

GLOBAL TB CAUCUS (www.globaltbcaucus.org)

The Barcelona Declaration is the founding document of the Global TB Caucus. The Declaration is open to any political representative in the world to sign and is a demonstration of support and solidarity for efforts to end the TB epidemic. It is designed to raise the profile of the disease amongst politicians and is a tool for advocates wishing to engage local decision-makers.

To date the Declaration has been translated into fifteen languages and signed by over 1,000 political representatives from over 100 countries. Translation of the Declaration into **Nepali** and **a Power Point Presentation** of the same can be found below or contact us at info@vfdnepal.org

The Second Global TB Summit organized in Cape Town drew to a close with an unparalleled display of political resolve to lead the fight against tuberculosis (TB).

The Summit saw 50 political representatives from 30 countries meet to discuss what they could do, collectively and individually, to tackle the disease. Across a three-day program the representatives heard presentations from world-leading experts and civil society, and visited TB programs in the Cape Town area.

The delegates at the Summit were members of the Global TB Caucus, a worldwide network of parliamentarians founded in Barcelona in October 2014. Since the initial meeting of just nine countries, the Caucus has grown to become one of the biggest networks of its kind in the world, boasting support from over 1,000 parliamentarians in 101 countries.

The list of **Nepalese Signatories** (Members of Legislature Parliament) can be found in the website of the Global TB Caucus or below in this page. If you're a political representative and you want to add your name to the Barcelona Declaration, please contact info@vfdnepal.org or info@globaltbcaucus.org

THE BARCELONA DECLARATION (Full Text in **English** and **Nepali**)

We, the undersigned, as political representatives of various peoples of the world, recognizing that every man, woman and child should be able to live their lives free from the tyranny of disease, HEREBY DECLARE:

1. That tuberculosis (TB) has killed a greater number of people than any other infectious disease in human history and continues to be responsible for 1.5 million deaths a year, often affecting the most vulnerable, and that it should be a global political priority.
2. That the current rate of progress in combating TB is too slow, such that the disease will remain a threat to the social and economic wellbeing of millions of citizens around the world for centuries to come, and that accelerating progress against the disease should be recognized by all governments to be in the interests of all.
3. That drug-resistant TB demonstrates a collective failure to address the disease properly, imposing an often unbearable burden of treatment on patients and threatening to setback progress against the disease at the grave cost of millions of lives, and that it should be the focus for urgent action.
4. That the current drugs for TB treatment are inadequate, that vaccines and diagnostics are insufficient, and that the commercial market for pharmaceutical development has failed TB patients.
5. That TB imposes on patients a triple burden, combining the devastating health impact of the disease itself, the harsh burden of treatment, and the isolation of social exclusion driven by stigma and fear, and that these problems should be addressed holistically by national health programs.
6. That TB co-infections such as HIV and diabetes compound the challenges faced by patients during treatment, hindering efforts to reduce rates of disease and increasing the mortality and morbidity associated with TB, and that healthcare systems should integrate programs for key co-infections.

We therefore commit to use all the means at our disposal to urge sustained action from our governments, to secure the necessary international and domestic resources to combat TB, and to press for the prioritization of the

disease on political agendas, specifically:

7. To demand that every patient, regardless of who they are, where they live, or their ability to pay, shall have access to quick, accurate diagnosis and high quality treatment, and that TB diagnosis and treatment never result in the impoverishment of patients or their families.

8. To call for a model of research and development that is driven by public health need and will support and enhance existing pipelines of desperately needed new drugs, diagnostics and vaccines, to ensure that new treatments are accessible and affordable for the patients who need them.

9. To insist that patients and vulnerable groups are placed at the heart of the response to the disease, supporting the engagement of communities and civil society groups in every aspect of TB prevention, detection, and treatment, puncturing stigma and giving patients a stronger voice in the response to the epidemic.

And to this effect WE HEREBY AGREE to establish a new global parliamentary caucus to press for a more effective response to the TB epidemic, working with official organizations including the World Health Organization, UNITAID, the Global Fund, the Stop TB Partnership, the Union and UNAIDS, and with non-governmental organizations across the world, reaching across political and geographical divides and seeking to build commitment in our own countries and beyond, to secure an end to the TB epidemic within a generation.

बार्सिलोना घोषणा पत्र

हामी तपसिलमा हस्ताक्षर गर्ने विभिन्न समुदायका राजनीतिक प्रतिनिधिहरु सबै महिला, पुरुष तथा बालबालिकाहरुले रोगको संक्रमण बाट मुक्त जीवन जिउन पाउनु पर्दछ, भन्ने ठान्दै यो घोषणा गर्दछौं की-

