Step Up for TB 2020 Tuberculosis Policies in 37 Countries
A survey of prevention, testing, and treatment policies and practices

TB policies in South Asia Region (SAR)

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Internationally recommended key policies uptake

45%

The regional scorecard reflects how many of 14 internationally recommended key policies are in place at the regional level, based on the Step Up for TB 2020 report survey. "No data" and "N/A" excluded from the overall uptake score's denominator.
National policies indicate ...

**Diagnosing TB**
- a rapid molecular diagnostic (RMD) as the initial test for TB
- urinary TB LAM for routine diagnosis of TB in people living with HIV (PLHIV) and the test is routinely used in both inpatient (IPD) and outpatient (OPD) settings**
- Rif and INH resistance testing for all people starting on treatment; at least FLQ resistance testing for all people with RR-TB; and DST methods available in country for Rif, INH, FLQs, Bdq, Dlm, Lzd, and Cfz, when these medicines are used for routine treatment

**Treating TB and Models of Care**
- decentralised DR-TB treatment to primary healthcare (PHC) facility and at home**
- routine use of injectable-free regimens for children with uncomplicated DR-TB
- use of a modified shorter all-oral regimen for eligible adults with DR-TB, either for routine use or operational research
- no limitation to the routine, combined use of Bdq and Dlm beyond 6 months**

**Preventing TB**
- a shorter TB preventive treatment (TPT) regimen (3HP, 3HR, 4R or 1HP)**
- household contacts of a person with bacteriologically confirmed DS-TB and DR-TB are investigated for signs and symptoms of TB**
- PLHIV are eligible for TPT
- household contacts of a person with bacteriologically confirmed DS-TB are eligible for TPT, regardless of age**

**Procuring Medicines for TB**
- Country is enrolled in the WHO Collaborative Registration Procedure (CRP)**
- Stringent regulatory authority (SRA)** approval and/or WHO Prequalification (PQ)** required for importation of TB medicines purchased with domestic funding
- SRA and/or WHO PQ quality-assured product status required for procurement of locally manufactured TB medicines

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**Legend**

Is this policy in place at the national level?  
- Yes  
- Partial  
- No  
- No data  
- N/A - Not applicable

(*) Source: WHO and Stop TB Partnership (accessed 2020 Oct.).  (**) This data consists of two or more individual indicators. "No data" is used when there is "no data" for one or more of the individual indicators considered.  (***): TB medicines are not locally manufactured, or locally manufactured TB medicines are not procured.  (****): TB medicines are not locally manufactured, or locally manufactured TB medicines are not procured.

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**Key TB policies dashboard**

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**Key numbers in 2019**

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<td>DR-TB treatment coverage (%)</td>
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