

# UNITE TO ACT

Amplifying **Community** action for **TB** elimination



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## Dedicated to all TB Champions

Your sincerity, commitment and perseverance motivate us to work towards making India TB-free. We are grateful for your contribution!



FIND TB  
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न करें लक्षण नजरअंदाज, संभव है टीबी का रोक  
आइये करें मिलकर टीबी का अंत

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ACT	Amplifying Community action for TB elimination
AWC	Anganwadi Centre
CAF	Community Accountability Framework
CHO	Community Health Officer
CS	Communication Skilling
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CTD	Central Tuberculosis Division
DCC	District Community Coordinator
DR	Drug Resistant
DTC	District TB Cell
DTF	District TB Forum
DTO	District TB Officer
ER	Elected Representative
FIND	FIND, the global alliance for diagnostics
TGF	The Global Fund
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
JMM	Joint Monitoring Mission
MAMTA- HIMC	MAMTA- Health Institute for Mother and Child
MoICs	Medical Officer in Charge
NHM	National Health Mission
NPMU	National Programme Management Unit
NSP	National Strategic Plan
NTEP	National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme
NTF	National TB Forum
PIP	Program Implementation Plan
PR	Principal Recipients
PRIs	Panchayati Raj Institutions
PwTB	People with Tuberculosis
REACH	Resource Group for Education and Advocacy for Community Health
RRT	Rapid Response Team
SHGs	Self Help Groups
SOL	State Operations Lead
SR	Sub-Recipient
SSR	Sub-Sub-Recipient
STF	State TB Forum
STC	State TB Cell
STO	State TB Officer
STS	Senior Treatment Supervisor
TA	Technical Assistance
TB	Tuberculosis
TBC	TB Champion
TBS	TB Survivor
TU	TB Unit
VHSNC	Village Health Sanitation, & Nutrition Committee
WVI	World Vision India

# ABBREVIATIONS



# Messages



## Message

I am proud to present the Unite to ACT Project's first Annual Report for 2021-2022, describing the progress we have made and the opportunities ahead.

REACH first began engaging TB survivors in 2017, with support from USAID. The first-ever capacity-building workshops for TB survivors resulted in India's first group of motivated and committed TB Champions, the formation of state-level survivor-led networks and eventually, the formal adoption of the TB survivor - TB Champion model by the National TB Elimination Programme.

The Unite to ACT Project has given us the opportunity to take this further and expand the TB Champion footprint across the country. Through comprehensive capacity-building, rolling out a structured Mentorship Program and by establishing community-led Support Hubs, we have been able to show steady progress in the last year. By providing ongoing Technical Assistance, we have been able to support states and union territories to initiate engagement of TB-affected communities and in some cases, to make relevant provisions in their PIP budgets. This is an important step towards a sustainable, long-term community engagement agenda for India.

Through the Unite to ACT project, REACH stands firm in our mission to create informed and influenced voices from the community, including those of women, transgender persons and other vulnerable populations.

I would like to thank the Global Fund for their willingness to invest in communities - we are proud that a significant proportion of the over 7 million USD budget for this project goes directly to TB-affected communities. I am very grateful to FIND, our Principal Recipient for their support in rolling out the project. I thank the Management and teams of MAMTA and World Vision India, who have been quick to embrace our vision and help translate it into action.

On behalf of the entire Unite to ACT team, I express my gratitude to the National TB Elimination Programme - Central TB Division, State TB Officers and health department officials, District TB Officers, WHO Consultants - for their continued support and guidance. I acknowledge the sincere efforts and commitment of the REACH team - at the national, state and district levels - for their steadfast support to TB Champions. Finally, I dedicate this report to all our TB Champions - who share our commitment to building robust, strong communities to end TB in India.

Dr. Ramya Ananthakrishnan  
Director, REACH







Tuberculosis (TB) continues to remain a significant public health challenge, affecting a staggering 2.8 million people annually. Although treatable, fighting TB requires regular quality diagnosis, uninterrupted medication, nutrition, and mental strength to deal with the debilitating side effects, all of which take a toll on time, money and energy of those affected by TB.

India's National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) has had numerous successes in relation to effective TB control in India through introduction and scaling-up of new diagnostic tools, and effective treatment regimens.

In this context, I am pleased to see the first ever annual report from the Unite to Act project, implemented by REACH in partnership with FIND and supported by The Global Fund. Unite To Act is building capacity of TB-affected communities, promoting rights-based, gender responsive and equitable services for all and accelerating the uptake of community-led activities in 10 states of India. Further, it is supporting 15 additional states to mainstream community engagement into NTEP policies, strategies, to strengthen the functioning of national, state and district TB forums; and ensuring effective engagement of communities.

Up until now those affected by TB have been limited to being just recipients of care. Rarely have we engaged in thinking through, imagining and designing the care they need and want. Through Unite to Act we are attempting to bring the TB-affected communities to the centre stage. The voices of the TB-affected and champions in addressing TB are unique.

A big congratulations to the REACH and FIND teams for their commitment to the implementation of Unite to ACT.

Finally, to all the TB Champions, thank you for your efforts and commitment to help and empower those affected by TB.

TB Haarega, Desh Jeetega.

Dr Sanjay Sarin

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### MESSAGE

I am delighted to see this first Annual Report for 2021-22 from the 'Unite to ACT' Project implemented by REACH, through FIND as the Principal Recipient, and with support from the Global Fund to end AIDS, TB, and Malaria.

The goals of the 'Unite to ACT' Project are in keeping with the vision of the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP). We are committed to end TB in India by 2025, and engaging TB-affected communities is a primary strategy of our mission. To realise the vision of 'TB Mukta Bharat', we see communities not merely as passive recipients of care but as active and motivated stakeholders in the TB response.

Actively engaging TB survivors, who were directly affected by the disease is integral to our efforts to achieve successful and meaningful community engagement. The TB survivors have displayed that they are best placed to support people with TB and their families throughout the treatment period, by acting as peer supporters, helping them navigate the care cascade, and addressing issues of stigma and discrimination. Through the 'Unite to ACT' project, we have been able to scale up the capacity-building of TB survivors as TB Champions across the country, and I wholeheartedly welcome the 1,000 plus new TB Champions to the fold!

I congratulate the REACH team for their dynamic work through the 'Unite to ACT' project in empowering TB-affected communities to support those affected by TB. I am confident that with your sustained efforts we can strengthen the engagement of TB communities in India and set an example for the entire global TB community.

Finally, to all the TB Champions - I congratulate and thank you all for your committed and sincere efforts through the Mentorship Programme. With your active participation and support we will definitely end TB in India.

TB Harega, Desh Jeetega!

**(Dr Nishant Kumar)**





**Dr. Rajendra P. Joshi**  
Deputy Director General  
Central TB Division



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### SPECIAL MESSAGE

In keeping with our Honourable Prime Minister's commitment to end TB by 2025, the National TB Elimination Programme has adopted a multi-pronged, comprehensive approach to TB elimination. Key among these strategies is the engagement of communities, particularly those directly affected by TB, i.e TB survivors. India is one of the first countries to have in place a formal mechanism for training and engagement of TB survivors, as outlined in our Guidance Document on Community Engagement, released in 2021.

The TB survivor engagement model began with a handful of TB Champions in 2017 and in 2018, Central TB Division organized the first-ever regional-level meeting involving TB Champions and NTEP officials to strengthen TB Forums which are institutional mechanisms to sustain community engagement. Today engaging and strengthening communities have evolved significantly in the vision of TB Mukta Bharat. In keeping with our plans to further expand this, a major milestone in 2022 was the development and launch of a 'Self-learning course for TB Champions' by the NTEP, designed with inputs from partners including REACH and TB Champions themselves.

I congratulate REACH's continued efforts to strengthen the engagement of communities through the Unite to ACT Project supported by the Global Fund through FIND as the Principal Recipient. I congratulate REACH on this first Annual Report chronicling the project's achievements. This is a unique accomplishment and I am convinced that we will be able to further strengthen community engagement across the country, thereby improving treatment outcomes for all. I also acknowledge the steadily evolving partnership between the state and district NTEP teams and TB Champions and request all of us who are part of the TB programme to remain committed to working with communities.

I especially wish all the TB Champions the very best for their continued efforts to support people with TB and create awareness in communities. I congratulate the Unite to ACT team for their commitment and relentless effort to mentor TB Champions. Together, we can achieve our dream of a TB-free India.

(Dr. Rajendra P Joshi)





In their own words...



TB has social determinants that make some people more vulnerable in comparison to others. Efforts made under the REACH Unite to ACT project are an important milestone towards engaging the community to minimise gaps in awareness, delays in health-seeking, and reducing stigma and discrimination associated with TB.

**Dr. B. K. Mishra**  
State TB Officer, Bihar



REACH's Unite to ACT Project, implemented by MAMTA, embodies the true spirit of a person-centric approach under the NTEP. In Madhya Pradesh, the TB Champions have not only managed to support hard-to-reach populations but have successfully helped in treatment adherence and completion as well. The TB Champions are a source of inspiration for everyone.

**Dr. Varsha Rai**  
State TB Officer, Madhya Pradesh



The contribution of the Unite to ACT project in the elimination of tuberculosis is extremely significant. Community engagement for treatment adherence and anti-stigma drives led by TB Champions are crucial components. I hope that this project will bring a remarkable outcome towards TB elimination by 2025.

**Dr. Rajesh Bhaskar**  
State TB Officer, Punjab



I am pleased to acknowledge the contribution of the Unite to ACT Project and congratulate the REACH team in Uttarakhand for successfully completing one year of implementation. The State TB Elimination Programme has witnessed the pioneering role played by the TB Champions.

**Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh**  
State TB Officer, Uttarakhand





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In the Kheda district of Gujarat, the Unite to ACT project is being implemented by REACH and MAMTA. TB Champions have contributed significantly, providing in-depth knowledge about TB at a personal level and have shown love and warmth by providing patient-centric services to PwTB.

They reach out to PwTB who have discontinued treatment and provide advice on how to adhere to treatment and maintain a healthy diet. They also offer psychosocial support to PwTB.

**Dr. Dinesh N. Barot**  
DTO, Kheda, Gujarat

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Empathy and care for people with TB is what UTA has brought to us through TB Champions. A concept that made us realise how important the need for peer support is for PwTB. Congratulations to the REACH team. Keep up the good work. Our best wishes.

**Dr. Sunil Kumar**  
DTO & CMO I/c  
Chest Clinic Moti Nagar, Delhi

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The Unite to ACT project has been very supportive in improving community engagement. With the help of TB Champions, almost 1,500 people with TB (PwTB) have received proper counselling, adherence support, and regular follow-up calls by TB Champions' most of them have completed their treatment.

**Dr. Gurpreet Nagra**  
DTO, Patiala, Punjab

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The Unite to ACT project implemented by MAMTA-HIMC, through its various activities, is supporting the district NTEP to provide TB care services more effectively. The dedicated TB Champions are playing a crucial role in improving access to quality TB care, community awareness and stigma reduction.

**Dr. Lokesh Kumar Gupta**  
DTO, Ajmer, Rajasthan

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TB Champions working under the Unite to ACT project are doing well as they have all been through TB themselves. The project builds their capacity from time to time. TB Champions are contacting PwTB directly and providing all the services.

**Dr. Pradeep Kataria**  
DTO, Bhilwara, Rajasthan



The Unite to ACT project's TB Champions who are working with MAMTA-HIMC are doing a commendable job in our Dholpur district. All of these TB Champions were survivors, they have gone through the treatment and know how important it is to completely treatment. Through its various initiatives Unite to ACT programmes build the capacity of these TB Champions so that they can in turn guide people with TB through the care cascade.

**Dr. Govind Singh**  
DTO, Dholpur, Rajasthan



In Banaskantha, the Unite to ACT project is implemented by MAMTA and supported by REACH. In this project, TB Champions meet all PwTB personally and educate them about TB. They provide person-centric services in the remote areas of Banaskantha and meet with donor volunteers to provide a nutrition kit to PwTB in Vadgam Taluka. Thirty PwTB have been adopted for six months. Besides following up on PwTB who have stopped taking their medicines, TBCs also provide psychosocial support and link them with the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

**Dr. N.P. Makwana**  
DTO, Banaskantha, Gujarat



The Unite to ACT project is implemented by REACH and MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child in Panchmahal district. TB Champions are central to this project, providing person-centric services and support, organising community meetings in villages and leading anti-stigma campaigns. They also meet with NTEP staff and consult with the Village Sarpanch, Social Workers and other stakeholders for rapid improvement in treatment of PwTB, besides providing them with nutritious food and connecting donors through Nikshay Mitra.

**Dr. A.K. Taviyad**  
DTO, Panchmahal, Gujarat





I would like to appreciate the efforts of the Unite to ACT project team implemented by World Vision India in Shrawasti district. The TB Champions supported by the Unite to ACT Project are doing good work in our district.

**Dr. Sant Kumar**  
DTO, Shrawasti, Uttar Pradesh



World Vision India has done commendable work in Varanasi District as part of the Unite to ACT project. This program has supported the National TB Elimination Program and has helped people with TB to complete their treatment and avail government facilities.

**Dr. Piyush Rai**  
DTO, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



The Unite to ACT program of World Vision India has done excellent work in Fatehpur District. District Community Coordinator and TB champions performed their duties with great efficiency. This programme assisted in the National TB Elimination Program's success and enabled those who had TB to finish their treatment and utilise government services.

I admire the organisation's efforts and wish all of its staff a prosperous future.

**Dr Nisar Shahabuddin**  
DTO, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh



Congratulations on the commendable work done by you and your team for people with TB. It is a great need of the hour as the programme is running in elimination mode. Kindly keep up the good work, our wishes are always with you.

**Dr. Shilu**  
DTO, R.K. Mission  
Chest Clinic, New Delhi





# About the Project

# Background

REACH's experience of implementing the TB Call to Action Project supported by USAID in six states (2016 - 2020) showed that communities' willingness to engage in TB services can be greatly enhanced through the efforts of trained TB survivors and Champions. TB Champions were increasingly recognized as leaders within their communities and gradually became go-to persons for all health issues, extending beyond TB. The TB survivor-led networks facilitated by REACH were able to showcase the potential power of solidarity among communities and provide a framework to synergize individual efforts, optimize cross-learning, and channel the collective voice of the members to decision-makers.

Through the Unite to ACT Project (2021-24), REACH has expanded and scaled up these activities across India, as a sub-recipient to the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) and with support from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria. The project's activities were designed and are being implemented with the guidance of the Central Tuberculosis Division (CTD), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

Activities under the project are intended to prioritise Community TB Care Delivery by engaging TB survivors as Champions. The project aims to help translate into action the NTEP's vision of enabling the active participation of communities and going beyond their role as 'passive recipients of care'. In 2021, the project received an additional grant through the C-19 RM mechanism of the Global Fund, for activities designed to support communities to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. These are further described in subsequent sections of this report.



