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**UGANDA STOP TB PARTNERSHIP (USTP)**

**Program Report Form Summary**

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<b>Note:</b>	<i>This report provides summaries of what transpired within the year.</i>			

## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

ACSM	Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization
C-19	Covid-19
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
CEHURD	Center for Health, Human Rights and Development
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
DR	Drug Resistance
DHO	District Health Officer
DHT	District Health Team
DLFP	District Laboratory Focal Person
DTLS	District TB & Leprosy Supervisor
GF	Global Fund
CBO	Community Based Organisations
CPD/CME	Continuous Professional Development or Medical Education
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
GMU	Grants Management Unit
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HLM	High Level Meeting
IEC	Information Education and Communication
IPs	Implementing Partners
IPT	Isoniazid Preventive Therapy
CAST	Community Awareness, Screening, Testing and Treatment
JMS	Joint Medical Stores
M & E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOH	Ministry of Health
MOGLSD	Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NCC	National Coordination Committee
NMS	National Medical Stores
NTLP	National TB and Leprosy Program
NTRL	National TB Reference Laboratory

NSP	National Strategic Plan
OCA	Organisational Capacity Assessment
PM	Program Manager
RDC	Resident District Commissioner
RCC	Resident City Commissioner
LC	Local Council
ED	Executive Director
MP	Member of Parliament
AC	Assistant Commissioner
WHO	World Health Organization
GSTP	Global Stop TB
DGHS	Director General, Health Services
F/A	Finance Assistant
T/A	Technical Advisor
F/O	Finance Officer
GLRA	German Leprosy Relief Association
IGA	Income Generating Activity
NRM	National Resistant Movement
RRH	Regional Referral Hospital
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
PPM	Public Private Mix
PHF	Private Health Facilities
IDI	Infectious Diseases Institute
RHITES	Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services
RHSP	Rakai Health Sciences Program
PPE	Personal protective equipment
Q	Quarter
SDA	Safari Day Allowance
SMT	Senior Management Team
TASO	The AIDS Support Organisation
TB	Tuberculosis

TSR	Treatment Success Rates
USG	United States Government
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USTP	Uganda Stop TB Partnership
UN	United Nations
NFM	New Funding Mechanism
UCCM	Uganda Country Coordinating Mechanism
WTLD	World TB and Leprosy Day

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report covers the calendar year January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 which marks the first year of implementation of the NFM-3 TASO Global Fund Grant. USTP aims to achieve and sustain the NTLP case finding and cure rate targets and to provide accurate information about TB and the fight against TB. In addition, USTP exist to mobilize the Civil Society Organizations, communities and Private Health Providers to contribute to NSP overall goal of this NTLP Strategic Plan 2020/21-2024/25 is to reduce the incidence of TB by 20% from 200/100,000 population in 2019/20 to 160/100,000 Population by 2024/25.

USTP is a platform for coordination of agencies and stakeholders to contribute to the fight against TB. The organization exist to maintain relationship and subscribe to objectives of the Global Stop TB Partnership and it help promote advocacy, communication and social mobilization for TB Control and Prevention in the country.

USTP program team were engaged in a number of activities in 2021 including setting atmosphere that was critical for USTP to kick start activity implementation under the new funding mechanism from TASO Global Fund Grant Management Unit and also the UNOPs grant that was awarded in the course of the year.

The year started by USTP team working closely with PR2 in ensuring that all the required conditions for implementation of the grants were in place and in the similar situation, USTP was very much engaged with the Global Stop TB Partnership in writing the grant proposal that eventually resulted into the award of the UNOPs grant by June 2021.

The organization supported the world TB day event for 2021 which took place in Moroto in March 24, 2021. The subsequent activities that followed World TB day event included providing mentorship to the PHPs in the 8 Municipalities/Districts. There was also CSO and TB survivor initial mentorship visits carried out across the 17 MDR-TB initiation regions in the country. The visits ensured the TB experts and CSO representatives were identified for the trainings that were also supported by USTP in the year. In this respect, USTP conducted the trainings of TB experts and CSO representatives where in total, 86 participant targets were trained on many aspects for TB community awareness and management.

There were also the TB regional level advocacy meetings/workshops conducted in 13 out of 14 target MOH regions of the country where TB issues were shared by different regional political, local, cultural and religious leaders and here, more than 650 invited participants were engaged in this meetings.

USTP was involved in a number of advocacy activities including coordinating the TB Constituency engagement meetings and the launch of UNOPs grant.

There was also the engagement of the political leaders, opinion leaders and celebrities in the civil society hearing meeting to contribute ideas to the Global civil society hearing before the 2023 UNHLM meeting.

The National level 4<sup>th</sup> TB annual conference was conducted in the year where close to 500 participants attended physically and virtually in December 2021.

The Review of the TB brochure and update the talking points and print 300 copies for the journalist and media houses was also coordinated in the reporting period.

Many other interventions supported included engaging members of parliament for their knowledge updates on TB issues, engagement of journalists and media groups among others.

The year generally was a busy one with implementation of the planned interventions amidst the covid-19 lockdown measures that were in place. But good enough, all the secretariat staff members came through the year with good health and were able to coordinate the activities that were well executed in the reporting period.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The report highlights the activities which were implemented by USTP from January to December, 2021, the accomplishments, challenges and the recommendations. The report also provides an overview of the planned activities for the following year -January to December, 2022.

### **Introductory Overview of the year 2021**

The year 2021 started amidst the outbreak of C-19 rise all over the world, Uganda inclusive, with the series country's lockdowns throughout greater part of the year. This brought a lot of changes in the ways different activities had to be implemented from the planned implementation approaches.

The year 2021 began with USTP starting the implementing the new grant with PR2 with the code name UGA-C-TASO with the MOU signed on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 between TASO Uganda Ltd (GMU) and Uganda Stop TB Partnership.

The different program areas coordinated by USTP during the year are summarized here below.

### **Support to CBOs/CSOs networks to conduct community monitoring, advocacy and social mobilization aimed at improving the poor performance TB indicators**

The support to CBOs/CSOs here are aimed at improving the the poor TB TSR, low retention in care, high LTFU, poor adherence to TB and HIV medicines, poor virological suppression and high malaria incidence, treatment and care. This intervention will provide monthly facilitations to CBOs/CSOs networks in the selected districts that are lake-based (Kampala, Mukono and Wakiso in this case) and also mentorship

During the year 2021, the CBOs/CSOs networks that were visited and assessed for inclusion were into interventions were:

- ✓ Touch Namuwongo Project
- ✓ Mukono Multi-Purpose
- ✓ Kuboresha Africa-Mukono
- ✓ Kawempe Home Care
- ✓ Hope for the Future (Reach out Mbuya)
- ✓ Africa for Health Research Initiative (Kampala/Mayuge)

The initial assessment to each of these networks was followed by another OCA visits which were to the target organizations that had scores in most of the assessed indicators, and here Mukono Multi-Purpose, Kuboresha Africa-Mukono and Kawempe Home Care were chosen and thereafter, selected for the trainings by PR2. The facilitations and mentorships to these CBO/CSO networks will be conducted in the first part of year 2 (2022).

The interventions outcomes are improving institutional capacity of the CBOs/CSOs in the different areas (finance, M&E and programming), Improved TB outcomes (TSR) and also increased case notifications rates.

### **Conduct mentorship in the 8 municipalities where private health facilities were trained**

This activity targets mentorship in the 8 municipalities where health service providers from a total of 107 private health facilities were trained on TB care and prevention using TASO-GF8NFM2 grants. The health workers trained in the municipalities of Iganga, Jinja, Masaka, Mbarara, Gulu, Kitgum,

Mbale and Tororo and supported to implement Public Private Mix (PPM) activities. In this In NFM3, the USTP had planned to conduct mentorship support visits using two (2) teams and each were to support 4 districts during every quarterly visits in order to cover the 8 district and while in the municipality each team shall support 5 trained PHFs per district, totalling 40 facilities in all the 8 municipalities.

In the year 2021, there mentorships to PHPs were conducted by two teams, each taking up 2 regions (Central and Western regions, then Eastern and East-Central regions) in the quarters 2 and 3. The first mentorship was in April 2021 and the second was in August, 2021. A total of 34 private health facilities were visited for mentorship in Q2 and 32 PHFs were mentored in Q3 of this reporting year. The plan to extend the mentorship to Gulu and Kitgum are expected to be concluded in 2022.



***PPM mentorship in Mbarara in August, 2021: Divine Mercy Hospital***



**Masaka Pic-1**

*Covid-19 PPEs were distributed in this PPM mentorship visit to the facilities.*

### **Coordinating PPM Oversight committee meetings to review performance**

This intervention activity targets reviewing performance including policy issues, mobilize resources, carrying out advocacy, ensuring the availability of TB commodities for Private sector with the bodies like NMS, JMS, the donor-supported implementing mechanisms and the intermediary agencies.

In the reporting year 2021, there were 3 planned meetings of this nature, out which, 2 were conducted, one virtually and one physically after the lockdown restrictions of C-19 were lifted towards the end of the year. Each of this meeting was expected to engage 17 participants, so from the year 1 target of 51 participants, 44 members were engaged or 86% of the targets were involved in the Oversight committee meetings.

### **Training of Expert/TB survivors**

This activity implemented included training and facilitating TB survivors, women and champions to sensitize communities, facilitate TB case finding and follow up of TB patients in the community. The training milestone included:

- This activity was kick-started in May 2021 with the execution of the initial mentorship visits across the country that targeted all the 17 DR-TB treatment regions. In this visits, the TB survivors and CSOs that eventually formed the denominator for the trained participants were selected and their contact details profiled.



