

KNCV Tanzania Profile

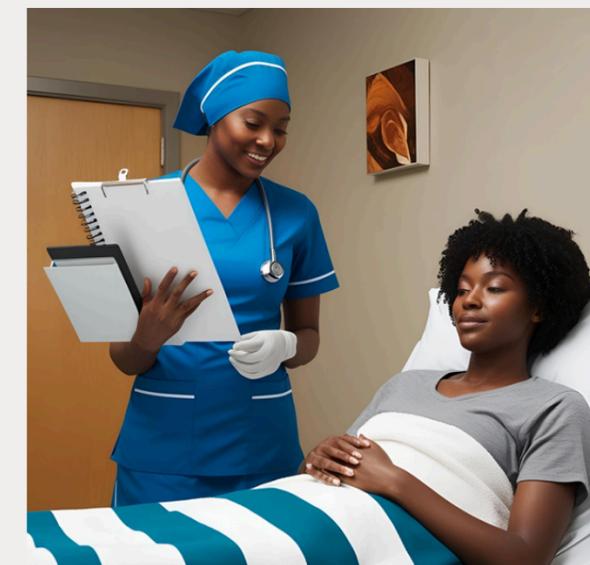
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Introductory Note

KNCV Tanzania is a Non-Governmental Organization formed out of the KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation as the local entity in Tanzania. We focus on eradicating Tuberculosis and addressing other conditions such as Malaria, HIV/AIDS, neglected tropical diseases, waterborne diseases, and both communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Working closely with the Government of Tanzania, particularly the Ministry of Health through the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Program (NTLP) and the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, we strive to improve access to health services, strengthen health systems, and advocate for community health systems.





Empowering Communities for Better Health

About Us:



Overview

Knowledge Networking and Care Ventures – Tanzania (KNCV–Tanzania) is a Non-Governmental Organization formed out of the KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation in Tanzania. Based in Dar es Salaam, our organization focuses on eradicating tuberculosis and addressing other conditions such as Malaria, HIV/AIDS, neglected tropical diseases, waterborne diseases, and both communicable and non-communicable diseases by ensuring equal rights to access affordable and quality health services.



What We Do

KNCV Tanzania focuses on improving access to health services, strengthening health systems, and advocating for community health systems. Our program areas include Disease Control and Prevention (focusing on TB, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases), Community Health System Strengthening, Health System Strengthening, Capacity Building, Research & Innovation, Global Health Security, and Health Innovations & Technologies.

Our Vision

We envision healthy lives and promote well-being of all people through ending TB and other emerging public health threats.





Our Mission

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Our Values

Humanitarian, people-centered focus, delivering results, reliability and accountability, flexibility to respond to changing challenges and opportunities, drive for responsible innovation.





Our Objective

KNCV Tanzania works to eradicate tuberculosis and address other public health challenges by ensuring equal rights to access to affordable and quality health services. We collaborate closely with the Government of Tanzania, particularly the Ministry of Health through the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Program (NTLP) and the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government. Through our initiatives, we aim to empower communities, raise awareness, and advocate for equitable access to health rights, especially for those in marginalized areas.



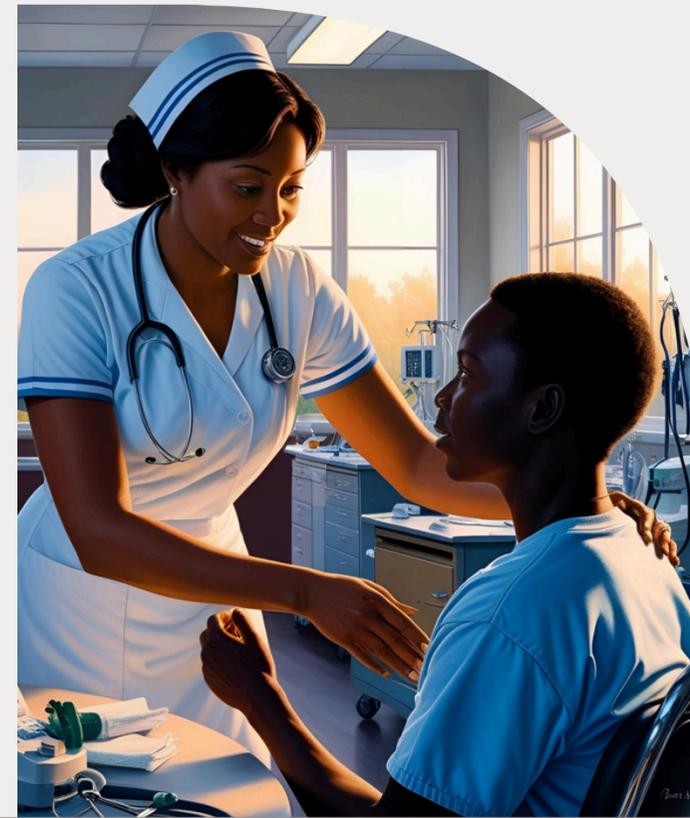
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Our primary objectives include empowering communities and institutions to sustainably tackle the underlying causes of Tuberculosis and other health conditions. We focus on raising awareness for the prevention and control of Tuberculosis through the dissemination of written and oral information. We advocate for equitable access to health rights for people affected by Tuberculosis and other diseases in marginalized communities, promoting their capacity for self-agency in health-related decision making.