# Objectives

To build the capacity of TB-affected communities to meaningfully contribute to the design, implementation, and evaluation of the programme and promote rights-based, gender-responsive and equitable services for all including the underserved and those most vulnerable to TB

To adopt integrated approaches for TB-free communities by engaging TB survivors as Champions to expand community access to TB prevention and care and improve the quality of life of people with TB

To accelerate and support the uptake of community - led activities in states

To engage survivor-led networks and TB Champions to improve community awareness and preparedness for TB and COVID-19 through communication skilling

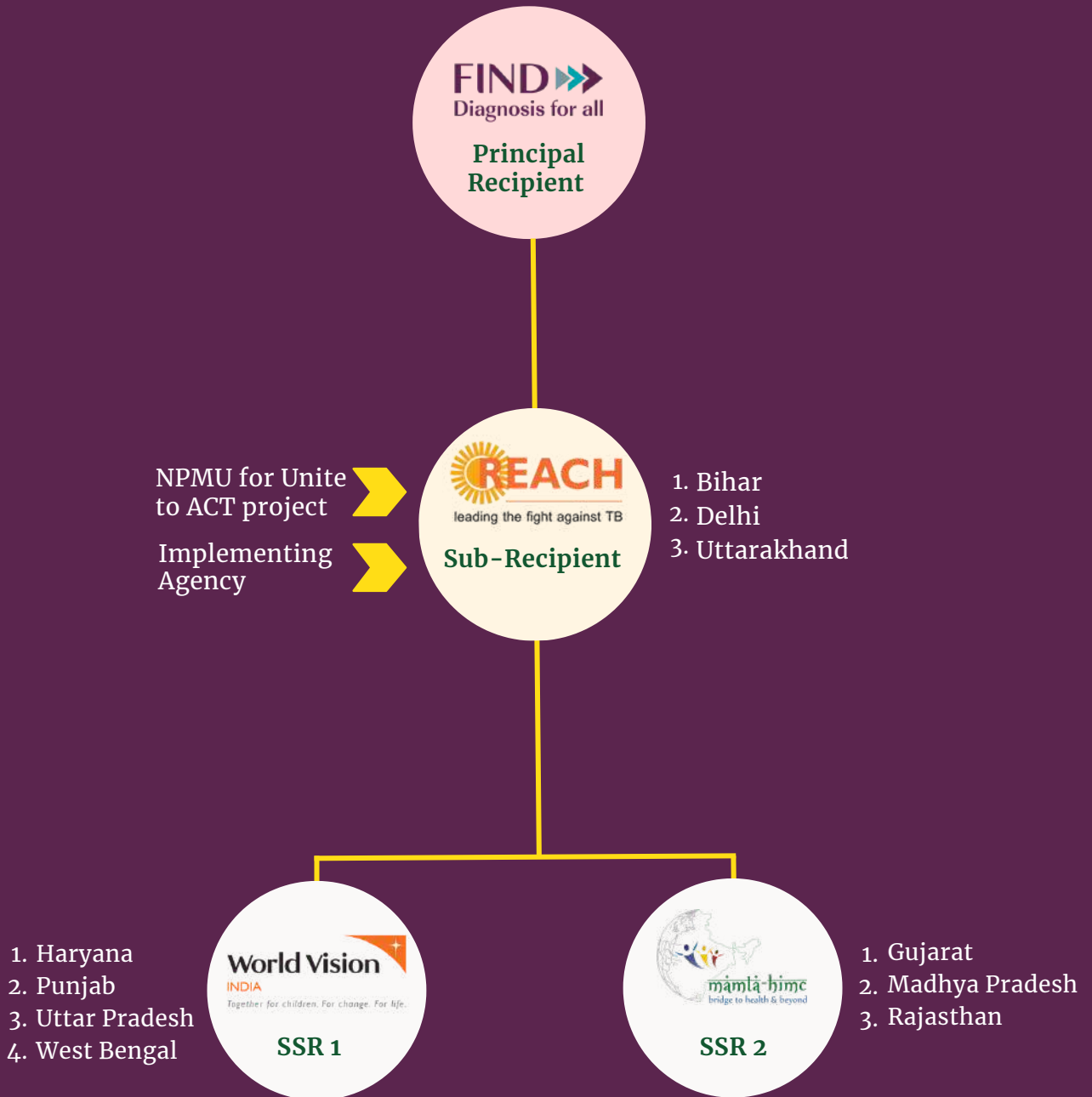
To facilitate the formation of local Rapid Response Teams led by TB Champions in coordination with local health officers and CHOs, to ensure that people with TB or COVID-19 receive timely services

To strengthen the engagement and participation of the transgender community and transpersons in the TB-COVID-19 response



# Unite to ACT

## Project Implementation Structure



# Key Interventions

Building the knowledge and skills of TB survivors to be effective Champions through comprehensive capacity-building

Building the capacity of master trainers for training TB survivors as TB Champions

Engaging trained TB Champions through a structured Mentorship Programme designed to support People with TB

Establishing community-led Support Hubs for people with TB/DR-TB at TUs to amplify access to a comprehensive package of person-centred support services

Facilitating partnerships between TB Champions and Community Health Officers

Strengthening the functioning of National, State and District TB Forums







Supporting the formation and strengthening of TB survivor-led networks

Mainstreaming community engagement in NTEP policies, strategies, training and service delivery

Supporting states to develop and strengthen the effective engagement of communities

Providing communication skilling to improve community preparedness for TB and COVID-19

Establishing community-led Rapid Response Teams

Strengthening engagement and participation of the transgender community and transpersons in the TB-COVID-19 response

# Expected Outcomes

The Unite to ACT Project will ensure that India's TB response is informed and influenced by voices from the community, including those of women and key affected populations. The project will form a core group of 100 Master Trainers from across the country; a country-wide pool of over 2,000 trained and equipped TB Champions to support the delivery of TB services; create community-managed TB peer education forums and channels of feedback to the program through at least 10 survivor-led networks and 80 district chapters; institute 400 TB Champions-managed Support Hubs with outreach to Health and Wellness Centers and overall, institutionalise accelerated engagement of TB-affected communities in India.

Trained TB Champions are expected to reach out to more than 2.25 lakhs PwTB with person-centred services. Following communication skilling, they will develop more than 9,000 communication products.

The project aims to improve treatment outcomes of PwTB to 89 percent and decrease the self-stigma among PwTB by 30 percent from the baseline in 80 project districts.





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जानकारी बढ़ाना है।  
2025 तक टीबी को मिटाना है।

पिंकी कुमारी  
टीबी रैपियन  
बिहार

टीबी  
के लक्षण

- 1. जो खाते में लक्षित नहीं होती
- 2. खास न स्वाद
- 3. जोड़े में दर्द
- 4. खास जो बुखार
- 5. अचानक मजबूत
- 6. खास जो पसीना आना

टीबी की जांच और इलाज किसी भी  
सरकारी अस्पताल में मुफ्त उपलब्ध है।



# Our Presence

## Direct Implementation

### B Bihar

1. Darbhanga
2. Gaya
3. Muzaffarpur
4. Patna
5. Purnia
6. Saran
7. Sitamarhi

### D Delhi

8. Central Delhi
9. North-East Delhi
10. Shahdaradistrict
11. South Delhi
12. West Delhi

### MP Madhya Pradesh

27. Barwani
28. Chhattarpur
29. Damoh
30. Guna
31. Gwalior
32. Jabalpur
33. Khandwa
34. Morena
35. Rajgarh
36. Sagar
37. Singrouli
38. Vidisha

### RJ Rajasthan

39. Ajmer
40. Baran
41. Bhilwara
42. Dholpur
43. Jaipur
44. Jaisalmer
45. Karauli
46. Kota
47. Sirohi

### UK Uttarakhand

13. Dehradun
14. Haridwar
15. Nainital
16. Pauri Garhwal
17. Udham Singh Nagar

### GJ Gujarat

18. Ahmedabad
19. Anand
20. Banaskantha
21. Dahod
22. Kheda
23. Mahesana
24. Narmada
25. Panchmahal
26. Surat

### HR Haryana

48. Gurugram
49. Hisar
50. Karnal
51. Mewat
52. Panipat

### P Punjab

53. Ferozepur
54. Jalandhar
55. Ludhiana
56. Moga
57. Patiala

### UP Uttar Pradesh

58. Agra
59. Bahraich
60. Balrampur
61. Bareilly
62. Chandauli
63. Chitrakoot
64. Fathepur
65. Gorakhpur
66. Kanpur Nagar
67. Lucknow
68. Prayagraj
69. Sonbhadra
70. Shravasti
71. Siddharthnagar
72. Varanasi

### WB West Bengal

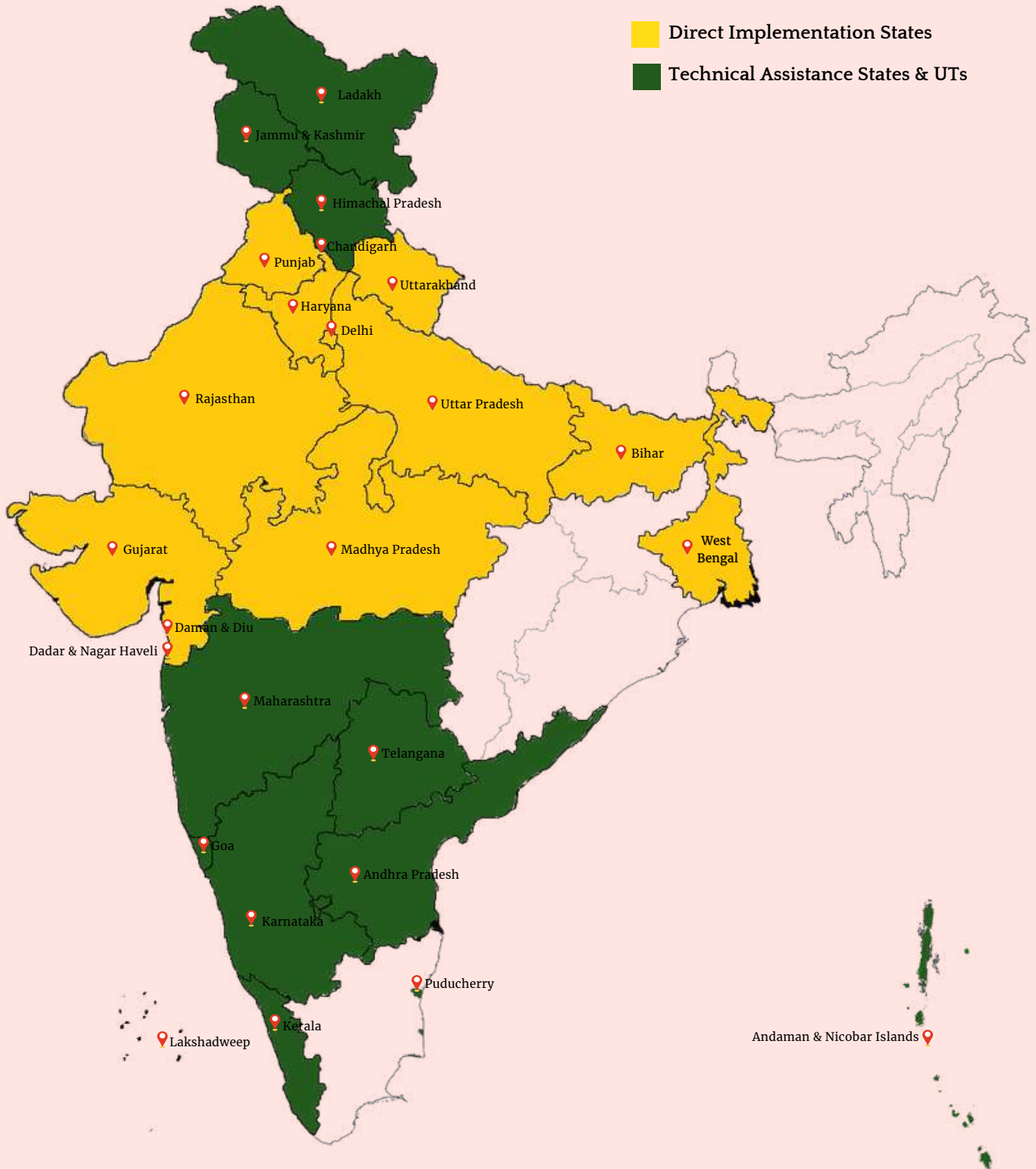
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75. Malda
76. Murshidabad
77. North 24 Parganas
78. Purulia
79. Purba Bardhaman
80. South 24 Parganas