*CSO mentorship visit to Moroto District, May 2021, DHO Moroto left.*

- Conducting workshops to tailor/develop training materials before the training was conducted. There were series of virtual meetings conducted to conceptualize, draft and finalize the training contents for the Expert/TB survivors and CSO representatives. In total, 8 virtual workshops were organized and this facilitated the smooth development of the training contents with the final contents organized into modular formats listed here below:
  - ✓ Module1: Introduction to the Course & coverage of the interventions
  - ✓ Human Rights & Gender with respect to TB
  - ✓ Module 3: Supporting TB services in the community and at Facility
  - ✓ Module 4 : Communication for TB
  - ✓ Module 5 : Social Protection
  - ✓ Module 6: Income Generating Activities
  - ✓ Module 7: Sustainability strategies for the interventions



- There was also a national level validation meeting for invited participants to contribute, review and adapted the consolidated training contents that also included elements of social protection and the subject matters experts shall be engaged.





The National level validation of the TB expert/CSO training contents, Mukono, Sept 2021



- The next step was conducting the actual training of Expert/TB survivors and in total, 86 target participants were trained in Lira and Masaka Venues from September 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. There were 39 TB survivors and 47 CSO representatives that formed the 86 participants trained.
- The trained Expert/TB survivors were empowered to do start involving themselves in TB community work that include sensitize communities, facilitate TB case finding , follow up of patients and reporting.



**The DHO Lira Dr. Patrick Ocen Buchan (in a tie) in the group photo after his training closing remarks-Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**



*(Masaka training photo above)*





*The most improved participants in the pre-test and post-test being recognised by training facilitators. [Alupu Brenda, TB Survivor from Gulu improved from 16% -63% (by 47%) and Anguria Michael, a CSO representative from Soroti also improved highly from 37%-81% (by 44%)]*

### **Community mobilization and Advocacy campaigns especially World TB day event.**

This intervention activity is aimed at sensitising and popularizing TB awareness and reduce TB stigma and discrimination especially including use of Apps for awareness and self-screening

During the year, the world TB and Leprosy day commemoration was held in Karamoja region, in Boma ground of Moroto District on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2021. The summaries of the key achievements are in the tabular format here below:

### **Summary of what was achieved during WTLD Event 2021**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
<b>TB active case findings through outreaches in the sub counties of Nadunget, Katiekile, Rupa and Tapac in Karamoja region</b>	785 cases screened, Presumptive 386, 16 TB cases diagnosed.	More outreach activities can still yield more TB cases
<b>Great involvement of IPs and other agencies in the WTD event</b>	IPs involved were: USTP, Global Fund, USAID/Defeat TB, <b>USAID/PACT</b> , IDI, USAID/RHITES-E, TASO, GLRA, CUAMM, SPARK TB, <b>UNALEP</b> , <b>WHO</b> , <b>USAID</b> , <b>CDC</b> , <b>MOH</b> , <b>NTLP</b> , <b>DLG and others.</b>	The activity was very well coordinated and guided by the National TB program
<b>Arrangements for World TB/Leprosy Day, 2021- Planning meetings</b>	A Total of 8 preparatory meetings we held with the central team for WTD event. There were also 5 planning meetings in Moroto where the event was held.	The planning meetings were very well successfully conducted and it resulted to a very well organized world TB day events before and during the D-day of 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021.
<b>Production and procurement of IEC materials</b>	IEC materials under this procurement include: Caps, Armbands, Teardrops, Pull-up banners, PVC banners, Framed certificates, Certificates wooden, Plagues, Desk calendars, Car stickers, Posters and Pens.	All the IEC materials were procured and delivered for commemoration of WTD  (see status in the table 2 below)

<b>Media activities:</b>	The newspaper supplement for new vision and monitor was published on 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021.	The copy of the final product was shared with USTP the following day.
<b>Supporting various categories of stake holders to participate in dee day activities</b>	A total of 192 National, regional and district level guests attended the meeting	This was about 96% participation rate.
<b>Buying refreshments for the dee day – invited guests will be given refreshments</b>	All the united quest were served refreshment at the end of the WTD celebration event. This was at <b>Hotel Leslona Ltd</b>	The quality of the refreshment was good. All the guests were well served and no complain was registered.
<b>The involvement of different stakeholders: Local leaders, cultural and political leaders from Karamoja region</b>	The Local leaders, cultural and political leaders from Karamoja region including CAOs, LC5, RDCs, DHOs from all the 9 Districts were present in the event. This ensured the key messages to the locals were well delivered and will reached the community members.	The guest of honor passed special message to the local leaders and it is expected that they will own the TB activities in the region so as to improve on the TSR.



*The pictorial coverage of the WTD event in Moroto Boma grounds in March 2021.*



*The guest of honor in Moroto Boma ground for WTD event inspecting different exhibitions/Stalls*

It should be noted that the year's event was held amidst strict C-19 SOPs in place. Not more than 200 guests were allowed by then SOPs to be invited.

### **Support mobilization of political and local leadership and support them advocate for TB funding at central, regional and district levels**

This intervention aimed at engaging key decision makers; political, religious, cultural and local leaders into understanding the dynamics around the TB disease, with major target of ensuring that they are well informed to make informed decisions that can impact on the improved local resource allocations to TB management in the country. A total of 13 regional level meetings were held with the details shown in the table below:

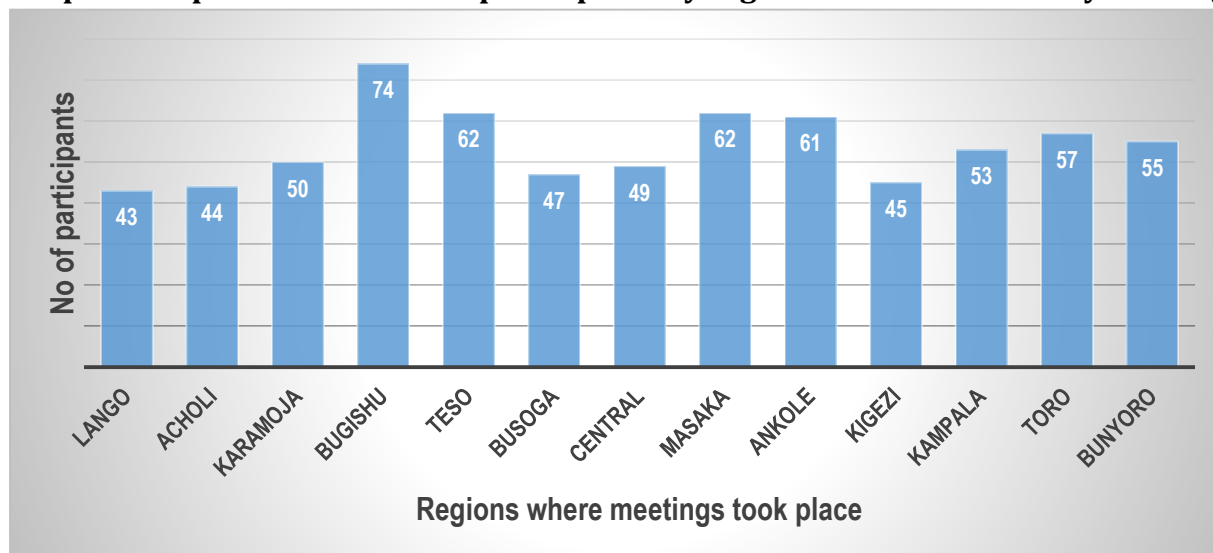
**Table showing the participants who attended the regional Level TB advocacy meetings**

	Region	Meeting Venue	Activity Date	No of participants	Drivers
1	Lango	Lira	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	43	8
2	Acholi	Gulu	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	44	9
3	Karamoja	Moroto	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2021	50	11
4	Bugishu	Mbale	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	74	14
5	Teso	Soroti	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	62	9
6	Busoga	Jinja	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2021	47	7
7	Central	Entebbe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec -2021	49	16
8	Masaka	Masaka	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	62	11
9	Ankole	Mbarara	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	61	9
10	Kigezi	Kabale	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2021	45	14



11	Kampala	Jinja	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec -2021	53	10
12	Toro	Kabarole	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	57	11
13	Bunyoro	Hoima	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	55	8
<b>Total</b>				<b>687</b>	<b>137</b>

### Graphical representation of the participants by region for the TB advocacy meeting



These meeting target were 40 participants for each region, but each region greatly mobilize their leaders and they were fully in attendance.

### Some of the follow up planned activities for this intervention

- There should be massive involvement of private health providers in the TB screenings, care and prevention. This should be in their implementation approaches.
- The District and IPs should address the challenges associated with lack of supplies and equipments that greatly affect TB services in all cascades.
- The IPs in the region should demonstrate stability and reliability in supporting the districts equally. This should be backed up by the political support and coordinated oversight supervisions.
- The TB community campaigns should include VHTs and facility health workers so that their inputs into the TB programming are clear and measurable.
- The strategy for district lead programming should be strengthened as opposed to IP lead programing.
- The regions expect that the local leaders put to task the poorly performing facilities and districts so that they don't lower the performance of the region. In some regions, the chairpersons expect that the poorly performing district staff be put on PIP to ensure they are closely supported and monitored based on agreed indicators.
- There were also commitments to have TB activities integrated into other disease programing, including more TB awareness in the local radio airtime, churches and in the community gatherings.

- There were a number of commitments by leaders to ensure more local budget allocation for TB disease. This remains to be seen in the 2022 TB reflections in the budget framework paper.



