



TB Preventive Treatment | Fundamentals *for Activists*

Online training course May 2 – June 6

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For the third year, Treatment Action Group (TAG), with support from the IMPAACT4TB project, is organizing a training program, **TB Preventive Treatment | Fundamentals *for Activists***! Originally designed for civil society and community-based partners in the 12 countries participating in the Unitaid-funded **IMPAACT4TB** project [1], the course equips activists with everything they need to know to advocate for the highest-attainable standard of TB preventive treatment (TPT) in their communities. Last year, 67 activists from across Africa, Asia and Latin America enrolled in the course. This year, for the first time since the program's inception, the course is open to civil society and community partners in any country.

This is a self-guided Moodle online training course that will run from May through early June. During this period, TAG will release a module each Sunday focusing on a specific aspect of TB preventive treatment for completion the following week. Participants will have access to a wide-range of learning tools, including recorded slide lectures, podcast-style interviews with experts, suggested reading, interactive quizzes and challenges, and other resources (many of them developed by community partners advocating for TPT). Modules will be posted online using a Moodle open-source learning platform, which is available and downloadable on iOS, android, and PC. Participants will be able to download materials to complete offline in order to make optimal use of limited data and bandwidth.

Participants will be able to post questions to a common message board to be answered by TAG staff and attend periodic “office hours” where they can ask questions of TAG staff directly

and interact with other participants. Individuals who complete all modules and associated quizzes will receive a certificate of completion.

Those interested in joining the course should register at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKLeRPOeOnwHaT5HH18BN3nYYUydg25xJVJkXNC4Px82D4lw/viewform?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ea45d84d-b8d1-4288-97e7-2ef95c747528>. The course is open to anyone working in a civil society or community-based organization, TB survivors, and individuals belonging to networks of people living with or affected by TB, HIV, and related comorbidities. **There is no cost of attendance, though TAG cannot assume the costs of Internet or data.**

The course content and schedule is as follows. Modules 1–6 are intended for people taking the course for the first time. Special topics modules are designed for IMPAACT4TB partners who have already completed the course (and will also be made available to all participants).

Core modules for first-time participants:

- **Module 1:** Sunday, May 2: Fundamentals of TPT
- **Module 2:** Sunday, May 9: Introduction to Short-Course TPT Regimens 3HP and 1HP
- **Module 3:** Sunday, May 16: TPT for Children, Young People, and Pregnant Women
- **Module 4:** Sunday, May 23: TPT 3AQ: Availability, Accessibility, Acceptability, and Quality
- **Module 5:** Sunday, May 30: Advocacy for TPT and Donor Landscape
- **Module 6:** Sunday, June 6: TPT and COVID-19

Special topics modules for returning participants:

- **Special topics 1:** Sunday, May 2: TPT and Nitrosamine Impurities
- **Special topics 2:** Sunday, May 9: TPT and Community-based Monitoring
- **Special topics 3:** Sunday, May 16: TPT for People Exposed to Drug-resistant TB
- **Special topics 4:** Sunday, May 23: TPT and Models of Care
- **Special topics 5:** Sunday, May 30: The Future of TPT is Long-acting
- **Special topics 6:** Sunday, June 6: Diagnosing TB infection

Course objectives:

1. Strengthen civil society and affected communities' technical knowledge of the science and programmatic implementation of TPT, specifically the rifapentine-based regimens 3HP and 1HP.
2. Provide an opportunity for civil society and affected communities advocating for TPT to share information, ideas, and strategies as part of a global community of practice for TPT advocates.

Course outcomes:

1. Civil society and affected communities are better positioned to advocate for the highest-attainable standard of TPT and TB prevention.

2. Civil society and affected communities are equipped with the evidence and arguments needed to hold governments accountable for implementing ambitious, community-centered TPT programs as part of comprehensive TB elimination strategies.
3. Civil society and affected communities have the knowledge required to build demand for TPT within TB-affected communities and participate in the design, implementation, and monitoring of national TPT programs.

[1] **IMPAACT4TB** is a Unitaaid-funded project led by the South Africa-based Aurum Institute. The project aims to catalyze the introduction and scale-up of short-course TPT regimens based on the drug rifapentine: 3HP and 1HP. The 12 countries participating in IMPAACT4TB are Brazil, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. Treatment Action Group leads community engagement and global advocacy under the project. Other IMPAACT4TB consortium members include CHAI, KNCV, Johns Hopkins University, and the Global Drug Facility.