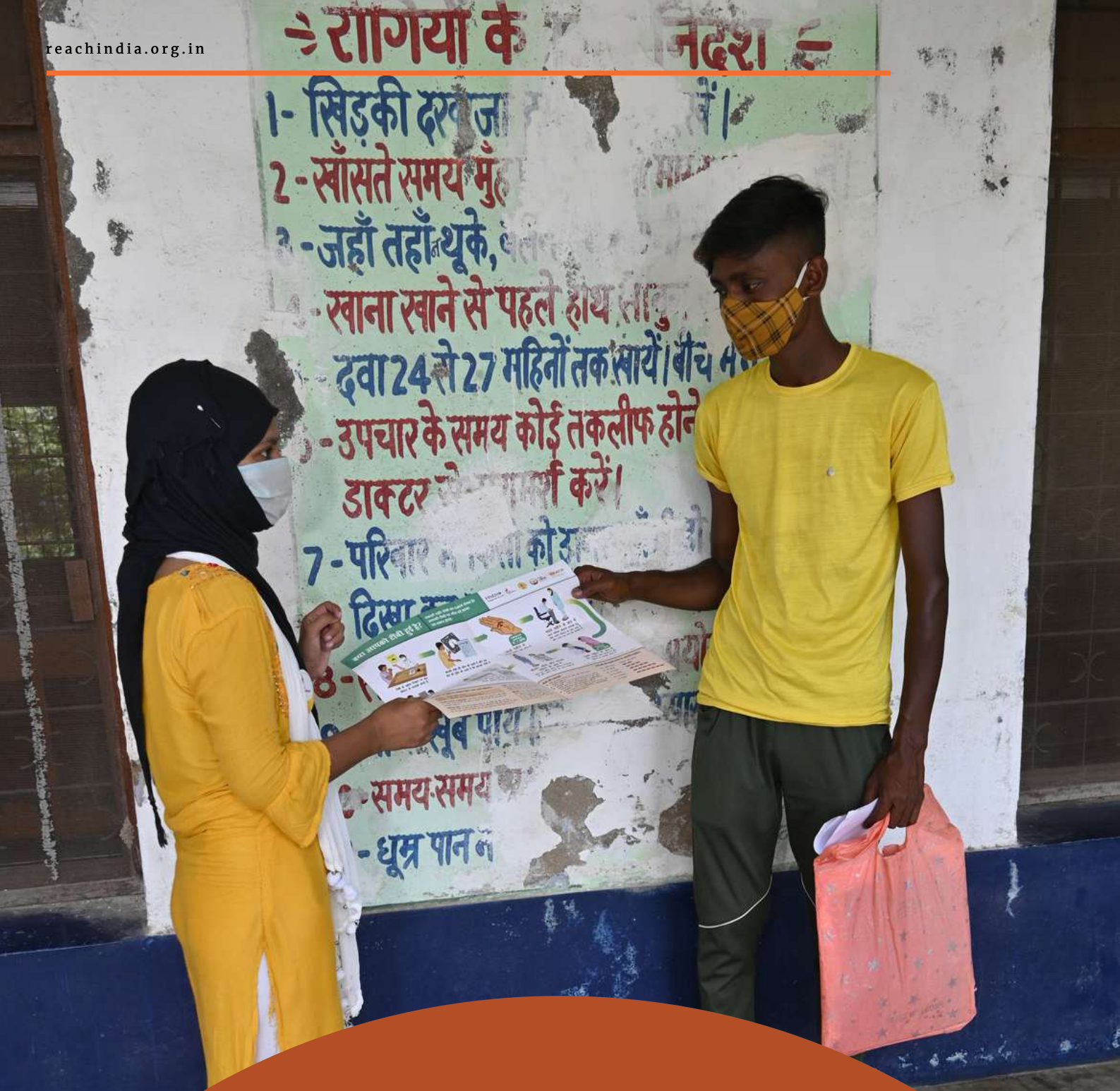
## Technical Assistance

### States and UTs

1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Chandigarh
4. Dadar & Nagar Haveli
5. Daman & Diu
6. Goa
7. Himachal Pradesh
8. Jammu & Kashmir
9. Karnataka
10. Kerala
11. Ladakh
12. Lakshadweep
13. Maharashtra
14. Puducherry
15. Telangana

# Unite To ACT





# Updates Year 1



टीबी का सबसे खतरनाक कारण

**टीबी को जानें, टीबी से लड़ें**

टीबी के बारे में अधिक जानकारी के लिए पढ़ें

TEACH

# 25

States and UTs covered through the project

# 80

districts of 10 States with direct implementation

# 138

Master Trainers on community engagement trained



# 582

Male TB Champions trained

# 1423

TB Champions trained through capacity-building workshops

# 841

Female TB Champions trained



# 950+

TB Champions enrolled in the Mentorship Programme

# 541

TB Units covered under Mentorship Programme

# 43,500 +

People with TB received services from TB Champions



# 500+

Community meetings organised

# 3,200+

Pledge letters signed



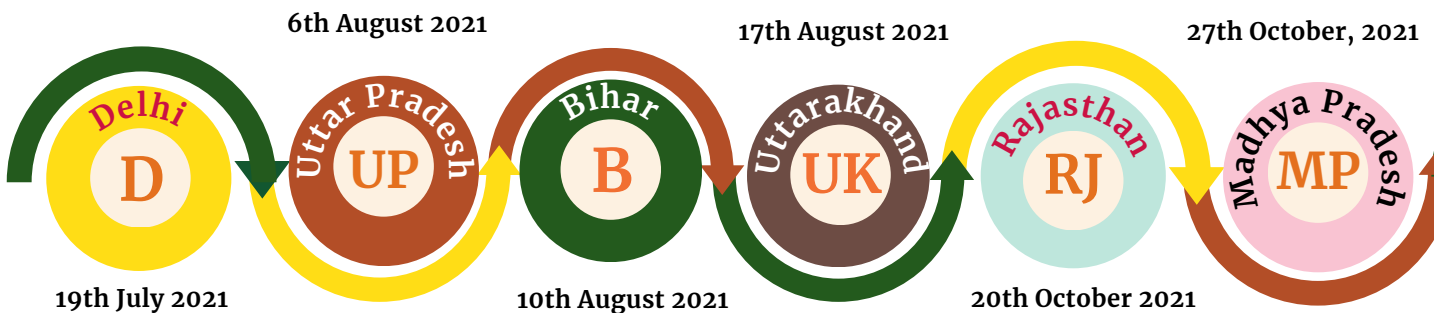
# Preparatory steps

The implementation of the Unite To ACT project began in June 2021, in close coordination with the NTEP at the national and state levels. As a key preparatory step in the implementation of the project, a meeting was held on 9 July 2021 under the chairmanship of Dr. Sudarsan Mandal, former DDG-TB, Central TB Division to orient the State TB Officers (STOs) of the 10 project states on the key objectives and activities of the project. During the meeting, Dr. Nishant Kumar, Joint Director, Public Health shared the NTEP’s community engagement agenda and urged all the state teams to support the project activities. In all, 47 participants including senior State TB Cell officials from 10 states attended the meeting.

The national-level meeting was followed by in-person visits to and meeting with State TB Officers of all ten states, to introduce the project activities. Following the state-level meetings, sensitisation meetings were held with District TB Officers of implementation districts. In each state, under the chairmanship of the respective STO, a sensitisation workshop on the UTA project’s vision, objectives, and interventions was organised.

States	Sensitisation meetings with NTEP
Bihar	September 6
Uttarakhand	September 10
Rajasthan	December 30
Madhya Pradesh	November 18
Gujarat	February 16
Punjab	December 21
Haryana	December 21
TA states & UTs	December 20

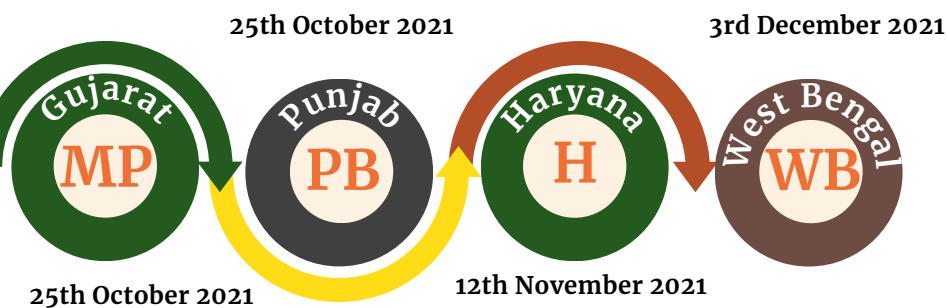
## In-person meeting at the States level





Dr. Nishant Kumar (Joint Director, Public Health, MoHFW) during technical states meeting

To initiate project activities in the 15 Technical Assistance (TA) State and UTs, a meeting was organised under the chairmanship of Dr. Nishant Kumar, Joint Director, Public Health, to introduce the Unite to ACT project to the respective STOs. Dr. Kumar urged all 15 states to extend support to the UTA project and to take advantage of this opportunity to scale up community engagement, including training and engagement of TB Champions. He also introduced the document 'Community engagement under NTEP' to the participants and urged the states to consider implementing activities tailored to their needs. He explained that through the project, REACH would help states plan community engagement activities for the 2022-23 Program Implementation Plan (PIP).





# Technical Assistance to States



## Technical Assistance to States

The objective of the Technical Assistance provided by REACH is to support states and UTs to mainstream community engagement activities and accelerate efforts towards TB elimination. With a two-fold objective – to accelerate and support the uptake of community-led activities in states and to build the capacity of TB-affected communities, the project began outreach to state NTEP teams to propose a series of activities involving TB-affected communities.

The project developed a comprehensive ‘Engagement Plan for TB Champions’ with options to identify, train, and engage TB Champions. The community engagement plan for states detailed out potential interventions and means to engage TB Champions from the village/panchayat level to the state level.



## Support to states to develop community engagement plan

Community engagement for TB prevention and care has been thematically incorporated into the State Annual Program Implementation Plan (PIP) which facilitates the planning, approval and allocation of budgets for TB and various other programs under the National Health Mission (NHM). Almost all the States and UTs have budgets earmarked for the specified purpose of fostering active participation of communities in the TB response. REACH provided Technical Assistance to all TA state/UTs in the preparation of PIPs.

REACH analysed the NTEP PIP guidance document and listed out the various heads under which the budget for TB Champions engagement and training can be allocated.

Subsequently, each TA state and UT were contacted and step-by-step guidance on Community engagement activities which can be allocated in upcoming PIP 2022-2024, and technical support required for the activities to be conducted in 2021-2022 was detailed.

Virtual interactions were held with NTEP teams of Maharashtra, Kerala, Jammu, Goa, and Karnataka.

All remaining states were reached out with detailed PIP suggestions and also on the next steps for training and engaging TB Champions.



# Support to States on capacity-building of TB Survivors

## Himachal Pradesh

An introductory meeting to discuss the Unite to ACT project and understand expectations from the state was held on 29 September 2021 at National Health Mission (NHM) Office, Shimla. The State TB Officer-cum-Additional Director, NHM and the State IEC Officer participated in the meeting. Following the introductory meeting, two State-Level Capacity Building Workshops were held at Shimla and Kangra where 28 TB champions from 11 districts were trained. These workshops were special: along with TB survivors, 26 NTEP staff (DPCs, TB HVs, DR TB Coordinators, Seniors STS) from 12 districts were also trained in community engagement. Speaking at the inaugural session, the Mission Director, NHM motivated the participants to work proactively at the grassroots and raise awareness in their respective communities.



MD NHM GoHP interacting with TB Champions at the first State Level Capacity Building Workshop in Shimla from 21-23 October 2021

Himachal Pradesh organized a two-day 'Consultative workshop on District Strategic plans for ending TB in Himachal Pradesh' with Community engagement as one of the thematic areas. The project team provided technical support in framing district-specific plans for the engagement of TB Champions and the convergence of community engagement with other activities.



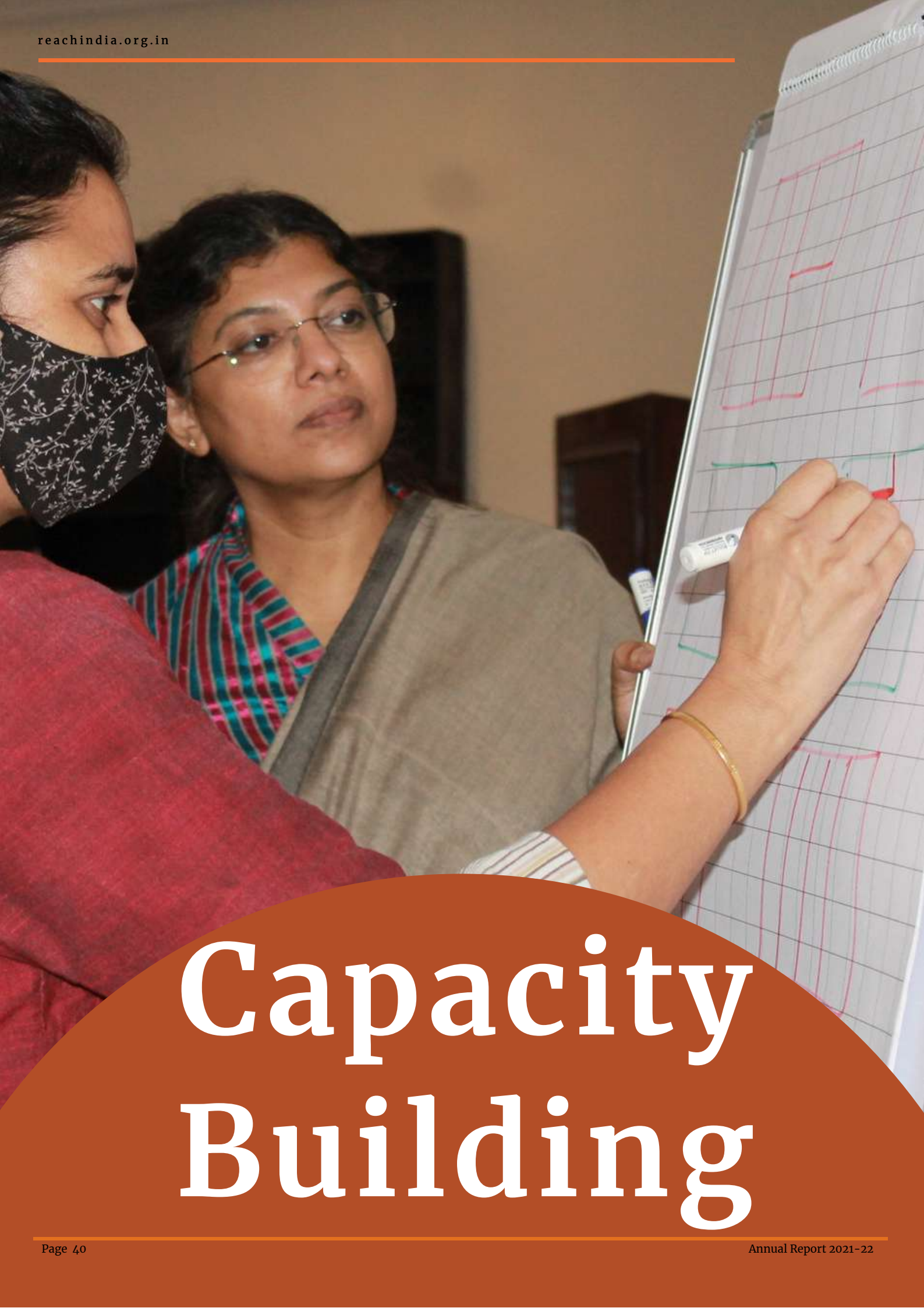
Sessions in progress at the second State level Capacity Building Workshop in Kangra from October 27-29, 2021

## Goa

An introductory meeting with the STO Goa and State IEC Officer was conducted and technical assistance was provided on budgetary allocation under community engagement. Subsequently, a two-day State-level Capacity Building Workshop for TB Survivors was conducted in Goa on 14-15 March 2022 in which 10 TB Survivors from two districts were trained. In this workshop, all TB Health Visitors also participated and were sensitised on the role of TB Champions and their work within communities.