The NRM Director of communication Emmanuel Dombo giving opening remarks in Mbale meeting 21/10/2021



The Deputy RCC, Mbarara City Mr Kawonawo Isaac making the meeting's closing remarks (also thanking MOH/NTLP's Dr Raymond for being in the meeting for Ankole region in Hotel Triangle, Mbarara on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2021)



**The group photo at the end of the Kampala TB regional level meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2021 in Jinja**

### **Synergy/Collaborative review meetings for ACSM, M&E/Research, TB/HIV, working groups to enhance TB programming**

This is one of the avenues for partner coordination meetings are meant to bring together entities supporting and/or implementing TB activities in the various areas of the country.

By implementation design, there are three working groups here that include

- i. ACSM
- ii. M&E/Research
- iii. TB/HIV

Each of these working groups has a chairperson with the respective members and they have the TORs that are there to guide their performance measurements. Each working groups are expected to hold a quarterly meeting so as to strengthen collaborative programming for TB interventions in the country.

There were at least two meetings held by each of these working groups in the year 2021 with 80 members/partners engaged. Their engagements greatly guided USTP programming and coordination functions.





## RESULT TABLE: USTP YEAR 1 PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS: 2021

Budget Line No.	Intervention	Activity Description	Indicator	Year 1 Target	Y1 Total Results	Percentage of Results	Comments
<b>1. TASO GF-NFM-3 GRANT INTERVENTIONS</b>							
270	Social mobilization, building community linkages and coordination	A) Provide 6 monthly facilitation for 3 CBOs/CSOs networks and per district and 16 CBOs in 16 lake-based districts to conduct community monitoring advocacy and social mobilization aimed at improving the poor.	270.1 Number of CBOs/CSO networks provided with 6 monthly facilitation to conduct community monitoring advocacy and social mobilization aimed at improving the poor	3 -	3	100%	3 CSOs have been identified and the details submitted to PR2 for training. These are Kuboresha Africa, Kawempe Homecare and Mukono Multi-Purpose Youth Organization, MUNYO
			270.2 Number of mentorship support visits to CBOs conducted by USTP and NTLP teams	5		N/A	No mentorship was scheduled for 2021. It will be done in 2022
287	Engaging all care providers (TB care and prevention)	Conduct mentorship in the 8 municipalities where private health facilities were trained	287.1 Number of support supervision events for mentorship conducted where private health facilities were trained	6	4	67%	Only 2 mentorship visits were done in Q2 and 2 in Q3. This activity was greatly affected by the C-19 lockdowns
290	Engaging all care providers (TB care and prevention)	Hold PPM Oversight committee meetings to review performance	290.1 Number of PPM oversight committee	3	2	67%	Attendance lists Payment form Activity reports



		(guide on policy, mobilize resources, carry out advocacy, ensure availability of TB commodities for Private sector with QPPU, NMS, JMS, and other donor-supported implementing mechanisms as well as the intermediary agencies)	meetings held to review performance				
			290.2 Number of participants attending PPM oversight committee meetings to review performance	51	44	86%	
316	Stigma and discrimination reduction (HIV/TB)	a) Train and facilitate TB survivors, women and champions to sensitize communities facilitate), case finding and follow up of patients (Training of Experts/TB survivors)	316.1.1 Number of trainings conducted for TB experts/survivors to sensitize communities and facilitate case finding and follow up of patients	3	3	100%	Trainees Bio-data forms Attendance lists Payment form Activity reports in place. The trainings were held in Lira and Masaka Venues during the year.
			316.1.2 Number of TB experts/survivors trained to sensitize communities and facilitate case finding and follow up of patients	84	86	102%	
317		Community mobilization and Advocacy campaigns to sensitize and popularize TB awareness and reduce TB stigma and discrimination especially World TB day including use of	317.1 Number of community mobilization and Advocacy campaigns conducted to sensitize and popularize TB awareness and reduce TB stigma and discrimination	1	1	100%	Attendance lists Payment form Activity reports. The 2021 World TB and Leprosy day was held in Moroto District in March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.

		Apps for awareness and self-screening					
318	Treatment (TB care and prevention)	a) Train & equip community actors -CSO at district level to link TB patients social protection services (including IGAs) and to report	318.1 Number of participants attending national level meeting to validate training materials and obtain consensus interventions of TB/ MDR-TB survivors and actors	48	42	88%	Attendance lists Payment form Activity reports all in place.
		b) Train & equip community actors -CSO at district level to link TB patients social protection services (including IGAs) and to report	318.2 Number of participants attending workshop for adapting/development of TB/DR-TB survivor Social protection training materials	15	42	280%	Attendance lists Payment form Activity reports
		e) Train & equip community actors -CSO at district level to link TB patients social protection services (including IGAs) and to report	318.3 Number of mentorship support visits conducted for trained experts/CSO reps	2	1	50%	Attendance lists Activity reports all in place. C-19 too affected this activity.
319	Treatment (TB care and prevention)	Conduct coordination meetings for community groups and actors including advocacy platforms	319.1 Number of annual review meetings with trained experts/TB survivors conducted	1	0		This was pushed to 2022 because of C-19 lockdown

			319.2 Number of trained experts/TB survivors attending annual review meetings	76	0		
324	Coordination and management of national disease control programs	a) Support mobilization of political leaders:- Mobilize political and local leadership and support them advocate for TB funding at central, regional and district levels (once a year at all levels -review previous year's performance)	324.1.1 Number of national advocacy meeting held	1	0		This was not implemented in 2021. To be done in Q5, 2022.
			324.1.2 Number of participants attending national advocacy meetings	36			
			324.1.3 Number of news dailies publishing press release	6			Not done as explained above
		b) Support mobilization of political leaders:- Mobilize political and local leadership and support them advocate for TB funding at central, regional and district levels (once a year at all levels -review previous year's performance)	324.2.1 Number of regional level advocacy meetings held	14	13	93%	The activity was well implemented, one region/West Nile asked to be scheduled for Q5, 2022.
			324.2.2 Number of participants attending regional level advocacy meetings	560	687	123%	
		d) Support mobilization of political leaders:- Mobilize political and local leadership and support them advocate for TB funding at central, regional and district levels (once a year at all levels -review previous year's performance)	324.3 Number of support supervision events for mentorship conducted where private health facilities were trained	1	-		Only 2 mentorship visits were done in Q2. This activity was greatly affected by the C-19 lockdowns (see BL287)

331	Coordination and management of national disease control programs	Support partner coordination meeting and working groups' performance review meetings;	331.1 Number of Synergy/Collaborative review meetings held for ACSM,M&E/Research, TB/HIV, working groups to enhance TB programming	3	2		This activity was implemented, mainly on virtual platform due to C-19 SOPs that were not permitting public meetings.
			331.2 Number of participants attending synergy/collaborative review meetings for ACSM, M&E/Research, TB/HIV, working groups to enhance TB programming	90	80	87%	
332	Coordination and management of national disease control programs	a) Orient parliamentarians and support engagement of Parliamentary TB Caucus	332.1 Number of participants attending workshop to develop training materials	12	-		This activity is for 2022
		b) Orient parliamentarians and support engagement of Parliamentary TB Caucus	332.2.1 Number of knowledge update meetings held for parliamentarians	2	2		This activity is for Year 2 & 3
			332.2. Number of participants attending knowledge update meetings for parliamentarians	20			

## 2. UNOPS GRANT: STOP TB PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Intervention No	Intervention details	Activity Description	Indicator	Year 1 Target	Y1 Total Results	Percentage of Results	Comments
Intervention Area 1	Engagement of the political leaders, opinion leaders and celebrities	Conduct a one day Uganda Civil society hearing meeting and contribute ideas to the Global civil society hearing before the 2023 UNHLM meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people attending TB civil society hearing/meeting event</li> <li>The meeting report</li> <li>Project launch carried out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 30 participants to be engaged physically in a one day meeting</li> <li>The meeting report</li> </ul>	1 meeting held and 29 participants attended physically and 103 attended virtually.	97% physical participation including 103 virtually engaged ppl.	This meeting was combined with the Project Launch and it was held on 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 at Lake Victoria Serena Hotel. In all, 132 participants were involved in this meeting.
		Hold a national stakeholders dialogue meeting with MOH, donors, Parliamentarians, TB civil society partners, TB champions, celebrities, journalists, on UNHLM targets 2022 and support for the organization of the UNHLM TB 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholders updated on the progress on the TB UNHLM targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholders updated on the progress on the TB UNHLM targets</li> <li>At least 130 ppl physically reached with the TB awareness</li> </ul>	-The UNHLM progress updates shared -A total of 170 ppl attended the meeting	131 physical participation registered.	It should be noted that this meeting also had virtual participants of more than 500 people, and the meeting was co-funded by UNOPs grant and also country's National TB program.
		Support holding of Parliamentary TB caucus meeting to draft a resolution to advocate for enacting of a law that promotes and protects the rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people attending Parliamentary TB caucus meeting with it details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 19 participants to be engaged physically in a one day meeting</li> </ul>	A total of 18 ppl attended the planned meeting	95%	This meeting was held on November 1, 2021, in Entebbe, with 6 Member of parliament engaged.

