

The Global TB Programme of WHO is establishing a Civil Society Task Force on TB (CSTF) to follow up on the recommendations of the Statement of Action to enhance the engagement of communities, NGOs and other CSOs in assisting the whole of society approach for the implementation of the End TB Strategy.

Functions of the CSTF

- Contribute to the implementation of the End TB Strategy and key recommendations of the Statement of Action with particular focus on social protection and universal health coverage and advocating their inclusion in national TB strategies and plans, national social programmes and political platforms (e.g. parliaments) and regional and global platforms of policy dialogue.
- Strategically contribute to the Global TB Programme of WHO to enhance the engagement of communities, NGOs and other CSOs in the overall implementation of the End TB Strategy.
- Provide inputs to the annual deliberations of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Tuberculosis (STAG-TB) on specific topics pertaining to the enhanced engagement of communities, NGOs and other CSOs in the overall implementation of the End TB Strategy.
- Promote and nurture strong and effective linkages between CSOs and national TB programmes or their equivalents as well as promote the generation of demand for TB prevention, diagnosis, care and treatment services.
- Assess the progress of implementation of the Addis Ababa Statement of Action.