STO Goa at the Inaugural of State Level Capacity building Workshop for TB Survivors



# Capacity Building





# National-level Training of Trainers on Community Engagement

One of the key objectives under Unite to ACT is to create a pool of master trainers for training TB survivors as TB Champions, through Training-of-Trainer (ToT) workshops at the sub-national level. The process to train and create a cadre of master trainers on community engagement began with meetings with CTD, following which a call for nominations was sent from CTD to the states. In all, nominations of more than 100 state NTEP officials and TB Survivors/Champions were received.

The ToTs for the North, West and South Zones were held in Delhi and for the East Zone in Bhubaneswar. REACH also provided technical support in the North-East Zone master trainers' training.

The ToTs built the capacity of trainers to train TB survivors and to strengthen community engagement in their respective states. At all TOTs, Dr. Nishant Kumar, Joint Director, Public Health, GoI explained the need for Community Engagement and outlined NTEP's vision for Community Engagement. A total of 138 Master trainers including TB Champions have been trained across all five zones.



Dr. Rajendra P Joshi, DDG-TB addressing West Zone ToT participants at the valedictory session in November 2021



Dr. Sudarshan Mandal, former DDG-TB, CTD, and Dr. Nishant, Joint Director, CTD handing over the certificate of completion to a participant



South Zone participants with Dr. Rajendra. P. Joshi, DDG-TB and Dr. Nishant Kumar, JD - Public Health



## Capacity Building of TB Survivors as TB Champions

Building the capacity of TB survivors as TB Champions is the foundational step for this project, and for the engagement of TB-affected communities in general.

The capacity-building workshops are designed with the objective of training potential TB Champions to engage in the fight against TB. The workshops focus on two key aspects - knowledge-building for participants to contextualise their personal experiences of TB in their specific district and state contexts and skill-building for participants to develop advocacy and communication skills. The latter focuses in particular on the ability to tell their stories in an impactful manner.

The curriculum for training TB survivors as Champions was developed by REACH with support from CTD and USAID in 2019. Through the Unite to ACT project, the curriculum was updated and restructured, with inputs from CTD and TB Champions. The revised curriculum 'From TB survivors to TB Champions' – A Facilitators Manual' is utilised for all training.




As a first step, specific criteria were defined and nominations invited from all 80 districts in ten states. From the nominations, TB survivors were shortlisted for the workshops.

In the first year of the project, eighty capacity-building workshops were held at the district-level and two at the state-level. In addition, the project provided support to Himachal Pradesh and Goa for capacity-building workshops.



State-level capacity building workshop in Uttarakhand

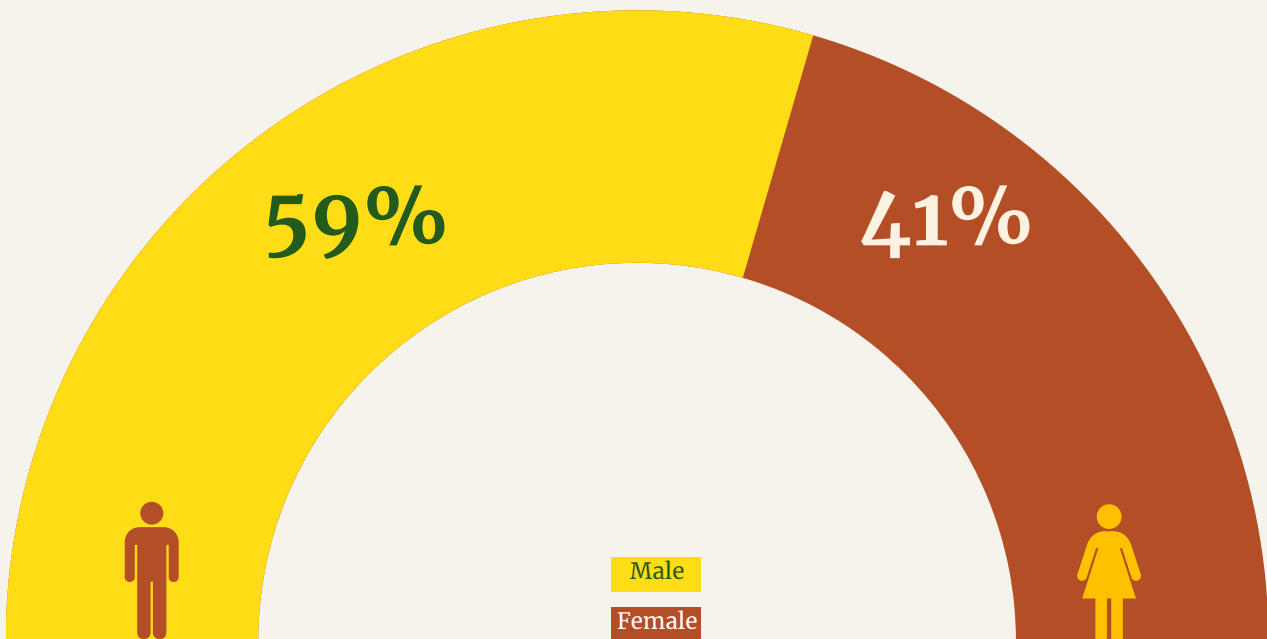


-  **1423** TB champions trained through 80 District-level Capacity-building workshops
-  **40** TB Champions trained through 2 State-level Capacity-building workshops
-  **38** TB Champions trained in Himachal Pradesh and Goa. UTA provided technical support to states in building the capacity of TB Champions



## Number of TB Champions trained across states through District-level Capacity-building workshops

States	Total TBC	Male	Female
Bihar	125	76	49
Uttarakhand	86	44	42
Delhi	87	25	62
Gujarat	177	125	52
Madhya Pradesh	197	115	82
Rajasthan	160	100	60
Haryana	91	51	40
Punjab	90	52	38
Uttar Pradesh	256	155	101
West Bengal	154	98	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>1423</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>582</b>





# Engagement




of trained TB Champions through Mentorship Programme



## Engagement of trained TB Champions through Mentorship

The TB Champion Mentorship Programme is a structured programme designed to engage newly trained TB Champions for six months at the TB Unit level. The objective of the mentorship mechanism is to strengthen the active engagement and participation of TB-affected communities and expand community access to TB services, thereby amplifying the efforts of the National TB Elimination Programme in ensuring successful treatment outcomes. The Mentorship Programme is designed to further strengthen the skills of trained TB Champions and help them work in the community.



-  **950** TB Champions enrolled into a 6-month Mentorship Programme designed to equip skills to provide person-centred care for PwTB, advocacy and community meetings.
-  **541** TUs in 80 districts of 10 states covered under the Mentorship Programme.
-  **43529** PwTB received person-centred care from TB Champions.



## Supporting People with TB

At the core of the Mentorship Programme was the provision of person-centred care to people with TB. TB Champions enrolled in the programme were assigned a TU and worked in close coordination with the local NTEP teams. They were equipped with the skills to provide a specific package of services to people with TB.

A comprehensive job aid for person-centered activities and other community activities to be undertaken by TB Champions was developed. Mentorship planning meetings were held in all states to orient TB Champions on services to be provided, a timeline for services, other community activities to be undertaken and documentation of all activities under the Mentorship Programme.





## People with TB reached out by TB Champions

States	Districts	TBC engaged in Mentorship	PwTB reached out by TBC
Bihar	7	78	4845
Delhi	5	68	3477
Uttarakhand	5	52	2918
Gujarat	9	103	3866
Madhya Pradesh	12	145	5888
Rajasthan	9	108	5297
Haryana	5	60	1790
Punjab	5	60	3086
Uttar Pradesh	15	180	8642
West Bengal	8	96	3720
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>43,529</b>



**950**

TB CHAMPIONS

**10**

STATES

**80**

DISTRICTS

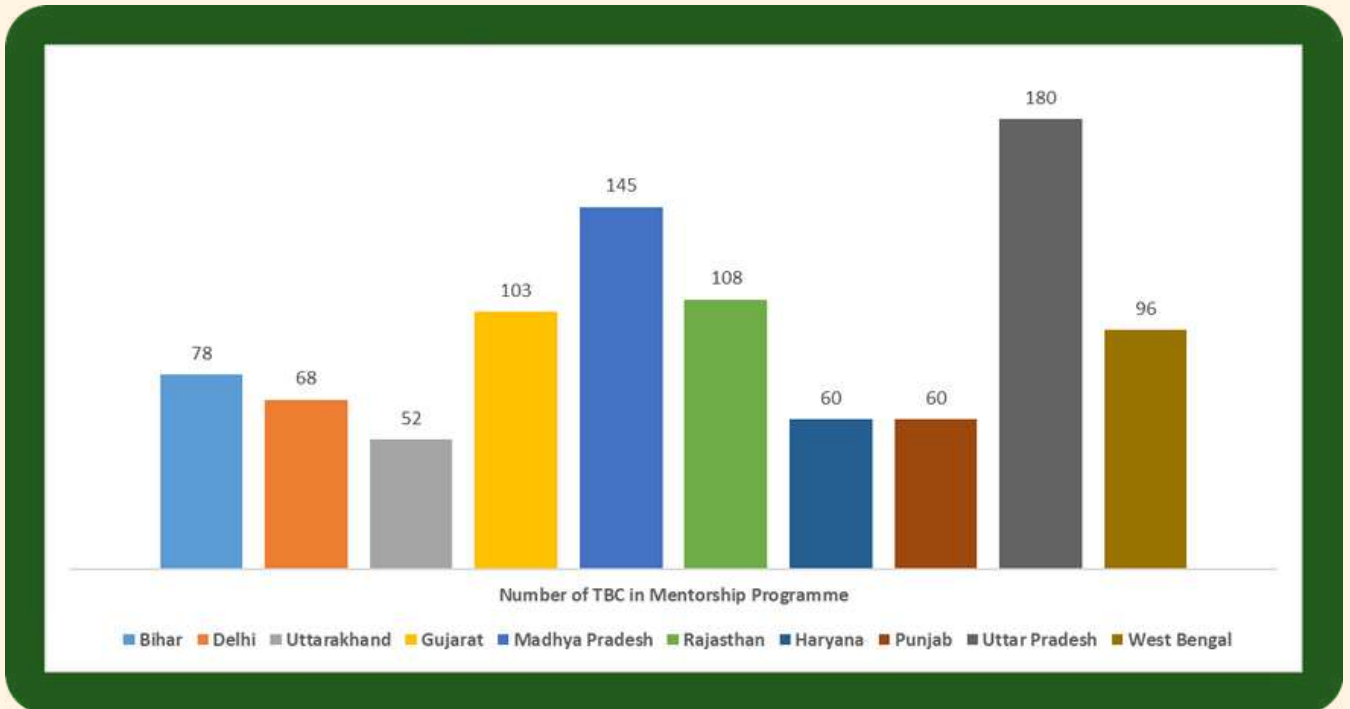
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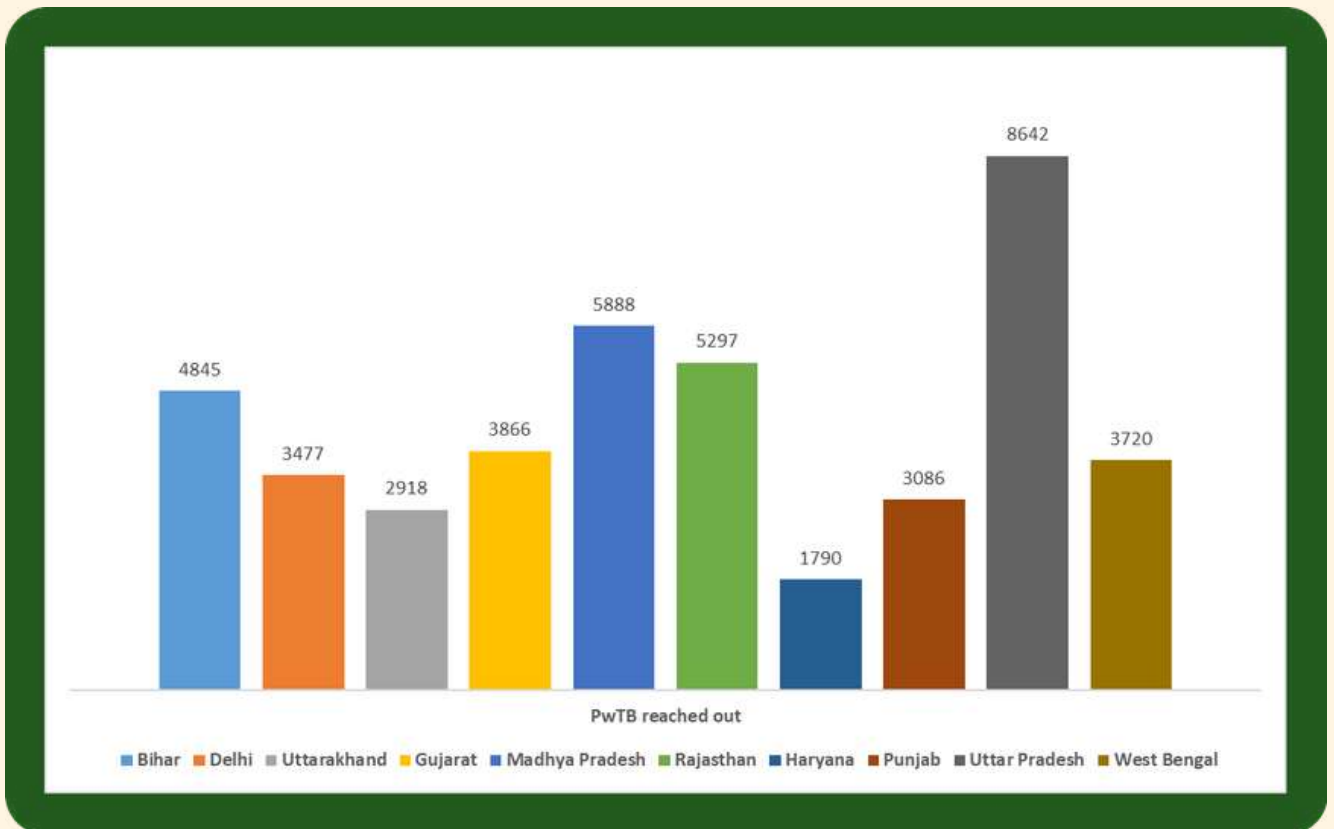
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PwTB REACHED OUT BY TBC

## TBC Engaged in Mentorship Programme



## PwTB reached out





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# PERSON CENTRED



01

Treatment  
Literacy



02

Gender-  
Responsive  
Peer Support



03

Gender-  
Responsive  
Family Support



04

Patient  
Provider Meeting



05

Vulnerability  
Assessment



# SERVICES

06

Retrieval In  
Case Of  
Treatment  
Interruption



07

Referral for  
Adverse Drug  
Reaction



08

Screening for  
Mental Health  
Challenges



09

Linkage to  
Comorbidities  
(HIV, Diabetes)



10

Contact  
Screening





## Community Meetings by TB Champions

Community meetings by TB Champions in their communities are an essential intervention to engage a wide range of community members in information sharing and dissemination. As community meetings are an important tool to increase awareness about TB among the general public and families affected by TB, TB Champions are trained on nuances of conducting community meetings during the Capacity-Building workshops and Mentorship Planning meetings.