		of people with TB including social protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting report</li> </ul>				
Intervention Area 2	<b>Position the country-level platform as a strategic leader and key convenor on TB</b>	Hold a media conference on the eve of World TB day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people attending Parliamentary TB caucus meeting with it details</li> <li>The meeting report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 19 participants to be engaged physically in a one day meeting</li> </ul>	A total of 18 ppl attended the planned meeting	95%	This meeting was held on November 1, 2021, in Entebbe, with 6 Member of parliament engaged.
		Using digital media to enhance USTP advocacy communication awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people attending media meeting</li> <li>The meeting report</li> <li>TV/Radio talk shows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 27 participants to be engaged physically in a one day meeting</li> <li>Two TV/Radio talk shows</li> </ul>	?	?	This meeting is for March 2022.
Intervention Area 3	<b>Intervention 3: Raise awareness on TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment among the general population, including key target populations and those most at risk of TB</b>	Hold a TB sensitization meeting with 30 journalists of the Media team activists and for knowledge update and to share experiences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of journalists from different media houses attending the meeting</li> <li>The meeting report</li> <li>Number of media houses engaged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 journalists sensitized on TB</li> <li>TB Knowledge updates</li> <li>4 Media houses engaged in TB sensitization 2 TV, 2 Radio stations.</li> </ul>	-33 ppl attended the meeting -Media houses engaged: 5 TV stations, 8 Radio stations and 4 Newspapers	110%	This activity was held in Entebbe on December 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021. It was very interesting to USTP and media team engaged. They were greatly involved and they pledged to always do more for TB

		Review the TB brochure and update the talking points and print 300 copies for the journalist and media houses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of participants participating in the review of brochures and talking points for TB</li> <li>The meeting report</li> </ul>	1 meeting; 20 ppl	1 meeting, 23 ppl	100%	The 2 day meeting conducted from Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> -Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021. Report compiled
<b>Intervention Area 4:</b>	<b>Mobilize resources to sustain TB efforts</b>	Hold a donors conference spearheaded by TB celebrities and the public figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No of attending donors conference spearheaded by TB celebrities and the public figures</li> <li>Report on the conference</li> </ul>	1 meeting with 30 ppl to attend	For 2022	?	Pending for March 2022
		Hold a TB run on 22nd March 2022 before WTD		For 2022	?	Pending for March 2022	For 2022

## UNOPS/ GLOBAL STOP TB PARTNERSHIP GRANT

The Global Stop Partnership grant was awarded to Uganda Stop TB Partnership in June 2021, with implementations planned for July 2021 through to March 2022. This grant coded 'The United Nations Office for Project Services- UNOPs grant' has 9 month implementation period. Basically it has 4 intervention areas as summarize under this section. UNOPS hosts the Global Stop TB Secretariat and administers its financial resources.

### Engagement of the political leaders, opinion leaders and celebrities

#### The Uganda Civil society hearing meeting to contribute ideas to the Global civil society hearing before the 2023 UNHLM meeting

This activity was the first to be conducted and it was combined with the launch of this grant, when the implementation was in September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The meeting venue was Serena Kigo Hotel, Wakiso District and the event was held under observance of C-19 SOPs that was in place by then. There were 29 physical participation and 103 virtual participants engaged in this event.

Different target stakeholders were attended the meeting that included Uganda member of parliament, opinion leaders, media houses, TB activists, civil society representations among others.

#### Key outputs from this civil society hearing meeting:

- ✓ The target stakeholders engaged in the meeting. In all 132 participants attended the civil society hearing meeting both virtually and physically.
- ✓ The project launch was successfully done and the project details made clear to the stakeholders invited.
- ✓ TB awareness message was well conveyed to many Ugandans through the many media houses engaged.

**Table of physical participants for the Uganda Civil society hearing meeting on 8<sup>th</sup>/9/2021**

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION	TEL CONTACT
1	ROBERT NAKIBUMBA	COORDINATOR	USTP	0772603073
2	GRACE AMONGIN	M&E ASST	USTP	0781579825
3	JULIET NAKIJJOBA	ADIM OFFICER	USTP	0788741338
4	MOSES ODONGO	M&E OFFICER	USTP	0752966901
5	CAROL KATIKIRO	F/A	USTP	0775100742
6	DR. PADDY BUSULWA	T/A	USTP	0772615664
7	ISIKO PAUL	ED	USTP	0772428225
8	SSEBIKAALI JOEL	MP	PARLIAMENT	0776594781
9	NAKAZIBWE HOPE	MP	PARLIAMENT	0775955515
10	KAWUMA HERMAN J	PATRON	USTP	0772323028
11	STEPHEN WATITI	BOARD MWEMBER	USTP	0772638466



12	LUZZE HENRY	ASS/AC	NTLP/MOH	0772368329
13	KAMUGASHA ROGER	ED	KUBORESHA	0773158181
14	PETER LOCHORO	BOARD CHAIR	USTP	0783965968
15	DDUNGU DAVIS	MEDIA	CBS	0702175038
16	KIZINDO LULE	MEDIA	CAPTIAL FM	0705617678
17	WALTER MWESIGYE	MEDIA	NTV	0704690138
18	ANORLD MUKISA	MEDIA	NBS TV	0756072178
19	HENRY MUGENYI	MEDIA	NBS TV	0756800647
20	BENSON TUMUSIIME	MEDIA	DAILY MONITOR	0704141645
21	RAHIM NWALI JOHN BOSCO	MEDIA	NBS	0789620727
22	NAMUSIS LYDIA	CLM	TASO	0785780990
23	JOYCE ACHOLA	P&T	UGANET	0757665865
24	FALAL RUBANGA FAITH	P&T	UGANET	0757261066
25	MWESIGWA JOSHUA	PO	INPIRE YOUTH FOR DEV'T	0752224211
26	BYARUHANGA RAYMOND	STO	NTLP/MOH	0772509671
27	LINDA RUVWA	COMMUNICATION SEP	NTLP/MOH	0783995488
28	KIBERU EDWIN	ADVOCAY OFFICER	KAWEMPE COMMUNITY BASED	0756597162
29	TURYAHABWE STAVIA	AC	NTLP/MOH	0773783932



**Closing remarks from Dr. Peter Lochoro, the Chairperson, USTP Board on 8<sup>th</sup>/9/2021**

## **The national stakeholders dialogue meeting with different on UNHLM targets 2022 and support for the organization of the UNHLM TB 2023**

This event was held from December 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Imperial Resort Beach, Entebbe, and Wakiso District. A total of 170 physical participants attended the two day meeting with more than 340 attending virtually.

The different categories of stakeholders involved included: MOH, MOGLSD, OPM, Donors, Parliamentarians, TB civil society partners, TB champions/Survivors, celebrities, journalists, academia, key population representatives many other mix of the participants.

It should be noted that is event was very big and many stakeholders were integrated in facilitating it's including financing that was done by USTP/UNOPs grant, Defeat TB and the National TB and Leprosy program.

It should also be clear that this event was held together with The 4th National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Annual Stakeholders' Conference 2021.

*The Conference Theme: “Accelerating progress towards the 2022 United Nations High Level Meeting tuberculosis targets in the COVID-19 Era”.*

### **The stakeholder's meeting Objectives**

- Update the conference participants on the performance of the TB and Leprosy program since the launch of the NSP 2020/21-2024/5 and review progress in achieving the 2022 UNHLM and Leprosy targets
- Present and discuss the challenges and opportunities posed by COVID-19 on attainment of the UNHLM and Leprosy targets.
- Share new innovations and research findings to propel evidence based programming towards the 2022 UNHLM and Leprosy targets.

### **The stakeholder's meeting outputs**

- Disseminated 2020/21 National tuberculosis leprosy report
- Launch of the out of ordinary COVID 19 mitigation approach- CAST TB
- Update on the last Year communique provided
- Innovations in TB leprosy programming shared

### **The immediate results of the meeting:**

- ✓ Different stakeholders were engaged as per the different categories listed above
- ✓ TB awareness message reached many different and greater part of the country through TV, Radio stations and print and social media.
- ✓ The -CAST TB approach was launched
- ✓ Certificate of appreciation to the organising committee and recognition of best districts issued out.