Additionally, we work to improve the legal and policy environment to enable affected populations to access quality health services. KNCV Tanzania also promotes collaboration between institutions and individuals both within Tanzania and globally who are working towards the management of Tuberculosis and other health conditions. Through these objectives, we strive to create lasting positive impact on public health in Tanzania and contribute to ending TB and other emerging public health threats.

KNCV TZ Strategy

Our Programs



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Disease Control and Prevention (DCP): Focuses on Tuberculosis (TB), HIV and AIDS, malaria, and other infectious and non-infectious diseases including waterborne diseases.

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Community Health System Strengthening (C-HSS): Focuses on empowering communities to take charge of their health

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Health System Strengthening (HSS) Program: Enhances healthcare delivery systems by training healthcare workers, and implementing robust health information systems.

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Capacity Building: Focuses on training healthcare workers and community health care workers including volunteers

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Research & Innovation: Driving public health research, digital innovations, and data-driven approaches to improve disease surveillance, diagnostics, and health service delivery

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Global Health Security (GHS): Strengthening Tanzania's health security by improving emergency preparedness, outbreak response, and resilience to emerging health threats

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Health Innovations & Technologies: Piloting and scaling new healthcare technologies, digital health solutions, and medical innovations to improve patient care and system efficiency

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Other activities: Collaborating with governments, policy makers, and other organizations to improve health services, influencing health policies, implementing health information systems and promoting preventive measures



Our Projects

The Challenge TB project: The KNCV-led, USAID-funded Challenge TB project (2014–2019), among other things, provided several years of key technical assistance to develop and implement a state-of-the-art electronic TB surveillance system (eLMIS) that helps the national authorities to better track TB patients countrywide and more accurately report TB statistics. Through the significant support provided by KNCV, the TB Reference Laboratory, which supports the entire TB laboratory network, has advanced to the point that it got international accreditation to A Supranational level from the SADCAS (Southern African Development Community Accreditation Services).

IMPAACT4TB (2018–2022), which was implemented by KNCV in Tanzania, was a four-year project introducing a new way to tackle Tuberculosis (TB) infection—the seedbed of TB—in order to slow and ultimately stop the flood of new TB cases occurring every year. This project provided new, shorter treatment options for people with TB infection. The project prioritized short-course TB preventive treatment for people living with HIV and children under five, and subsequently all those in close contact with TB patients in 12 high-burden countries—who represent 50 percent of the global TB burden.

The Stool4DR project (2024 to present) examines the utility of transport media to enable optimal transportation of stool samples from peripheral areas to the central laboratory to test them for TB and DR-TB.

In 2018 KNCV rolled-out DAT demonstration projects in three countries – Philippines, Tanzania and Ukraine, funded by the Stop TB Partnership, **TB REACH**. The goal of this demonstration project was to assess the feasibility, acceptability by patients and health care providers, and the accuracy of digital adherence technologies. In addition, the project assessed the overall impact of DATs on treatment outcomes and general adherence behavior. As part of the project, KNCV determined the necessary adaptations needed to make DATs suitable for a variety of contexts, including how to incorporate patient-centered mechanisms, and steps to scale-up and sustain these innovative approaches.

The ASCENT (Adherence Support Coalition to End TB) project (2019 – 2023) built on existing evidence, innovations in adherence technology and growing global momentum to implement integrated DAT interventions in five key countries (Ethiopia, the Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, and Ukraine) for all types of TB (DS-TB, DR-TB, LTBI).

The Dream Fund (2021 to present) project emanated from a dream to never have a pandemic again. It includes the validation of nanopore sequencing using a handheld device (MinION) developed by Oxford Nanopore Technologies in the diagnosis of TB, DR-TB, and COVID-19. The project is being held in Tanzania, Kyrgyzstan, and Vietnam. The feasibility and acceptability of using this new technology will be assessed, including decentralization of the technology from the central TB laboratory to zonal laboratories in Tanzania.

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