- १ मानव इतिहासमा सबैभन्दा बढी मानिसको मृत्युको कारण बनेको क्षयरोग र यसको संक्रमणको उच्च जोखिममा रहेका विश्व जनसंख्या मध्ये वार्षिक १५ लाख मानिसको ज्यान लिने क्षयरोग विरुद्धको कार्यक्रमलाई विश्व राजनीतिकै उच्च प्राथमिकतामा पार्नु पर्दछ ।
- २ क्षयरोग विरुद्धको अभियानको हालको कार्य प्रगतिको रफ्तार यति कम छ कि यो रोग आउने कयौं शताब्दी सम्म विश्वका लाखौं मानिसहरुका लागी सामाजिक र आर्थिक प्रगतिमा प्रमुख चुनौतिका रुपमा रहिरहने छ, तसर्थ विश्वका सबै राष्ट्रहरुले यस रोग विरुद्धको कार्यक्रमको प्रगतीको रफ्तारलाई प्रमुख प्राथमिकताका साथ अनुमोदन गर्नु पर्दछ ।
- ३ औषधी प्रतिरोधात्मक क्षयरोगले हालसम्म भएका क्षयरोग उन्मुलनका कार्यक्रमको सामुहिक असफलतालाई प्रदर्शित गर्दछ र विरामीहरुले थेग्नै नसक्ने उपचारको बोझ बोकाएर जीवनको मुल्यको बदलामा हालसम्मका प्रगतिलाई कायमराख्ने चुनौति खडा गरिदिएको छ । त्यसैले यसलाई उच्च प्राथमिकतामा राखेर नियन्त्रणको पहल गरिनु पर्दछ ।
४. हाल क्षयरोगको उपचारको लागि उपलब्ध औषधी खोप र निदानका साधनहरु अपर्याप्त हुनाको साथै क्षयरोगको उपचारका लागि आवश्यक औषधी विकास गर्ने सन्दर्भमा व्यापारिक क्षेत्र असफल प्रायः भएको छ ।

५. क्षयरोगले विरामीमाथि रोगको कहाली लाग्दो प्रभाव लगायत थुप्रै बहुप्रभावी असरहरु थोपर्नुका साथै सामाजिक अलगाव र सन्त्रास पैदा गर्ने भएकाले यस रोगको उन्मुलनमा सबै प्रकारका सामुहिक प्रयास गरिनु पर्दछ ।

६. क्षयरोगले एचआईभी, मधुमेहका विरामीहरुमा सजिलै आक्रमण गर्ने हुँदा विरामीको उपचारमा जटिलता ल्याउन र उपचारको प्रगतिमा असर पुर्‍याउनुका साथै क्षयरोग सम्बन्धी रोग संक्रमण दर र मृत्युदरलाई बढवा दिने भएकाले यसलाई राष्ट्रिय स्वास्थ्य प्रणालीमा एकीकृतरूपले समावेश गरी सम्बोधन गरिनु पर्दछ ।

यसर्थ, हामी हाम्रा सबै हैसियत र क्षमता प्रदर्शित गर्दै सरकारलाई यसका निमित्त दिगो प्रयत्न गर्न आवश्यक घरेलु तथा बाह्य श्रोतहरु परिचालन गरेर क्षयरोगलाई परास्त गर्न र यस कार्यलाई उच्च राजनीतिक प्रथमिकतामा राख्न आह्वान गर्नका साथै पहल समेत गर्दछौं । खास गरी-

७. कुनै पनि विरामी चाहे जो कोही हुन, जहाँ सुकैका हुन तथा उपचार खर्च बहन गर्न सक्ने क्षमता भएका हुन कि नहुन, ले क्षयरोगको शीघ्र तथा सही निदान र गुणस्तरीय उपचारमा सरल पहुँच पाउनु पर्दछ ता की क्षयरोगका कारण कोही पनि व्यक्ति वा परिवार घरवार बिहीन हुन नपरोस भन्ने आह्वान गर्दछौं ।

८. जनस्वास्थ्य क्षेत्रको आवश्यकतालाई पूरा गर्न सक्ने किसिमले निर्देशित नमूना अनुसन्धान कार्यको परिकल्पना र विकास गरिनु पर्दछ ता की यसबाट अर्घ्यतापूर्वक प्रतिक्षा गरिएका क्षयरोगका नयाँ तथा प्रभाकारी औषधी, औजार र खोपको चलिरहेका अनुसन्धान र विकास कार्यलाई प्रोत्साहन तथा बढवा दिईयोस जसले गर्दा क्षयरोगको उपचार आवश्यकता भएका सबैले सर्वसुलभ ढंगले नयाँ आबिष्कारको उपयोग गर्न पाऊन ।

९. क्षयरोगका विरामी तथा यस रोगका उच्च जोखिममा रहेका सबैलाई राष्ट्रले रोग नियन्त्रण कार्यको केन्द्रमा राख्नु पर्दछ तथा क्षयरोग विरुद्धको लडाईमा सबै समुदायसंग हातेमालो गरेर यस रोगबाट उत्पन्न पीडा र संत्रासलाई घटाउदै क्षयरोग जस्तो महामारीका विरुद्धमा र क्षयरोगीका पक्षमा आवाज बुलन्द गर्न सकियोस ।

तसर्थ, यस कार्यका लागि हामी यहाँ उपस्थित माननीय सभासदहरु विश्वका अन्य सांसदहरुको समुहले शुरु गरेको विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन UNITAID, ग्लोबल फण्ड, STOP TB Partnership, यूनियन, UNAIDS तथा राष्ट्रिय तथा अन्तराष्ट्रिय गैर सरकारी संस्थाहरु संग सहकार्य गर्दै राजनीतिक विविधता र भौगोलिक कठिनाइका बावजुद देश भित्र र बाहिर आगामी एक पुस्ता भित्रै क्षयरोगको महामारीलाई अन्त्य गर्ने प्रतिवद्धता व्यक्त गर्दछौं ।