## The 4<sup>th</sup> National TB and Leprosy Annual Stakeholders' Conference

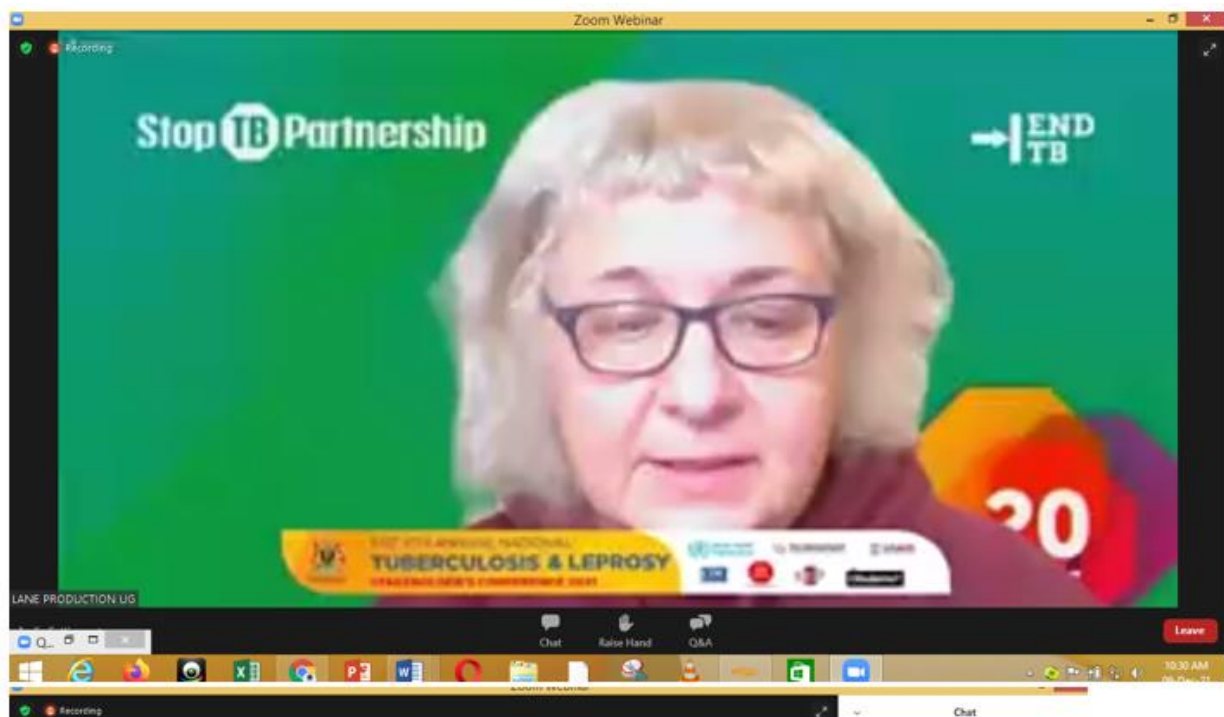
**DAY 1: THURSDAY DECEMBER 9, 2021**

SESSION ROOM	ZIBA HALL		
DAY/TIME	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER	CHAIR
08.30-08.55 am	Arrival and Registration	Secretariat/	Commissioner Dr George Upenyotho-MC
08.55-09.00am	Prayers	Dr. Rose Kengozi-Senior Medical Officer-NTLP	
09.00-09.10 am	Objectives and expected outputs	Dr Henry G Mwebesa-DG MOH	
09.10-09.20 am	Welcome Remarks	Permanent Secretary MOH	Dr Henry G Mwebesa-DGHS
09.20-09.30 am	Remarks from a TB Adolescent survivor	Mr. Nyanzi David	
09.30-09.40 am	Remarks from CSO representative	Executive Director-USTP	
09.40-09.50 am	Remarks from Global Stop TB Partnership	Executive Director-GSTP	
09.50-10.00 am	Remarks from Global Fund Representative	GF Geneva Country team coordinator	
10.00-10.10 am	USG Representative Remarks	USG Ambassador	
10.10-10.20 am	Remarks from WHO	Country Representative	
10.20 –10.30 am	Official Opening of the Stakeholders Conference	Hon. Minister of Health	
10.30-11.00 AM	CAST LAUNCH, GROUP PHOTOS AND TEA BREAK		
11.00-11.30 am	Keynote address: “Why investing in Ending the TB epidemic is a good economic investment for Uganda”	Prof Freddie Ssengooba	Dr Henry G Mwebesa-DGHS
ICE BREAKER			
Session: TB Performance review			
11.30-12.00 am	One year of implementation of a people centered NSP 2020/21 -2024/25 National TB and Leprosy status update – 2020/21	Dr Stavia Turyahabwe – AC NTLP	Dr Patrick Tusiime – Commissioner NDC
12:00-12.30 pm	Review of FY2020 years communique	Dr. Henry Luzze – PMO NTLP	
12.30 -12.40pm	Quality Improvement – innovative approaches facilitating implementation of the people-centered NSP	Dr Kenneth Mutesasira – Defeat TB	
12.40 -1.00 pm	Discussion		
1.00 – 2.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK		
Subtheme: Ending TB and Leprosy by 2030 is achievable! - Panel discussion			
2.00-2.15 pm	Prioritizing TB prevention and care - the role of the legislator	Hon Joel Ssebikali-Chair Tb Caucus	Hon. Dr Joseph Ruyonga

2.15-2.30 pm	Health Care Equity and access for marginalized populations: lessons for TB programming paused by the COVID 19 pandemic	<b>Mr. Aggrey Kibenge-</b> PS, Ministry of Gender, Labor, and social development
2.30-2.45 pm	TB in the prisons – the current state of affairs	<b>Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija-</b> Commissioner Uganda Prison Services
2.45-3.00 pm	Experiences from mobile populations including refugees	<b>Dr Yayi Alfred-DHO</b> Yumbe
3.00 -3.15 pm	Private Health Provider engagement – the TB patient’s first port of call!	<b>Jauhar Zubair</b> <b>Kisambira-Uganda</b> Society of PMP
3.15 -3.30 pm	Is leprosy the ancient scourge still with us in Uganda?	<b>Dr. Herman Joseph S. Kawuma-GLRA</b>
3.30 - 3.45 pm	The role of the academia in keeping ending TB by 2030 within sight	<b>Dr Katamba Achilles-</b> <b>Makerere University</b>
3.45 – 4.00 pm	Discussion	
<b>4.00 - 4.30 pm</b>	<b>TEA AND DEPARTURE</b>	

*Note: Only Day one Program posted here. Day 2 program and other details are in this activity specific report*









**The Parliamentary TB caucus meeting to draft a resolution to advocate for enacting of a law that promotes and protects the rights of people with TB including social protection.**

This intervention is expected to orchestrate or give birth to the Parliamentary resolution to the speaker of Parliament with the Rights of people with TB put on the agenda. The issues of importance discussed include a lot of expenses TB patients goes through once they contract TB disease, the poor nutrition support due to the fact that most TB patients are poor, no social protection policy in place that can support the TB patients, the lack of protective policy against stigmatization of the TB patients and poor prioritization the other TB related issues including limited budget allocation from national budget framework paper, unfavourable job security for working TB patients, among others.

The meeting was held at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe on November 1, 2021, with a total of 18 participants in attendance as in the table here below:

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION	TEL CONTACT
1	NAKAZIBWE HOPE	MP	PARLIAMENT	0775955515
2	NAKATO MARY	MP	PARLIAMENT	0755382335
3	MBWATEKAMWA GAFF	MP	PARLIAMENT	0772846544
4	SSEBIKALI JOEL	MP	PARLIAMENT	0776594781
5	BUKENYA MICHAEL	MP	PARLIAMENT	0774037506
6	TAACA AGNES	MP	PARLIAMENT	0771420353
7	RONALD BAGAGA	LAWYER	PARLIAMENT	0772595359
8	NAKIGUDDE PROSSY	ADMINISTRATOR	PARLIAMENT	0774580600
9	NABATANZI LILIAN	COORDINATOR-CAUCUS	PARLIAMENT	0779339007
10	ALLEN KUTEESA	CONSULTANT	SOCIAL POLICY NETWORK	0772429820
11	ATIM SOLOME	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	UGANDA NATIONAL COALITION OF TB SURVIVORS AND ACTORS	0782339839

12	KAWUMA JOSEPH	PATRON AND TB CONSTITUENCY REP.	USTP/CCM	0772323028
13	WATITI STEPHEN	BOARD MEMBER	USTP	0772638466
14	LINDA RUVWA	COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST	NTLP/MOH	0783995488
15	NAKIJJOBA JULIET	ADMIN OFFICER	USTP	0788741338
16	WINTERS MUTTAMBA	RESEARCH FELLOW	MULAGO LUNG INSTITUTE	0772511261
17	ISIKO PAUL	ED	USTP	0772428225
18	ALEX ATUHEIRE	F/O	USTP	0782171171



*Dr. Winters Muttamba making a presentation to MPs and others guests Nov 1, 2021*

In this workshop, the focus to the attention of the invited members of parliament included:

- The overview of TB services in Uganda
- Barriers to TB Disease Response in Uganda
- Economic burden of TB-affected households
- The actionable areas from this event.

In the meeting many presentations were made as outlined above, but above all, the key ways forward was agreed upon:

From the parliamentary motion moved in the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament by Hon. Dr. Akamba Muwuma who moved the private members bill on health, he is to be supported to move the motion again in this 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament. Necessary preparations with the gaps to be bridged has to be clearly outlined

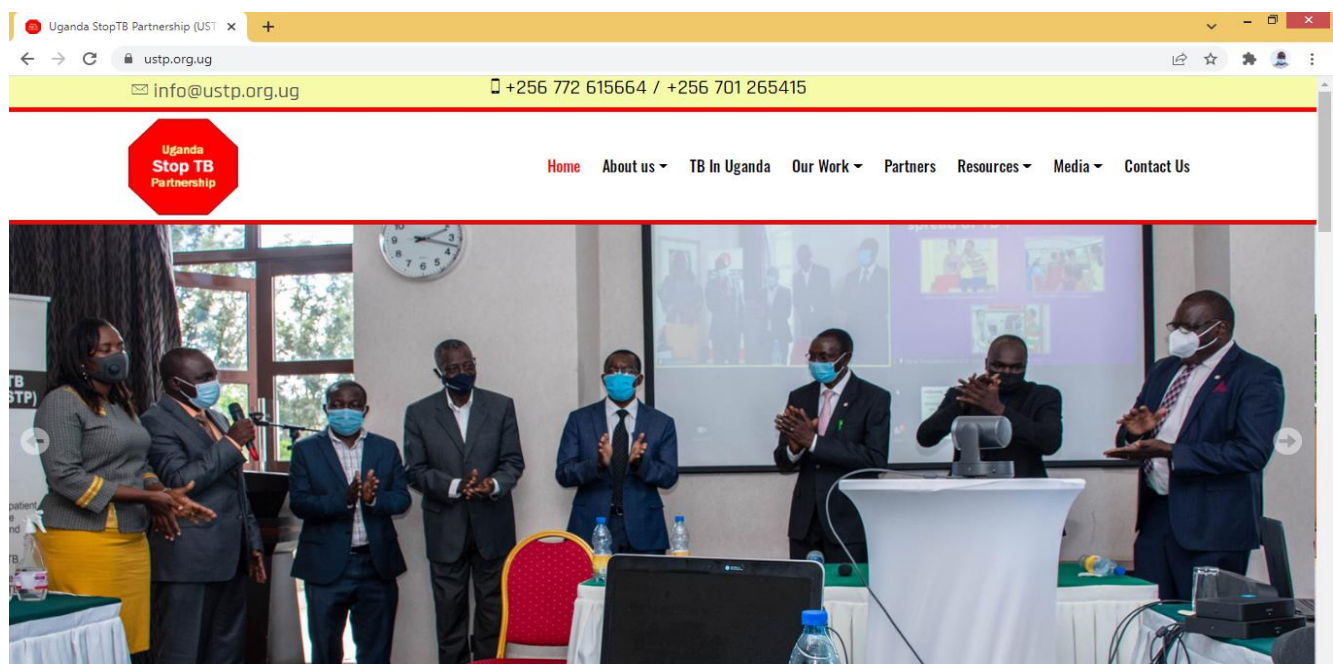
before this improved motion goes to parliament so that it's not rejected – this will be spearheaded by Hon. Joel Ssebikaali.