**518** community meetings organised to engage different stakeholders i.e., members of PRI, civil society organisations, faith-based organisations, self-help groups, mahila mandals, students, the general public, TB-affected families and elected representatives



## Involvement of Key Influencers in TB Elimination

The involvement of elected representatives (ER) helps to reduce social stigma and discrimination associated with TB. In addition, ERs have a critical role to play in supporting the community by adopting PwTB for their nutritional support.

In March 2022, TB Champions reached out to ERs/PRI/ward members/municipal corporations in their local areas for getting a letter of commitment to invest in TB. The letters were in line with the World TB Day theme 'Invest in TB, Save Lives'. Prototypes for the pledge letter were developed and distributed by REACH and the SSRs. The TB Champions across states got the pledge letters signed in which the influencers pledged to commit time or resources to end TB. The TB Champions also handed over a badge to the influencers in order to reinforce the commitment.



Mr. Ganesh Joshi, (State Cabinet Minister, Uttarakhand) signed the pledge letter. Seen here with TB Champion of Dehradun



Interaction of TB Champions with Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on World TB Day



## TB Champions efforts in conducting community meetings and getting pledge letters from ERs

State	Number of pledge letters signed by Influencers	Number of community awareness meetings conducted by TBC
Bihar	386	88
Delhi	112	61
Uttarakhand	215	43
Gujarat	289	79
Madhya Pradesh	675	133
Rajasthan	487	101
Haryana	210	1
Punjab	243	7
Uttar Pradesh	313	0
West Bengal	355	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3285</b>	<b>518</b>

### Involvement of Key Influencers by TB Champions



**3,285** Pledge letters received

**518** Community awareness meetings conducted



## TB Champions' participation in National-level Meetings

On World TB Day (WTD), Central TB Division (CTD) organised an event at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, where over 4,000 participants were present, including 40 TB Champions from the Unite to ACT project. Kajal Bisht, a 20-year-old TB Champion from Uttarakhand, shared her story of resilience and her fight against TB. She also highlighted the impact of stigma on the lives of people with TB and appealed to stakeholders gathered at the event to address stigma jointly. Her speech received widespread appreciation and praise, including on social media by Union Health Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami.

18 TB Champions also participated in 'Investing in Communities to end TB - A TB Centrestage Discussion' organised by REACH on March 23, 2022. TB Champion Pooja from Bihar shared her journey and her work on providing person-centred care. At the WTD event in Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi, she also participated in a slogan writing competition, where she received the 'Best Slogan' award.

On World TB Day, Unite to ACT in collaboration with the NTEP and with active participation from TB Champions conducted numerous activities across all 10 project states.





Minister of Health and Family Welfare of India, Dr. Mansukh L. Mandaviya and Chief Minister of Uttarakhand tweeted about the encouraging story of Kajal Bisht, TB Champion from Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand .



Neera Devi, a TB Champion from Delhi, was nominated by the Delhi State TB Cell to participate in the “National Conference on Women Winning Against TB”, on 16 December 2021.

The event, which was organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Central TB Division, had Honourable Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu as the Chief Guest. Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Woman and Child Development Dr. Mahendra Munjpara and Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Bharti Pawar also graced the event.

Speaking at the event, TB Champion Ms. Neera Devi pointed out that people with TB, especially women, are often subjected to discrimination and stigma within their families, community, and society. However, people in communities are now openly talking about TB she added, while also appealing to the government for nutrition packages to PwTB until the completion of treatment.



Former Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu along with other dignitaries at National Conference on Women Winning Against TB



## TB Champions participation in State TB Forum and District TB Forum meetings



Nainital DTF meeting

To accelerate and support the uptake of community-led activities in states, the Central TB Division has directed states and districts to form TB Forums that will nominate TB survivors /TB Champions along with other stakeholders. It is the responsibility of trained TB Champions to participate in various platforms and advocate for community perspectives along the entire cascade of TB care and services. TB Champions across UTA states have participated in TB Forum meetings and have highlighted crucial issues related to PwTB.



Virtual Delhi State TB Forum



## TB Survivor-led Network

Community-led networks have historically played a crucial role in advocating for the rights of the affected community members. A robust network of people living with HIV has led to some affirmative watershed policy-level changes.

Acknowledging the need and importance of survivor-led networks in representative TB-affected communities, the formation of TB Survivor-networks at the state-level as well as District chapters is a key intervention under the Unite to ACT project

State	Network Name	Current Strength of Members
Bihar	TB Mukht Vahini	529
Uttar Pradesh	UP TB Elimination Force	186
Delhi	Delhi TB Elimination Network	80
Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand TB Mukht Network	107

Two networks were previously formed with support from REACH: TB Mukht Vahini in 2018 in Bihar and UP TB Elimination Force in 2019. Two networks - in Uttarakhand and New Delhi - were formed in 2021. The New Delhi network will work in close coordination with the Delhi chapter of Touched by TB, which is a National-Level Network of TB affected communities.



**क्या आपको टीबी हुई है?** पहचानें नहीं! टीबी का इलाज संभव है। आपकी टीबी पर जीत की यात्रा इस प्रकार होगी-

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**पहले महीने में** आपका इलाज शुरू होता है।

**दूसरे महीने के अंत में** आप हर महीने अपने डॉक्टर से मिलते हैं और अपने वजन का नाप कराते हैं।

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- गुदीएस्टी - प्रतिनासल ड्रग ससेप्टोबिओटी टी स्ट्रिंग
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**टीबी की दवाइयाँ**

- टीबी के इलाज के लिए दी जाने वाली दवाएँ वजन बढ़ाने के लिए किये जाते हैं। कई बार वजन बढ़ाने के लिए कुछ दवाइयाँ भी दायरे में लाने के लिए दी जाती हैं।
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**गोलियों की संख्या वजन पर आधारित होती है**

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25-34 किलो	10
35-49 किलो	15
50-64 किलो	20
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# Communication Products



# Communication Products

Through the Unite to ACT project, two sets of communication materials and toolkits were developed for TB Champions in the first year. These materials are designed to build the capacity of TB Champions, strengthen their identity and support their active outreach to their communities.

- 1 For all trained TB Champions
- 2 For TB Champions enrolled in the Mentorship Programme

The materials were based, in part, on TB Champions toolkit materials previously developed by REACH and finalised with inputs from TB Champions. These materials were provided to all TB Champions trained through state and district-level capacity-building workshops and at Mentorship Planning Meetings. The materials were developed in eleven languages with the respective states.

Bengali	English	Gujarati
Hindi	Kannada	Kashmiri
Malayalam	Marathi	Punjabi
Tamil	Telugu	



# TB Champion Badge

to convey their identities to their communities



## TB Champion Handbook

to reinforce basic information on TB

# A Guide to working as a TB Champion

for reference while providing person-centred care to PwTB



# Know TB, Fight TB

Can be given by TB Champion to each PwTB they provide psychosocial support

# Care Cascade Infographic

pictorial representation of a PwTB's journey through TB treatment



# Customised Banners

with the photograph and name of TB Champions for use in community meetings



## Customised Posters

with photographs of TB Champions from the district, and for display at health facilities. Intended to help PwTB become familiar with TB Champions and motivate them to get in touch

## Leaflet on TB

for distribution to the community during community meetings



## Anti-Stigma Sticker

for use during world TB day and other TB related events, for selfie/ social media campaigns

## Village Signage

To be put up in prominent places in the community / TU / DMC / other health facilities.



## Key Influencers Handout

To help key influencers understand their role in TB prevention and care



### Support to CTD in developing 'Self-Learning Course for TB Survivors as TB Champions'

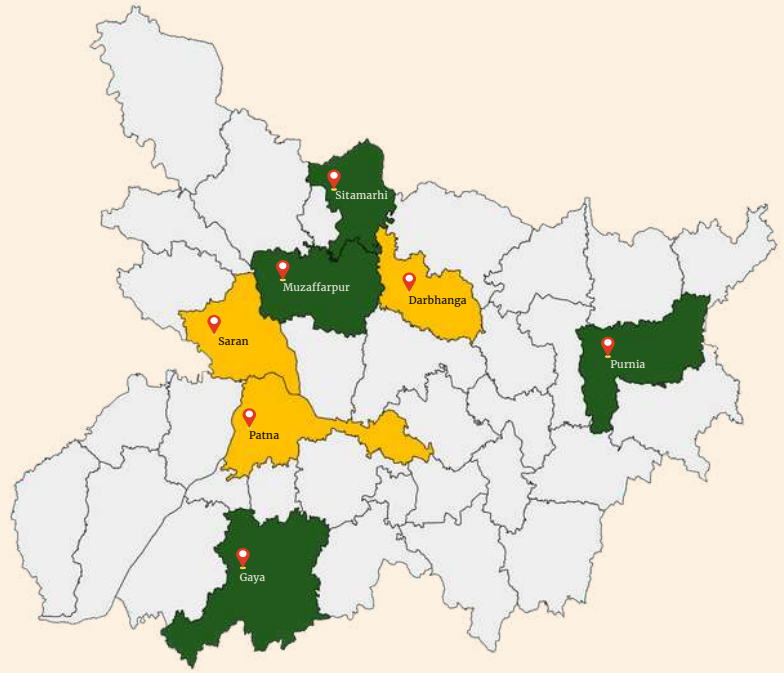
REACH provided technical support to CTD for developing a 'Self-Learning Course for TB Survivors as TB Champions'. This included support in reviewing and finalising scripts for various modules.



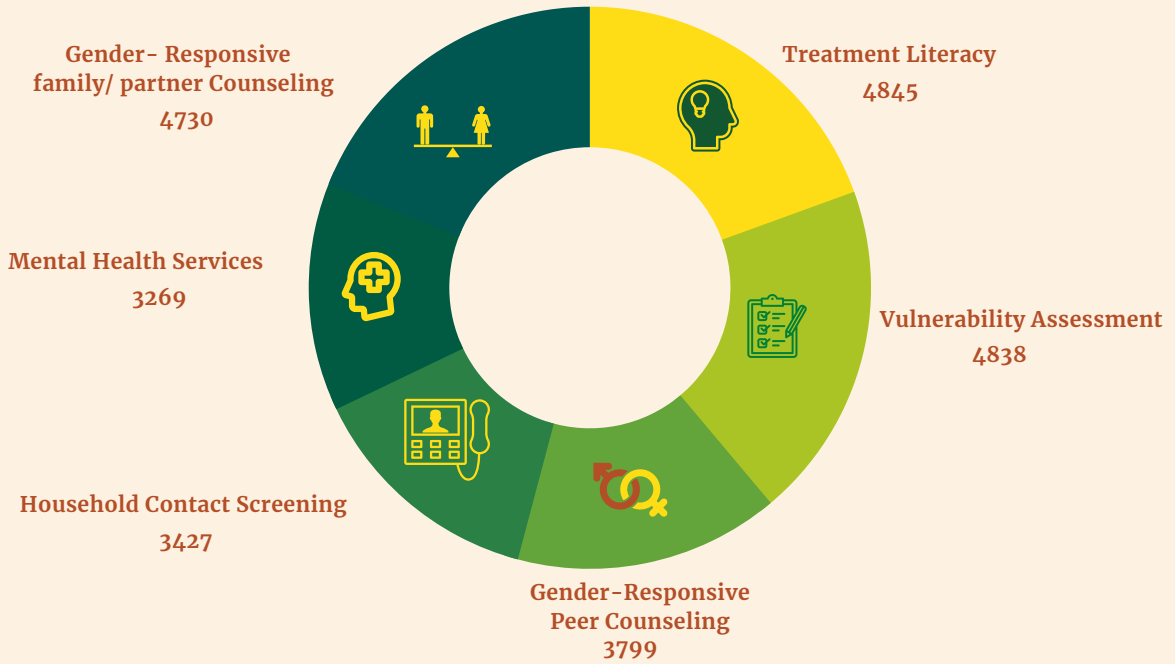
# States at a Glance



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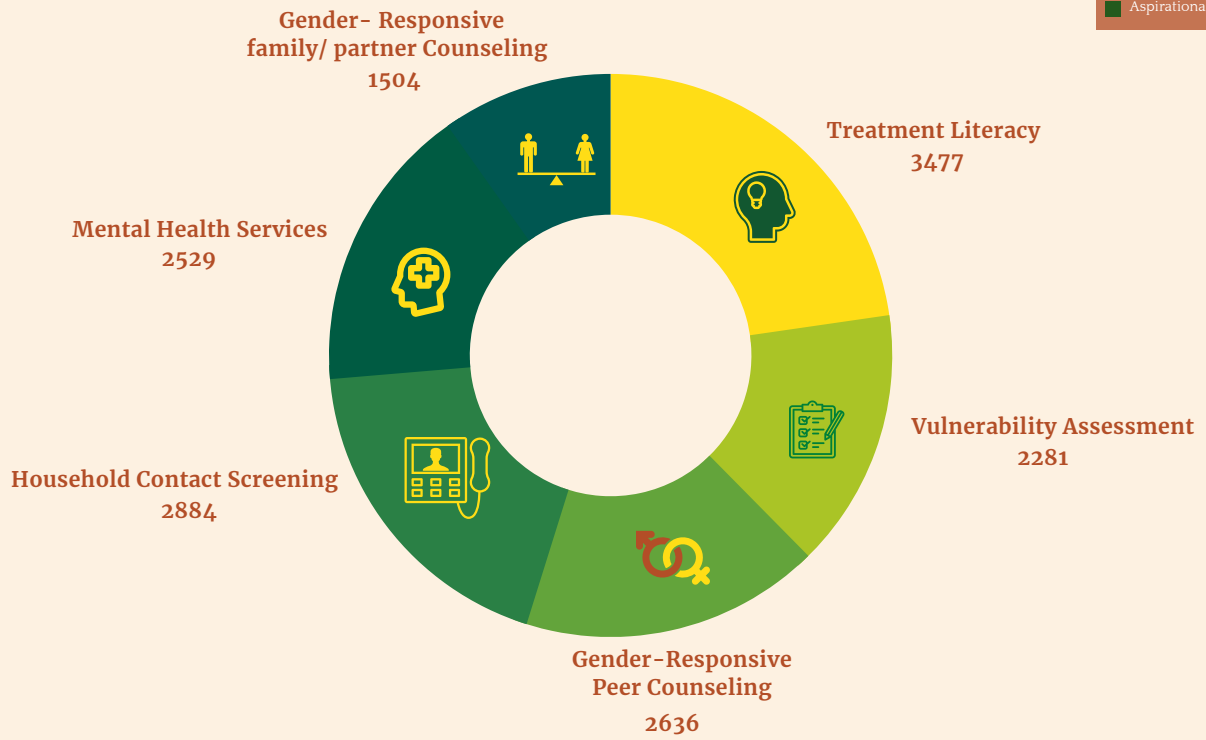


