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ENDING TB HAND-IN-HAND WITH PRIVATE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Indonesia has the third-highest tuberculosis (TB) burden in the world with an estimated 824,000 new cases each year. The United States supports the Government of Indonesia’s efforts to reduce this burden by increasing TB case reporting and enhancing the quality of care available through private practitioners, clinics, hospitals, and other healthcare providers.

To achieve a TB-free Indonesia by 2030, the Government of Indonesia has put in place a National TB Strategic Plan (NTSP). A steady flow of information about all TB cases—whether treated by private or public health care providers—is crucial to the success of this plan. Today, nearly half of Indonesia’s TB cases still go untreated, and only a very small proportion of cases treated by private providers are properly reported.

USAID TB PRIVATE SECTOR

As the government works to increase private sector participation in the NTSP, USAID TBPS works with private facilities to report more of their cases and improve the quality of care. In doing so, USAID TBPS

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helps private providers apply scalable, sustainable, and evidence-based approaches into their health care services by:

- Increasing private sector access to TB diagnosis technologies, such as the GeneXpert machine, which reduces the time needed to diagnose cases from six weeks to two hours;
- Helping private providers report TB cases to the national system using innovative digital platforms, including apps for smart devices and innovative online systems for case reporting;
- Scaling up successes so that private healthcare facilities outside USAID TBPS target areas can also participate more broadly in NTSP; and
- Supporting Indonesia's national health insurance program (Jaminan Kesehatan Nasional, or JKN) to develop a cost-efficient payment system that leads to accurate TB diagnosis, reporting, and treatment.

To overcome setbacks in TB control due to the COVID-19 pandemic, since 2021 TBPS has supported Indonesia's TB elimination goal by helping hospitals in the country's largest private hospital chain establish a call center to make it easier for private providers in six districts (Denpasar, Gresik, Medan, North Jakarta, Samarinda, and South Jakarta) to report TB cases. In 2021, the call center received nearly 1,200 reports of new TB cases.

RESULTS

USAID TBPS achieved the following milestones in the six supported districts:

- Percentage of private health providers participating in the National TB Program (NTP) increased from four percent in 2020 to 22 percent in 2021;
- Increased the percentage of presumptive TB patients from private health facilities tested by GeneXpert by nearly 20 percent from 2020 to 2021;
- Partnered with the Indonesian Medical Association and the NTP in the development of an online TB management and treatment learning series using the Doctor-to-Doctor application; over 10,000 health professionals have accessed the application to date.

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