There should be the write up about all the details we want included about TB including urging government to improve on funding and other interventions – provide statistics indicating the current status. The write up should be policy friendly that would be used to form the draft of a motion. The policy brief should capture the funding gap and challenges facing people with TB and this areas will be spearheaded by Dr. Isiko Paul

The other action point was to identify someone/partner to orient MPs on the public health act and how best the MPs can take up this details. There's need to organize a bigger meeting that would invite more MPs who can defend the motion once moved – meeting to be organized by USTP, though the timeline is not set, but this should be before September, 2022

### **Position the country-level platform as a strategic leader and key convener on TB**

This intervention is aimed at enhancing the TB awareness especially during the world TB day period through the use of digital media to enhance USTP advocacy communication awareness and also conducting the media conference on the eve of World TB day which will surely be carried out in the month of March, 2022. On the digital media usage, USTP is active on social media and the updates through different social media platforms are very current as evidence in the website, Facebook and twitter channels.



*An extract from the active USTP website, a photo from UNOPs grant launch on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*



## **The TB sensitization meeting workshop:**

This sensitization meeting targeted the journalists from different houses and Media team activists. It also included the knowledge updates and TB experiences sharing.

The meeting was held 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021 at Lake Victoria Hotel, Wakiso District



Participants attending the sensitization meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec, 2021.

Among the key issues from this meeting were the following:

- The need for a clear and the right source of information that can guide journalist to get proper engagement into TB media activities.
- More empowerment of the journalist and the rest of the media team are key for them to do quality work for TB in the country
- There was request for support to the journalists to be able to do investigative stories about TB from media grant (if the media grant is supported by USTP)
- Some media houses promised to offer free opinion articles for TB like new vision, Fresh TV and Bukedde TV.

## **The Review of the TB brochure and update the talking points and print 300 copies for the journalist and media houses**

The activity has these two main objectives

- To sensitize the representatives of the media fraternity on TB and equip them with knowledge and information and mobilize them on ending TB in the country
- To get commitments from the participants on fighting TB

In this activity, USTP was tasked with supporting the development TB brochures which has the key facts about TB.

### Summary of agreed milestone in developing the TB brochures

Recommendation	Timeline	Responsible person(s)
District Health educators to Share the final version of translated materials with Ministry of Health	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	DHE
Ministry of Health to share the final messages with the info-graphics with the District Health Educators for their ownership	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	Louis & Kato
The District Health Educators will consent to the final versions and revert them to Ministry of Health.	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	DHE
The District Heath Educators will pretest the local materials for ownership and further input by the area team.	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	DHE
To print the TB brochure and talking points	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	USTP – Dr. Isiko
Distribute the TB brochure and talking points plus any other IEC materials to journalists and media houses	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	USTP – Dr. Isiko

### Mobilize resources to sustain TB efforts

The intervention activities under this program area include:

- Hold a donors conference spearheaded by TB celebrities and the public figures
- Hold a TB run on 22nd March 2022 before WTD

These two events are scheduled for 2022 as part of the World TB day preparations.

## TB CONSTITUENCY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

The Uganda Country Coordinating Mechanism (UCCM) of the Global Fund, supports its constituencies including among others the TB, HIV and Malaria constituencies to hold meetings with their constituency members and address issues pertaining to the control of the 3 diseases in the country. Through these meetings, participants are not only updated on the Global Fund processes and running grants, but they also get an opportunity to discuss successes, opportunities and challenges in regard to HIV, TB and Malaria activities and services supported by the Global Fund. There were three TB Constituency engagement meetings coordinated by USTP during the year 2021 with details in the table below:

**The table showing the engagement of TB constituencies for TB management in 2021**

S/N	Venue	District	Districts that Participated	Date	No of participants
1	Collin Hotel, Mukono	Mukono	All over the country	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	32
2	Zoom platform	Hosted at USTP offices, Kampala	All over the country	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2021	111
3	Esella Country Hotel	Wakiso	All over the country	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2021	35

### The TB constituency engagements key priorities in the year 2021

- a) Identified TB Constituency Priorities for the C-19 Response Mechanism GF Grant Application for April 2021. The key focus areas included;
  - **Building capacity for community structures to respond to C-19, especially mobilizing communities for C-19 vaccination.** There will be engagement of various media categories and other stakeholders such as community, cultural, religious and other leaders
  - **Supporting TB services continuity in the community** especially supporting differentiated services models and adherence Enablers
  - **Carrying out Social science research on C-19** especially finding how communities can take part in offering local solutions to support the control of the four diseases (TB, HIV, malaria and C-19)
  - **Supporting C-19/TB bi-directional screening;** Cartridges for GeneXpert which would cover needs for both TB and C-19 and also support accreditation of more facilities
  - **Design and implement interventions to fight TB/C-19 associated stigma** as well as offering psychosocial and peer support. This is expected to go a long way in ensuring health services seeking
- b) **Orienting new members about TB constituency, CCM and GF processes.**

- This included progress updates of the NFM-3 implementations and the intervention areas
  - Feedback on impact of C-19 on the service deliveries specific to TB
  - Strengthening grant oversight through the use of community-based monitoring tools
- c) To discuss avenues of engaging TB survivor more effectively
- d) Contribute to the development of the CCM Constituency Advocacy plan
- e) To review the current state of activity implementation in the face of the C-19 pandemic







*The photos above for the team involved in Constituency engagement meeting in Mukono -April 16, 2021. Some of the members attended via zoom platform.*

### **Maintaining coordination between USTP and NTLP**

USTP continued to work with the NTLP through the weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual planning meetings to review activity implementation plan and updates from activities implemented. Participation in these meetings have helps to nurture a harmonious working relationship between NTLP, USTP and other key stakeholders. It also allows for liaison between the various public and private players in TB care and control. The weekly meetings are held every Monday from 10am and the chairperson, normally Dr. Luzze from NTLD guides the meeting with support from the program manager Dr. Stavia. Most of these meetings are held via zoom platform. At the end of the quarter, there are performance reviews from all the 17 DR-TB regions of the country.

### **Coordination activities with stakeholders**

In addition, it was also seen fit to meet with regional and other IPs involved in the TB fight for effective coordination so to identify potential areas where conflict of interest, duplication of efforts, among other issues, could arise. Among the IPs met in the coordination meetings were Defeat TB, RHITES-N Acholi, RHITES-N Lango, RHITES-EC, RHITES-E, RHITES-SW, IDI-Hoima, IDI-Arua and RHSP (Masaka Region). These meetings helped guide the way USTP planned and implemented its activities throughout 2021.

## **The USTP Board Meetings**

There were a number of USTP Board meetings that were held 2021, with a target of a meeting planned for every quarter. During the year, all the board meetings including the working groups, were conducted virtually on zoom platform.

## **RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

During the year, USTP was able to get resources for its operation from GF through TASO GMU. This grant, called NFM-3 was awarded in the month of January 2021 and this was done formally through a signed MOU between USTP and TASO Uganda Ltd, for the 3-year grant implementation period.

USTP was also able to mobilize other resources from Global Stop TB Partnership to support mainly the advocacy related interventions relating to TB. A Total of \$55000 was awarded to USTP for a planned 8-month implementation period, starting July 2021 through to March 2022. USTP kick-started the implementation of this grant activities in the year 2021

## **DATA MANAGEMENT, MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

**The reporting period, M&E unit was engaged in a number of activities:**

- Finalizing the budget, workplan and the implementation approach for the NFM-3 grant
- Consolidating the procurement plan for the NFM-3 grant, specifically extracting and populating the detailed of the procurement plan for 2021
- Compilations of the reports for the previous grant (NFM-2) whose implementations ended in December 2020. These included Oct-Dec 2020 report and the Annual report for the funding mechanism
- M&E unit was also engaged in the direct activity implementations including supporting the implementation of the following interventions:
  - ✓ The preparatory meetings and the actual participation in the WTD event in Moroto in March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - ✓ Supporting the procurement activities relating to WTD: T-shirts, calendars, branded pens, banners, venues, vehicle hire, PPEs for C-19 preventions among others.
  - ✓ CSO and TB survivor initial mentorship visits that targeted the selection from the 17 MDR-TB regions of the country.
  - ✓ PPM mentorship visits, where two mentorship support visits were carried out
  - ✓ Weekly planning and updated meetings with NTLP and other stakeholders. In this platform, the key activities of USTP that involve other NTLP and other regional and District stakeholders are shared and agreed upon
  - ✓ The regional TB advocacy meetings where in the year 13 meetings were coordinated. These meetings was really intensive from the preparation stages, right to its execution.
  - ✓ The working group meetings for ACSM, M&E and TB/HIV.