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■ Aspirational Districts



Districts covered	TB unit	TBC trained	Male	Female	TBC in Mentorship Programme	PwTB reached out	Pledge letter Signed
7	143	125	76	49	78	4845	386

# Delhi

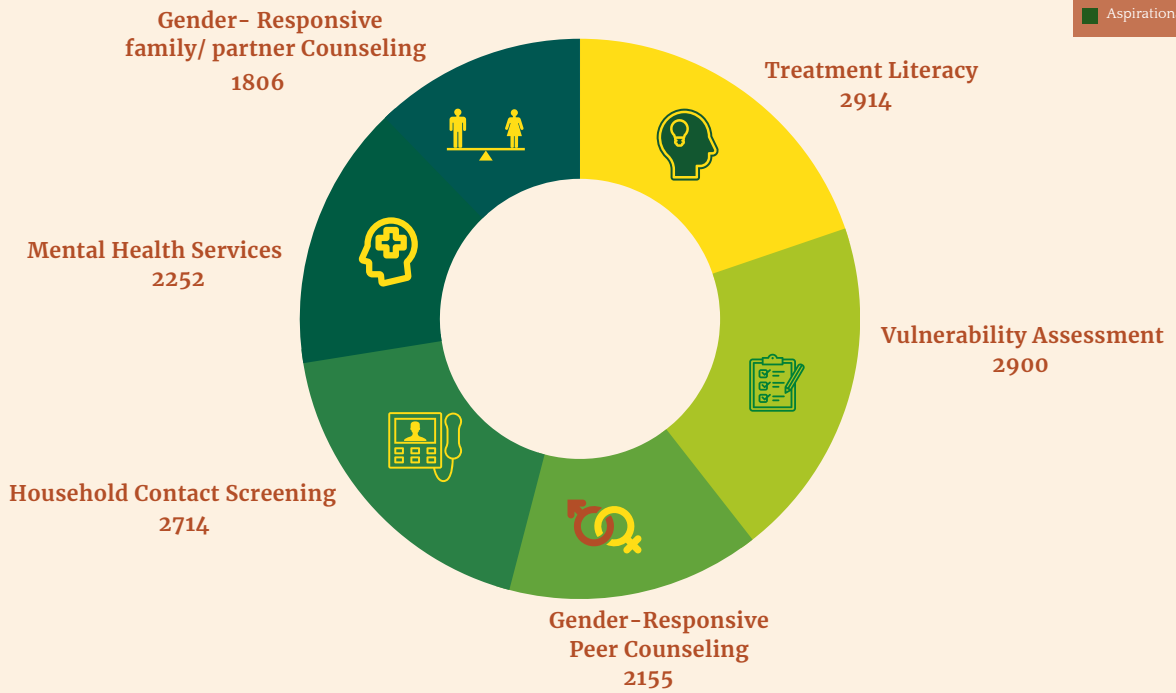


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5	20	87	25	62	68	3477	112

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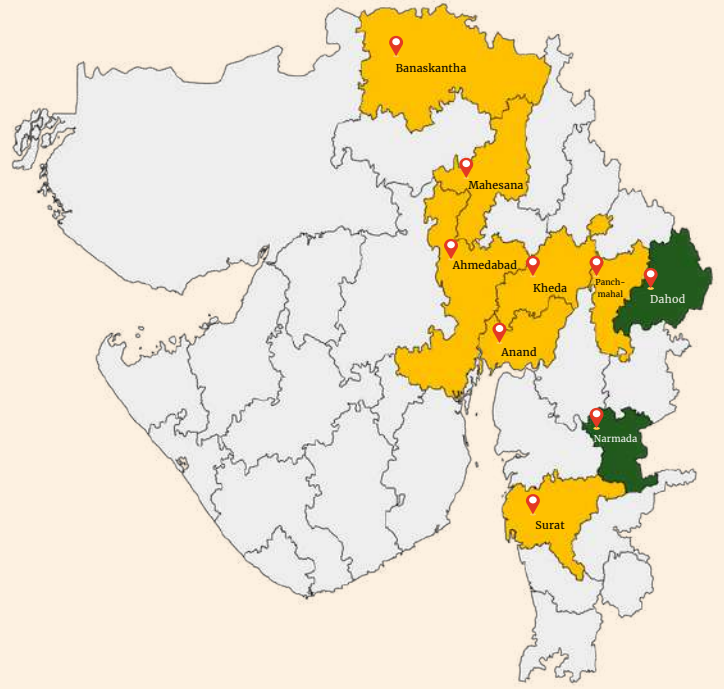


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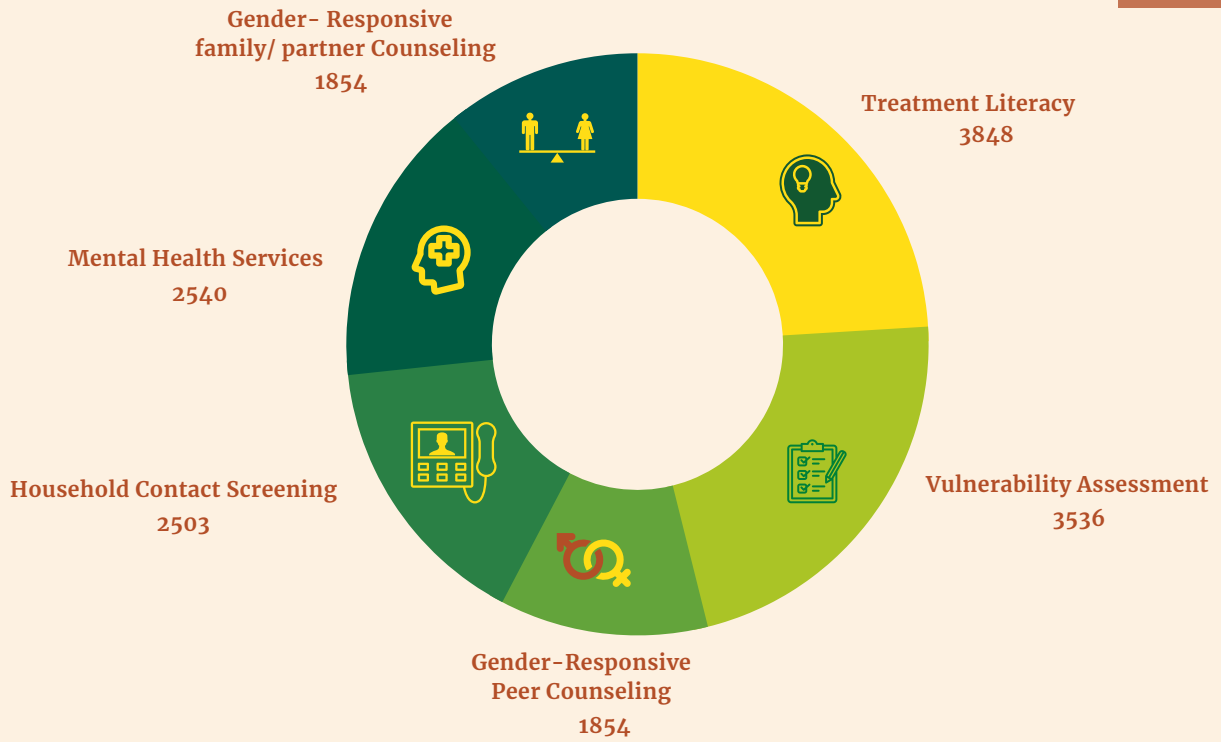


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5	42	86	44	42	52	2918	215

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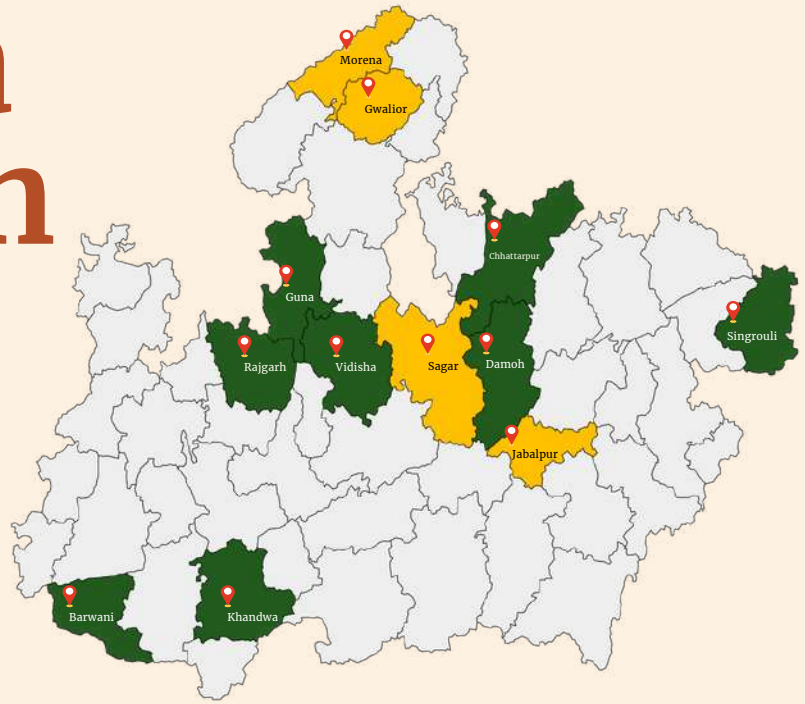


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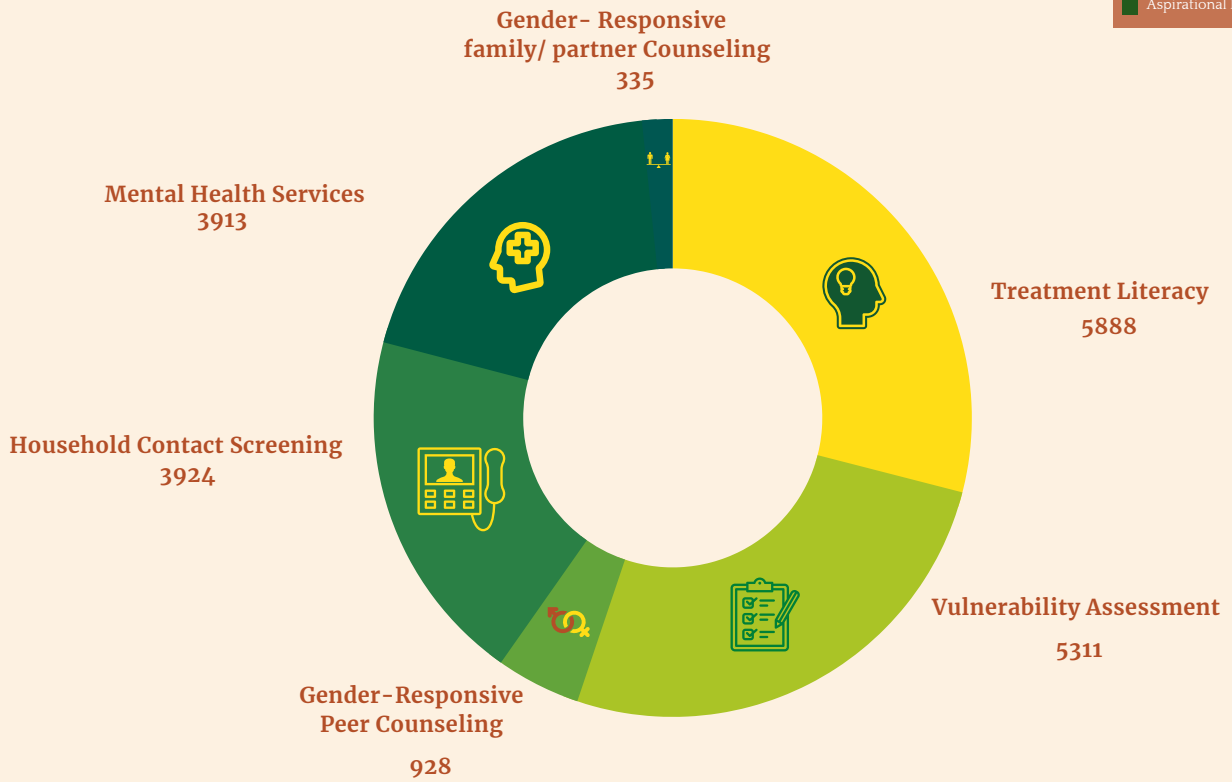


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9	103	177	125	52	103	3866	289

