



KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMITMENTS

Presentation of the epidemic, challenges, and political goals on TB in children, particularly those living with HIV

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High-Level Dialogue to Assess Progress on and Intensify Commitment to Scaling Up Diagnosis and Treatment of Paediatric HIV and TB in Children Living with HIV.

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- Alarmed at the gap of <5's (and older groups of children) for TB treatment completion and **outcomes and preventative** therapy.
- In Dr Teresa's Roadmap #8, noted the importance of "family & community centred strategies" this may be an undeveloped resource.
- Dr Lucica and Blessina: yes the right tools, but availability and accessibility and utilization are KEY. **YES** new tools for infant/toddler diagnostics
- COVID-19 presents us with challenges, but even in resource poor areas, using texting, WhatsApp for identification, prevention and support, and yes peer support in communities of faith.
- A challenge for Identification for both prevention and treatment. Yes, there are new options for paediatric prevention, need **consistent supply chain**.
- In the **Global Report 2020**, "faith" is only mentioned once: a challenge and an opportunity

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- At EDARP, communities of faith have been an essential component of “integrated family and community-centred strategies” for HIV, and I would suggest this could effectively accelerate care and treatment for children with TB—we have successfully treated over 450 children with TB, including 5 with DR TB. And yes, more problem solving with food security and TB treatment
- An opportunity to **increase the dialogue, action and expertise** between global/local communities of people working with TB and faith communities.
- Commit communities of faith to support the global advocacy efforts at a local level by educating faith leaders and pastors, including youth pastors and youth chaplains and mothers/fathers parish groups, on paediatric HIV/TB, especially using communities of faith to decrease the gap of children needing preventative treatment and supportive care during treatment for TB.
- Communities of faith using our ethos of welcome and hospitality and **positive messages of hope** (treatment success!) to combat the stigma