- ✓ UNOPs grant writing: Workplan, Gantt chart and support to its activity implementations.
- ✓ M&E has also been engaged in the staff and program meeting that are held on weekly and on monthly basis. In this meetings reports are reviewed for data accuracy, consistencies and quality control.
- ✓ The performance reviews with TASO-GMU and NTLP

## **Support by TASO GMU Technical team**

As part of the support to USTP implementation of NTM-3, TASO GMU technical team held a meeting with USTP on Feb 1, 2021 at TASO GMU, with focus on the key areas that needed management attention of USTP right from NFM-2 implementation executed. Some of the key things pointed out included streamlining the following issues:

- ✓ Strengthening Governance and Leadership function of USTP SMT/Board
- ✓ Putting more emphasis on matters of strategic importance that these should be discussed by the board and Partners Forum as guided by the constitution of USTP
- ✓ The implementation of mandate should be key in USTP implementation details as stipulated in the NSP in place. Some of the USTP mandate includes; coordination, oversight and sharing of information among partners (agencies and stakeholders in TB work)
- ✓ The then operational manual was not aligned to board roles as stipulated in the constitution.
- ✓ Resource mobilization gaps: the draft resource mobilization plan 2017-2020 was of poor quality, had weak strategies to guide achievement of intended. This needed urgent updates to reflect the current resource mobilization demand
- ✓ There was also the issue of over-reliance on once donor (GF). This should be critically addressed.

The other technical areas provided by TASO GMU in the year included here:

### **a. The M&E Data Validation support**

The data validation support from the M&E department was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

The visiting team noted that the data accuracy had improved to more than 90%, with few areas requiring further actions to reduce on the 10% data issues.

The key data quality issues pointed for improvement included:

- i. Data entry completeness for all variables captured and reported on
- ii. It was noted that some field team struggle with understanding the data capture and reporting tools. More field technical support was recommended, though the period was where C-19 lockdown was all over the country
- iii. It was noted that there were few TB screening cases as tracked from the TB contact tracing tools completed from the community. The field team were to be supported to ensure more household contacts are screened for TB and their details captured in the tools at their disposal.
- iv. It was also noted that some field team do not complete the daily attendance forms as they do TB contact tracing.
- v. There was one case in Jinja District where very many contacts were screened. It needed field verification to ascertain what kind of household setting it was which had more than 30 contacts. The phone



follow up indicated that most of the contacts was in a busy market area there the TB index patient was operating.

- vi. Some TB index patients were sharing registration numbers from health facility TB registers. This could make it hard to map them for field support. The affected facility team were to be reached to ensure they know about this data inconsistencies and remedies made.





*TASO GMU M&E team supporting USTP unit on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 at USTP Offices.*

#### **b. Review of NFM-3 grant Budget, workplan and implementation details**

There were several scheduled meetings with TASO GMU technical team on ensuring that the NFM-3 implementation details were well documented and understood.

- ✓ These meetings included visiting TASO Kanyanya centre for a physical meeting with the technical team for this direct technical support for the new grant. This was held on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021. The subsequent meetings were held at TASO GMU in the months of February, 2021.
- ✓ There were also Introduction and high-level orientation of SRs. The NFM-3 SRs were all in a meeting organized by PR2 who also ensured NTLP was engaged so that they get to know the details of the SRs implementing NFM-3 across different intervention areas and their geographical coverage. Some of the SRs introduced were: USTP, CEHURD, Baylor Uganda, PACE, UDHA, UHRNETWORK, NAFOPHANU and UGANET among others

**The table showing the support supervision team visits to USTP by TASO GMU**

Name	Title	Support Date/ Period	Tel No	Email Address
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### **Contributing to the writing of the NTLP Annual Report 2021/2022**

Over this same period USTP contributed to the production of a few outputs under the NTLP including reviewing policy documents as well as contributing to periodic publication.

USTP greatly participate in all core NTLP programming, weekly, quarterly and annual reportings

- The involvement are so significant in the streamlining the interventions of the civil society, the community and private health providers into the TB prevention and treatment.
- Technical inputs into the capacity building of CSOs and TB survivors where the trainings were carried out with greater engagement of NTLP, MOGLSD and other stakeholders from among the partners of USTP.

## **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE**

During the year, USTP welcomed the external auditors from Engaged Partners and also the compliant personnel from TASO GMU and. There was also support supervision provided by compliance and M&E personnel from TASO GMU. They helped in guiding the operations of USTP with the findings shared.

### **Fund release for the Activities**

The funds for activities were released on a quarterly basis. The working mode due to covid-19 greatly affected some activity implementation approaches. Some meetings and workshops had to be conducted scientifically instead of the usual physical representations. The World TB day event for example, was greatly affected.

### **Procurement and Logistics Management**

There were a number of procurements undertaken during the year 2021 including:

- The IEC materials for world TB day event –T-shirts, burners, caps, calendars, car stickers among others
- The meeting venues and hire of vehicles for field activities
- The PPEs for C-19 including facemasks and sanitizers

### **Human resources**

There were no new recruitments during the year. The existing staff were all available in the year, and all worked as per the existing HR policy of USTP and GOU.

### **The operation policy manuals**

A number of policy documents to guide the day to day running of USTP were finalised in the year including

- The finance and operation manual
- The human resource and operation manual
- The procurement manual

Since these manuals were approved, it greatly guided the undertakings of USTP in the year 2021

### **Capacity Building through CME/CPD**

The team held a number of continuous professional development meetings so as to have more understandings of HR and Finance policies for its staff members. This is to ensure strict adherence to the SOPs, policies, rules and the organization norms. USTP takes this event very seriously because it is the avenue for enlightening her staff on the key changes in the policies and changes in SOPs and guidelines. The zoom/virtual platform made technical capacity building fairly simple especially in situations where some members were not physically in the office due to C-19,

## **The external audit exercise of USTP**

This was carried out in the month of April 2021 from 8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> the findings were shared with the USTP team and other concerned parties.



## APPENDIX1: The USTP TASO-GF-Implementation plan (Semi-Annual)

### Accelerated Activity Work Plan

SR/District			USTP													
PERIOD (Quarterly/Semi-Annual/Annual):			Semi-annual													
Implementation Period:		Start Date:	01 January 2022					End Date:	30 June 2022							
Budget Line No.	Activity Description	Indicator	Targets					Planned Activity Implementation						Activity Venues	Comments	
			Carried over from 2021	Q5 (Jan-Mar 22)	Q6 (Apr-Jun 22)	Carried forward from Q7&Q8	Overall New Target (Q5&Q6)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun			
270	A) Provide 6 monthly facilitation for 3 CBOs/CSOs networks and per district and 16 CBOs in 16 lake-based districts to conduct community monitoring advocacy and social mobilization aimed at improving the poor .	270.1 Number of CBOs/CSO networks provided with 6 monthly facilitation to conduct community monitoring advocacy and social mobilization aimed at improving the poor		3	3		6	1	1	1	1	1	1	Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono	This budget is for the entire 6 month less PPEs of 600000	
		270.2 Number of mentorship support visits to CBOs conducted by USTP and NTLP teams		1	1		2			1			1	Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono	This budget is for the entire 6 month less PPEs of 600000	

287	Conduct mentorship in the 8 municipalities where private health facilities were trained	287.1 Number of support supervision events for mentorship conducted where private health facilities were trained		2			2	1			1		the 8 municipalities and Cities	The Oct-Dec 2021 mentorship will be done in Jan 2022. The status of Gulu and Kitgum will be checked if this year, they can be supported by USTP. The target then will be 10 municipalities. The budget is for 2 quarters
290	Hold PPM Oversight committee meetings to review performance (guide on policy, mobilise resources, carry out advocacy, ensure availability of TB commodities for Private sector with QPPU, NMS, JMS, and other donor-supported implementing mechanisms as well as the	290.1 Number of PPM oversight committee meetings held to review performance		1	1		2		1			1	Central venue	The meeting targets 17 participants, and its to be held within Kampala

	intermediary agencies)													
317	Community mobilization and Advocacy campaigns to sensitize and popularize TB awareness and reduce TB stigma and discrimination especially World TB day including use of Apps for awareness and self screening	317.1 Number of community mobilization and Advocacy campaigns conducted to sensitize and popularize TB awareness and reduce TB stigma and discrimination		1			1						Lira	This year WTLD is planned including Marathon in kla
318	a) Train & equip community actors -CSO at district level to link TB patients social protection services (including IGAs) and to report	318.1 Number of participants attending national level meeting to validate training materials and obtain consensus interventions of TB/ MDR-TB survivors and actors					0							Completed in year 1

	b) Train & equip community actors -CSO at district level to link TB patients social protection services (including IGAs) and to report	318.2 Number of participants attending workshop for adapting/development of TB/DR-TB survivor Social protection training materials													Completed in year 1
	e) Train & equip community actors -CSO at district level to link TB patients social protection services (including IGAs) and to report	318.3 Number of mentorship support visits conducted for trained experts/CSO reps		2	0		2		1				1	Targets 17 MDR TB regions	
319	Conduct coordination meetings for community groups and actors including advocacy platforms	319.1 Number of annual review meetings with trained experts/TB survivors conducted	1				1						1	Entebbe	This is a catch up meeting that was meant for end of yr1
324	a) Support mobilization of political leaders:-	324.1.1 Number of national advocacy meeting held			1		1		1					Entebbe	Some participants will attend on zoom
	Mobilize political and local leadership and support	324.1.2 Number of participants attending national advocacy meetings		1			1		1						
	them advocate for TB funding at central, regional and	324.1.3 Number of news dailies publishing press release					0								

	district levels (once a year at all levels -review previous year's performance)													
	b) Support mobilization of political leaders:- Mobilize political and local leadership and support them advocate for TB funding at central, regional and district levels (once a year at all levels -review previous year's performance)	324.2.1 Number of regional level advocacy meetings held					0	1					Arua City	
		324.3 Number of support supervision events for mentorship conducted where private health facilities were trained			2		2							To cover BL287
331	Support partner coordination meeting and working groups' performance review meetings;	331.1 Number of Synergy/Collaborative review meetings held for ACSM,M&E/Research, TB/HIV, working groups to enhance TB programming		1	1		2						Central venue	The BL331 is complemented by 324€
332	a) Orient parliamentarians and support engagement of Parliamentary TB Caucus	332.1 Number of participants attending workshop to develop training materials					0						Entebbe & Kampala	



	b) Orient parliamentarians and support engagement of Parliamentary TB Caucus	332.2.1 Number of knowledge update meetings held for parliamentarians			1		1							For Q7
		332.2.2 Number of participants attending knowledge update meetings for parliamentarians			15		15							For Q7