# Madhya Pradesh

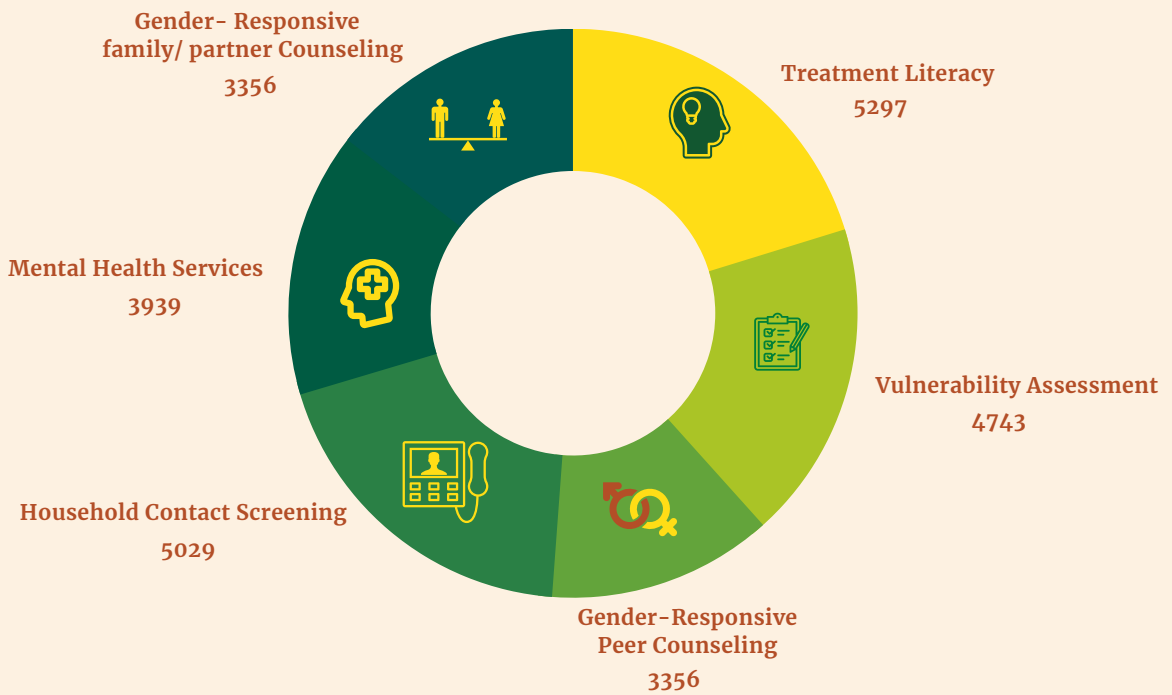
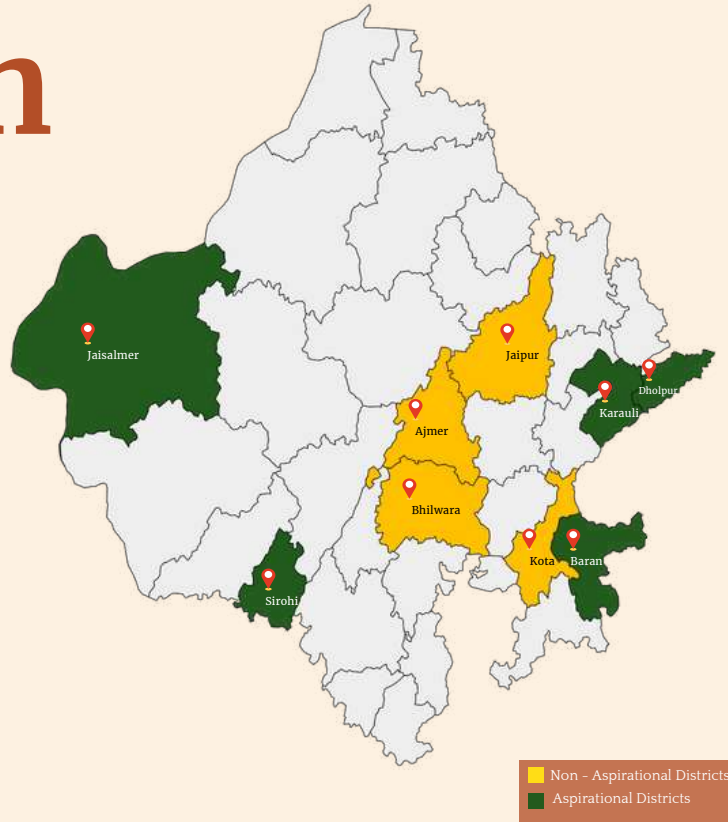


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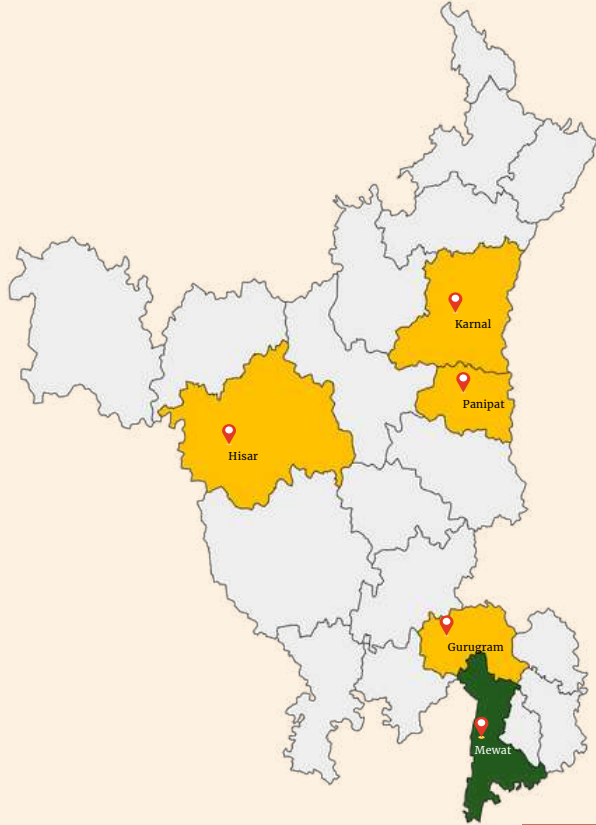
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12	76	197	115	82	145	5888	675

# Rajasthan

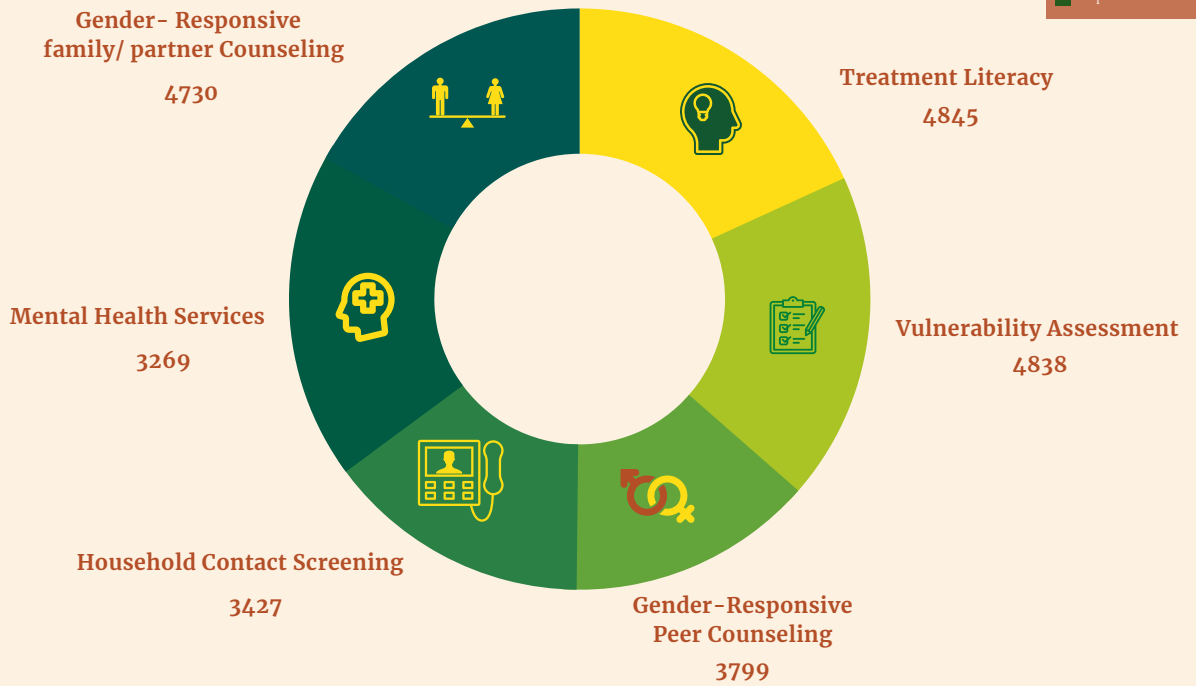


Districts covered	TB unit	TBC trained	Male	Female	TBC in Mentorship Programme	PwTB reached out	Pledge letter signed
9	78	160	100	60	108	5297	487

# Haryana



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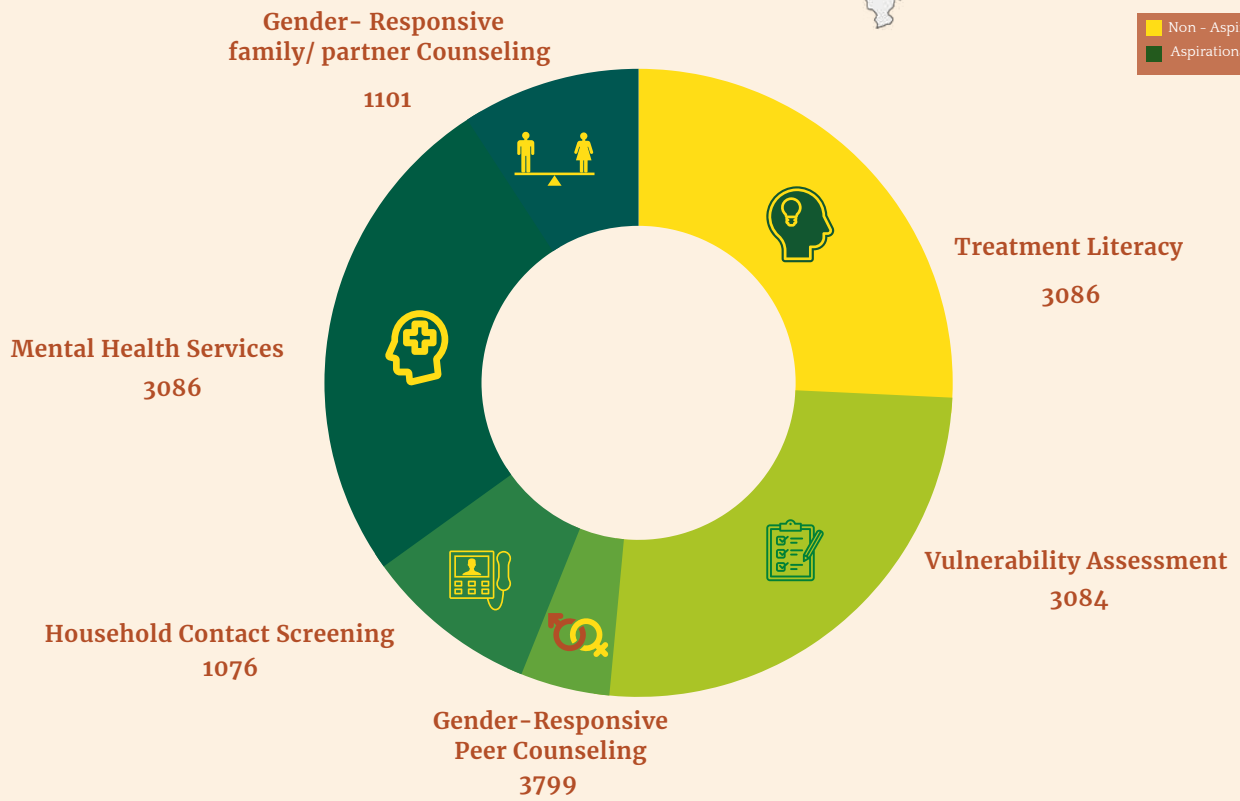


