLE

I. Background

The **International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD)** is a global peer-based organisation that seeks to promote the health and defend the rights of people who use drugs, by challenging stigma, discrimination, and the oppression and criminalisation of people who use drugs and its impact on the drug-using community's health and rights.

TBPEOPLE is the global network of people affected by TB. Started in 2016, the network is driven by its vision, *World Free Of TB*, and its mission, *Unite People, Defeat TB*.

As organizations built upon the principle of self-representation and self-determination and promoting effective peer-led prevention, treatment, care and support for people who use drugs who are living with and affected by HIV, Viral Hepatitis, TB, TB/HIV and other relevant health issues, INPUD and TBpeople members have interacted with each other on an informal basis in global, regional and national advocacy spaces. This MoU is a mechanism for more formalized and systematic relationships in promotion of stronger and more unified global and regional community-led advocacy responses.

II. Objectives and Principles of Cooperation

1. Objectives of cooperation

This MoU is being advanced due to the recognition of the high worldwide prevalence of TB and HIV among people who use drugs, as well as HIV/TB co-infection and the need to have a more integrated response to the two diseases in the context of the systematic oppression and discrimination of people who use drugs. The objective is to establish concerted action to increase resource accountability and sustainability for TB/HIV treatment and critical health services that influence the quality of lives of people who use drugs and are affected by TB worldwide.

2. Basic principles of collaboration

- **Autonomy:** INPUD and TBPEOPLE are independent and autonomous in governance, operations, project implementation and external communications. Each network addresses the needs of its constituents and is conscious of the need to join forces to collaborate in order to strengthen its work.
- **Transparency and open communication:** INPUD and TBPEOPLE agree, in the principle, to the exchange of relevant technical expertise and strategic information, whenever possible.
- **Strategic non-competition:** INPUD and TBPEOPLE agree to consider submitting joint applications for funding whenever an opportunity aligns itself with our mutual strategic and advocacy goals. Additionally, INPUD and TBPEOPLE intend to

coordinate and communicate when and if the risk of funding competition arises. Further, INPUD and TBPEOPLE agree to leverage and publicly acknowledge each other's effort to mobilize new and additional funding from target funding sources as a united front.

- **Capacity Building:** INPUD and TBPEOPLE agree to support and leverage each other's work and reach to strengthen country and regional networks through our own independent communications and network infrastructure.
- **Joint Advocacy:** INPUD and TBPEOPLE agree to collaborate on raising the profile of the problem of TB among people who use drugs including the impact of prohibition and systematic discrimination of people who use drug to regard to the promotion of integrated people-centered services for people who use drugs and are affected by TB.

III. Effective agreement period, amendments and settling of differences

This MoU is valid for 2 (two) years and will be reviewed annually and as necessary to provide for modifications and to cater for any relevant new developments between INPUD & TBPEOPLE. The partners may amend and modify this memorandum of understanding upon mutual consent by agreement in writing.

The undersigned representatives of the INPUD and TBPEOPLE have agreed to the conditions in this MoU.

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