## APPENDIX 2: TB Intervention funded by UNOPS Grants\_2021\_2022

	PROJECT PERIOD: JULY 2021-MARCH 2022												
5	Activity Code	Sub activity code	Activity Name/Title		2021						2022		
6					July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	1.0		Intervention 1: Engagement of the political leaders, opinion leaders and celebrities										
7		1.1	Project launch		Done								
8		1.2	Conduct a one day Uganda Civil society hearing meeting and contribute ideas to the Global civil society hearing before the 2023 UNHLM meeting	included 1.1 activity		Done							
9		1.3	Hold a national stakeholders dialogue meeting with MOH, donors, Parliamentarians, TB civil society partners, TB champions, celebrities, journalists, on UNHLM targets 2022 and support for the organization of the UNHLM TB 2023	Conferenc e of 9th Dec			Done						
10		1.4	Support holding of Parliamentary TB caucus meeting to draft a resolution to advocate for enacting of a law that promotes and protects the rights of people with TB including social protection.					?					

11	2.0		<b>Intervention 2: Position the country-level platform as a strategic leader and key convenor on TB</b>										
12		2.1	Hold a media conference on the eve of World TB day										pending
13		2.2	Using digital media to enhance USTP advocacy communication awareness		ongoing								
14	3.0		<b>Intervention 3: Raise awareness on TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment among the general population, including key target populations and those most at risk of TB</b>										
15		3.1	Hold a TB sensitization meeting with 30 journalists of the Media team activists and for knowledge update and to share experiences.			Done			Done				
		3.2	Review the TB brochure and update the talking points and print 300 copies for the journalist and media houses			Done							
	4.0		<b>Intervention 4: Mobilize resources to sustain TB efforts</b>										
		4.1	Hold a donors conference spearheaded by TB celebrities and the public figures						pending				
		4.2	Hold a TB run on 22nd March 2022 before WTD										Pending

### APPENDIX 3: USTP Asset Register at End Of 2021

ASSET REGISTER								
NAME OF ORGANISATION:		UGANDA STOP TB PARTNERSHIP						
NO.	ASSET DESCRIPTION	DONOR	ORIGINAL SERIAL/CHASSI S NUMBER	ENGRAVED SERIAL NUMBER	USER/CUSTODIAN	DATE OF ACQUISITION- (PURCHASED)	DONOR	CONDITION
	Office Furniture							
1	Executive desk	GF		USTP/GF/DSK.001	Executive Director (Isiko Paul)	21/08/2013	TASO	Good
2	Ordinary office table with fixed drawers	GF		USTP/GF/DSK.002	Technical Advisor (Paddy Busulwa)	21/08/2013	TASO	Good
3	Ordinary office table with fixed drawers	GF		USTP/GF/DSK.003	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	21/08/2013	TASO	Good
4	Ordinary office table with fixed drawers	GF		USTP/GF/DSK.004	M & E Specialist (Odongo Moses)	20/10/2014	MOH	Good
5	Ordinary office table with fixed drawers	GF		USTP/GF/DSK.005	Finance Assistant (Carol Katikiro)	02/05/2018	TASO	Good
6	Executive office chair	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.001	Executive Director (Isiko Paul)	21/08/2013	TASO	Broken
7	Low back office chair	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.002	Technical Advisor (Paddy Busulwa)	21/08/2013	TASO	Good
8	Low back office chair	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.003	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	21/08/2013	TASO	Faulty

9	Executive Chair	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.004	Finance Asst (Carol Katikiro)	20/10/2014	MOH	Good
10	Executive Chair	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.005	Executive Director (Isiko Paul)	20/10/2014	MOH	Good
11	Low back office chair	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.006	M & E Specialist (Odongo Moses)	02/05/2018	MOH	Good
12	Reception Chair - fabric material, metallic without arms	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.007	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	20/10/2014	MOH	Broken
13	Reception Chair - fabric material, metallic without arms	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.008	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	20/10/2014	MOH	Broken
14	Reception Chair - fabric material, metallic without arms	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.009	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	02/05/2018	TASO	Good
15	Reception Chair - fabric material, metallic without arms	GF		USTP/GF/CHR.010	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	02/05/2018	TASO	Good
16	Filing Cabinet	GF		USTP/GF/FC.001	Executive Director (Isiko Paul)	19/11/2013	TASO	Good
17	Filing Cabinet	GF		USTP/GF/FC.002	Technical Advisor (Paddy Busulwa)	19/11/2013	TASO	Broken
18	Filing Cabinet	GF		USTP/GF/FC.003	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	19/11/2013	TASO	Broken
19	Full Height Filing Cabinet	GF		USTP/GF/FC.004	USTP Program Office	13/11/2017	MOH	Good
20	Full Height Filing Cabinet	GF		USTP/GF/FC.005	USTP Finance Office	02/05/2018	TASO	Good



	<b>IT equipment, Computers &amp; Accessories</b>							
21	CPU	GF	JIBYVSI	USTP/GF/CPU.001	Executive Director (Isiko Paul)	06/09/2013	TASO	Functional
22	CPU	GF	GGBXVSI	USTP/GF/CPU.002	Finance Asst (Carol Katikiro)	06/09/2013	TASO	Functional
23	CPU	GF	1NJPVSI	USTP/GF/CPU.003	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	06/09/2013	TASO	Functional
24	Monitor	GF	CN-02NOON-64180-282-2AFM	USTP/GF/MON.001	Executive Director (Isiko Paul)	06/09/2013	TASO	Functional
25	Monitor	GF	CN-02NOON-64180-27R-016L	USTP/GF/MON.002	Finance Asst (Carol Katikiro)	06/09/2013	TASO	Functional
26	Monitor	GF	CN-02NOON-64180-287-1KRM	USTP/GF/MON.003	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	06/09/2013	TASO	Functional
27	Laptop - Lenovo	GF	MP18S2RW	USTP/GF/LAP.001	Finance Officer (Alex Atuheire)	31/10/2017	MOH	Functional but hungs
28	Laptop - Dell	GF	CS5YVJ2	USTP/GF/LAP.002	M & E Specialist (Odongo Moses)	19/06/2018	54	Functional
29	Power stabilizer	GF	3B1724X03946	USTP/GF/PS.001	Finance Asst (Carol Katikiro)	19/06/2018	54	Functional
30	Power stabilizer	GF	3B1713X08449	USTP/GF/PS.002	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	19/06/2018	54	Functional
31	Scanner - HP	GF	CN298AD0MK	USTP/GF/SCN.001	Executive Director (Isiko Paul)	10/11/2013	TASO	Functional / weakening

32	Projector - Dell	GF	CN-031XC6-S0081-79R-0544	USTP/GF/PR.001	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	19/06/2018	54	Functional
33	Router	GF	RD501HC010791	USTP/GF/RTR.001	Finance Asst (Carol Katikiro)	19/06/2018	54	Functional
34	Printer - Ieserjet Pro 400	GF	VNH6G23258	USTP/GF/PR.001	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	24/10/2013	TASO	Functional
35	Wireless Land-line	GF	ZQA9KA9262403430	USTP/GF/TEL.001	Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	31/10/2013	TASO	Not Functional
36	Africell Modem	GF	G8J7SA9390201557		Executive Director (Isiko Paul)	13/11/2013	TASO	Not Functional
37	Africell Modem	GF	G8J7SA9390200931		Technical Advisor (Paddy Busulwa)	13/11/2013	TASO	Not Functional
38	Africell Modem	GF	G8J7SA9390203075		Administrative Asst (Juliet Nakijjoba)	13/11/2013	TASO	Not Functional
39	AfricellModem	GF	IMEI:356793034130401		M & E Specialist (Odongo Moses)	19/06/2018	54	Not Functional
40	Router	GF	RD501HC010791		Finance Office (Alex Atuheire)	19/06/2018	54	Functional
41	Photocopier	GF	1102KL3NLO	USTP/GF/PC.001	Reception	14/11/2013	TASO	Functional wornout
42	Water Dispenser	GF	W75208324061300221	USTP/GF/WD.001	Reception	13/06/2014	TASO	Functional

43	Colour printer	USAID	CNCJ103094	USAID/TB CARE I/028	USTP OFFICE	2014	Donated by TB Care1	Functional but worn out
44	Cupboard	USAID		USAID/TB CARE I/026	USTP OFFICE	2014	Donated by TB Care1	Good
45	Conference table	USAID		USAID/TB CARE I/027	USTP OFFICE	2014	Donated by TB Care1	Good