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5	31	91	51	40	60	1790	210

# Punjab



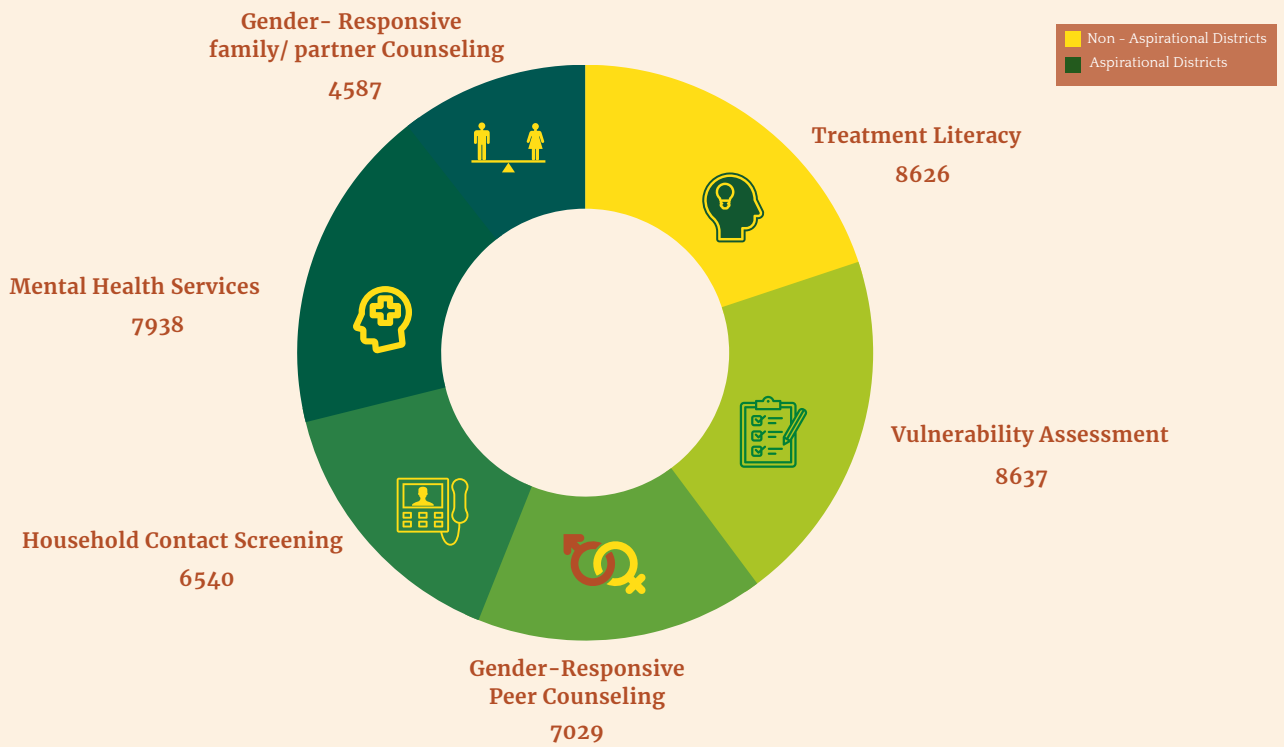
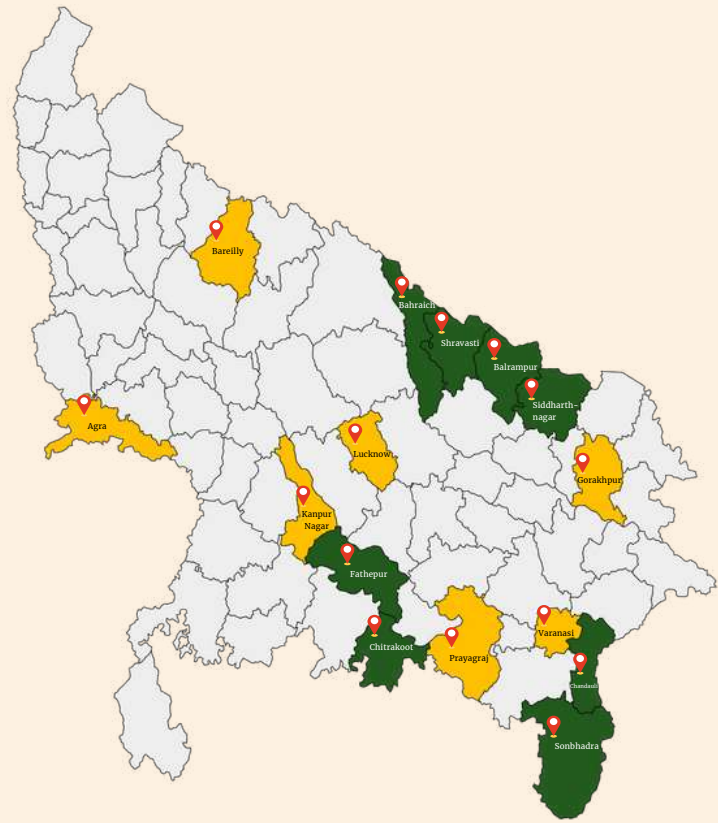
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Districts covered	TB unit	TBC trained	Male	Female	TBC in Mentorship Programme	PwTB reached out	Pledge letter Signed
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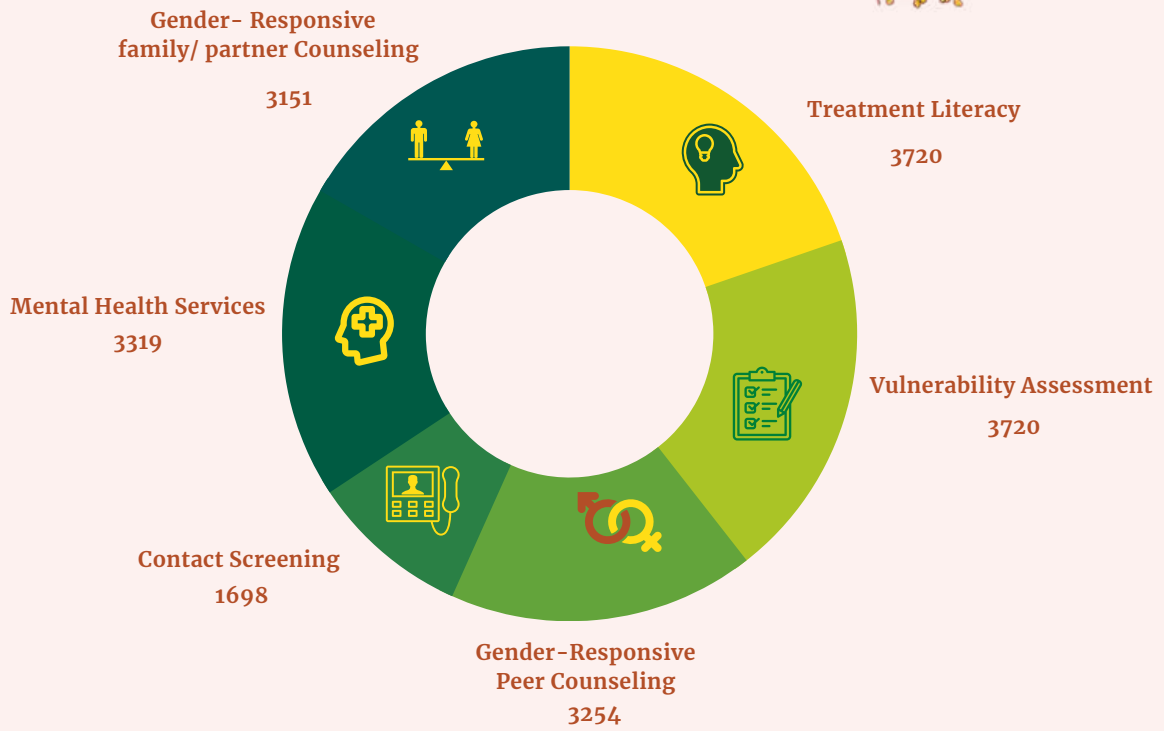
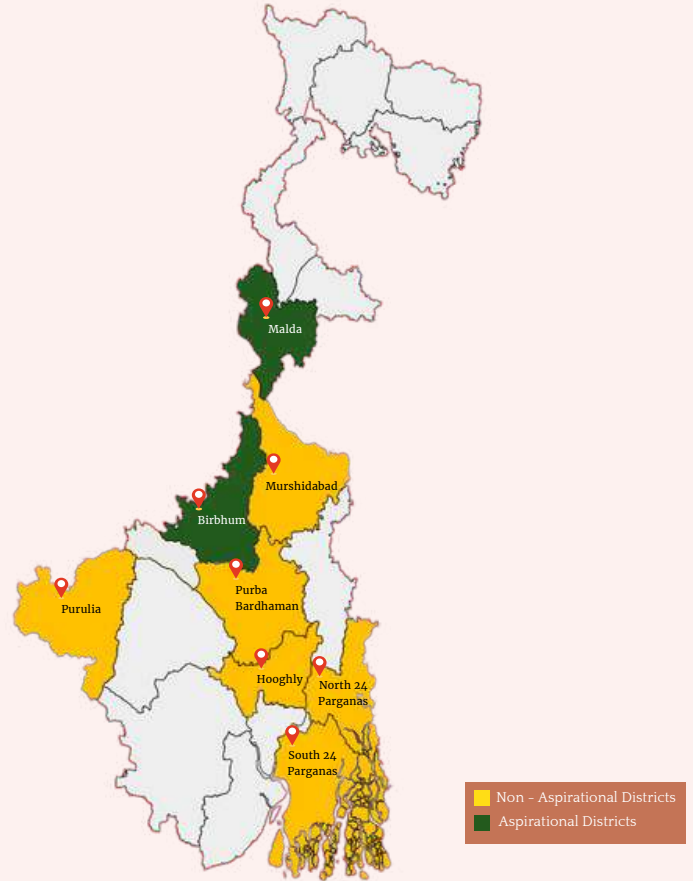


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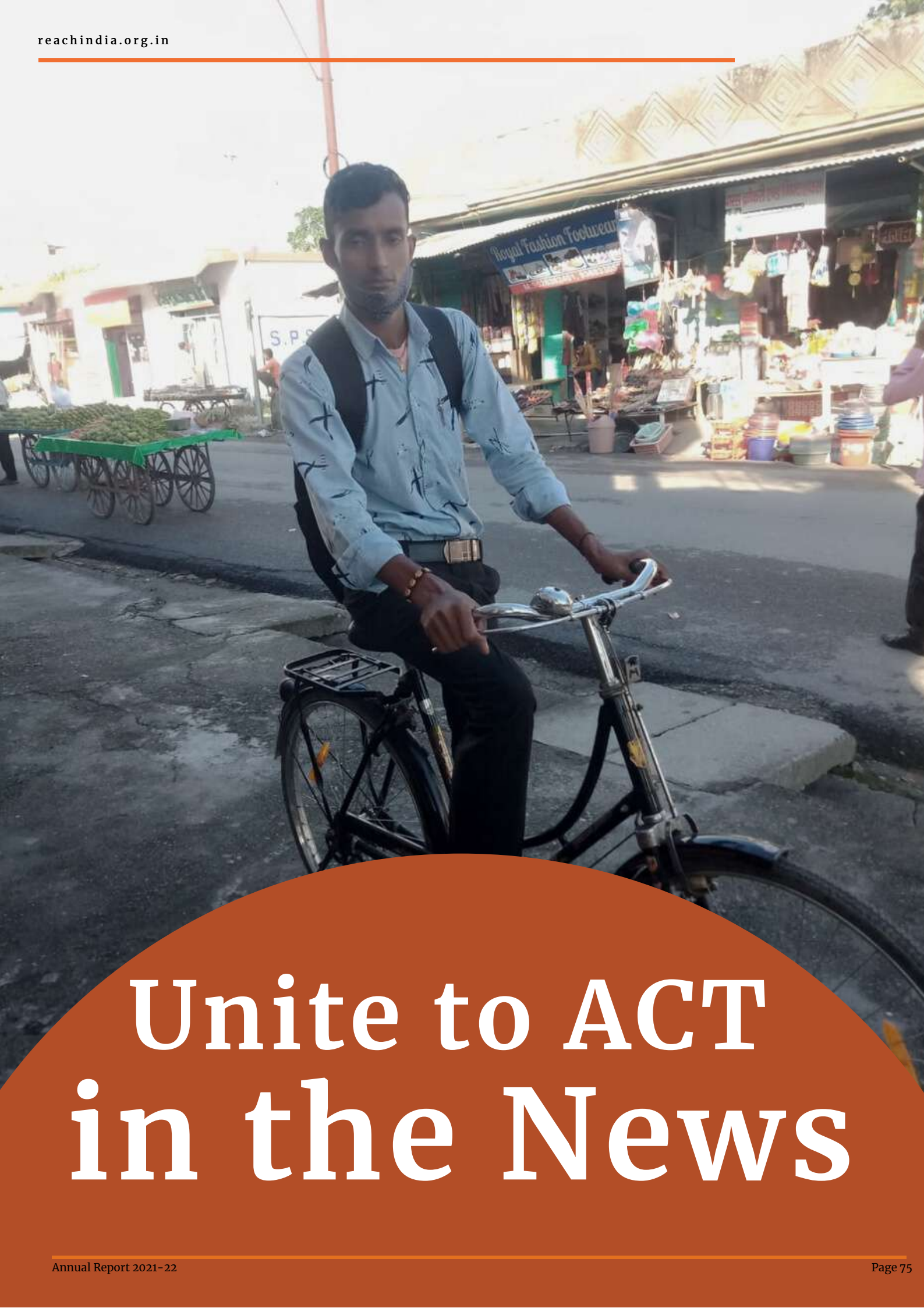


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15	239	256	155	101	180	8642	313

# West Bengal



Districts covered	TB unit	TBC trained	Male	Female	PwTB reached out	TBC in Mentorship program	Pledge letter Signed
8	189	154	98	56	3720	96	355



# Unite to ACT in the News



# साइकिल के जरिये क्षय रोग से ग्रसित लोगों के घर जाकर कर रहे जागरूक

एच.एच.एम. से ग्रसित लोगों को जागरूक करने के लिए साइकिल का उपयोग किया जा रहा है।



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# कोटद्वार में क्षय रोग के प्रति जागरूक किया

रक्त रोगों के प्रति जागरूक किया जा रहा है।



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पोषाहार वितरित करते शांतिकुंज परिवार के लोग।

# शांतिकुंज ने 50 क्षयरोगियों को बांटी पोषाहार की किट

शांतिकुंज परिवार ने हरिद्वार स्वास्थ्य विभाग की ओर से चयनित 50 से अधिक क्षय रोग पीड़ितों को पोषण किट का वितरण किया।

# 'टी.बी.छात्रेण, देश जितेण' अंतर्गत

# मेता प्राथमिक आरोग्य केंद्र ખાતે ટી.બી.જનજાગૃતિ શિબીર યોજાઈ

શાંતિકુંજ પરિવારે 50 થી વધુ ક્ષયરોગીઓને પોષણ કિટનું વિતરણ કર્યું છે.

# टीबी उन्मूलन के लिए स्कूली बच्चों को किया जागरूक

उन्मूलन के लिए स्कूली बच्चों को जागरूक करने के लिए कार्यक्रम चलाया गया।



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# عوامی بیداری سے ٹی بی کا خاتمہ ممکن ہے: کما

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# Budget & Finance



## FINANCIAL DATA : April 2021 - March 2022

Particulars	Amount (INR)	Remarks
Budget for the relevant period	12,61,15,211	
Fund received from PR during the relevant period	7,74,27,884	June 2021: INR 90,13,913; Oct 2021 : INR 2,18,41,884; Dec 2021: INR 1,86,28,835; Jan 2022: INR 2,79,43,252
Expenditure incurred during the relevant period	5,88,06,807	Apr-June 2021: INR 12,05,840; Jul-Sep 2021: INR 56,64,159 Oct -Dec 2021: INR 1,73,88,724; Jan-Mar 2022: INR 3,45,48,084
Committed Expenditure during the relevant period	49,95,693	For activities which have been performed during the reporting period and pay out is pending





# Plans for 2022-23

# Major Activities for 2022-23



Unite to ACT shall continue to adopt integrated approaches for TB-free communities by engaging TB Champions to expand community access to TB prevention and care and improve the quality of life of people with TB. The major activities to be carried out in the next year are:

## TB Support Hubs (TBSH) under Unite to ACT

TB Support Hubs are an initiative to provide inclusive, value-added holistic care and rehabilitative services to PwTB and are managed by trained TB Champions. These Support Hubs will be established at the TU level in the second year of the implementation and will cater to PwTB who are on treatment in the public sector. TB Champions shall be trained to operate Support Hubs for people with TB/ DR-TB at TUs to amplify access to a comprehensive package of person-centred support services covering the entire duration of treatment.

## Roll out of Rapid Response Teams

The Rapid Response Teams formed under the project will aim to mitigate the effects of TB and COVID-19 while identifying and leveraging points of intersection between the responses to both diseases. The Rapid Response Teams will aim to:

- Improve support to people with TB about their needs/challenges during treatment.
- Decrease LTFU at different points throughout the care cascade.
- Enhance awareness around TB and COVID-19 to encourage testing and to address stigma against TB-COVID.
- Encourage COVID-19 vaccination in keeping in view emerging guidelines and subsequent changes.



## Communication Skilling of TB Champions

During the COVID-19 pandemic, creating communication and engagement with TB-affected communities was critical. With support from USAID, REACH developed and tested a communication skilling package for 80 TB Champions. This will be scaled up through the Unite to ACT Project. Over 900 TB Champions will be trained and equipped with a range of communication skills, including public speaking, writing, the use of songs, poems, slogans, wall writing, mobile photography, videography, etc.

## Involvement of the Transgender community in TB response

TB-affected communities, including TB Survivors and Champions, have been witness to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, both on people with TB and on communities, in general. In keeping with the mandate to ensure the active and meaningful engagement of affected communities outlined in India's National Strategic Plan – and suggested by TB Survivors and Champions to mitigate the dual impact of TB and COVID-19 in India – the involvement of the transgender community in India's response to TB and COVID-19 is crucial. In Year 2 of implementation, TB Survivors who identify as transgender will be trained and engaged in the TB response.

## Other Activities

Besides the above interventions engaging TB Champions, the project will also focus on strengthening Survivor-led Networks and district chapters of Networks to optimise the collective voice of the members to decision-makers.







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