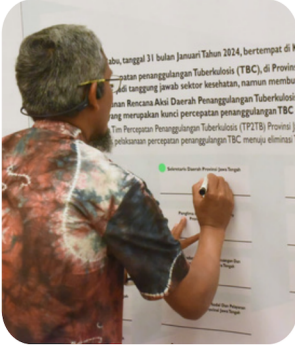


# USAID BEBAS-TB INSIGHTS

*Working together to eliminate TB by 2030*

## WHAT'S NEW?



**STRENGTHENING POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO ACCELERATE TB CONTROL**



**STANDARD OF CARE BOOSTS TB TREATMENT CAPACITY**



**EXPANDING TB TREATMENT CAPACITY ACROSS HEALTH FACILITIES**

The United States Agency for International Development Bersama Menuju Eliminasi Bebas dari Tuberkulosis (USAID BEBAS-TB) Activity is a five-year flagship project done in collaboration with national and international partners to support the Government of Indonesia in achieving its goal to eliminate TB by 2030. USAID BEBAS-TB focuses on strengthening TB case prevention, detection, diagnosis, and care. in four provinces with high TB burdens: North Sumatra, West Java, Central Java and East Java Provinces.

## USAID BEBAS-TB ACTIVITY: AREAS OF FOCUS



## Strengthening the political commitment of stakeholders to accelerate TB control

At a multistakeholder meeting in Central Java on January 2024, 64 local officials signed a statement of commitment in its efforts to eliminate TB by 2030. As a follow up to the meeting and a demonstration of local government commitment to engage multisectoral partners, the Central Java Governor issued a directive letter (*Surat Edaran*) on March 19 in response to the Presidential Decree on TB. The directive letter mentioned that all multistakeholder must work together for TB Elimination in the provinces. Similiar activities have been done in other provinces; such as launch of Desa Siaga Bebas TB in West Java on July 2024.



Above: Dr. Andini Aridewi, Head of Kudus District Health Office, discusses the TB control program and multilateral effort to eliminate TB. , 31 Jan 2024  
Credit: USAID BEBAS- TB

In supporting multisectoral collaboration and engagement to eliminate TB. USAID BEBAS-TB also engaged in the development of Partnership Guidelines for TB Control in Indonesia, which was published on April 3. The documents can be download [here](#).

## SOC boosts TB treatment capacities across health facilities

USAID BEBAS-TB developed a standard of care (SOC) instrument to support health facility staff identify and act on opportunities to improve the quality of their TB prevention, detection, and treatment activities. The instrument follows World Health Organization (WHO) and National TB Program (NTP) standards, pulling on TB and TB/HIV indicators for care quality assurance.

The instrument are designed to objectively identify the capacity building needs, measures services quality, measure the progress and strengths of Health Facilities, guide the mentor/supervisors; which areas and health facilities to focus on, and improving data quality.

### SOC instrument by the numbers



**1,223** health facilities across **20** districts have completed a baseline assessment from February to March 2024.

**2,562 health workers** (559 male, 2,003 female) have been trained on how to use the SOC instrument appropriately.



**90%** of the 301 respondents on Evaluation Survey indicated that they **would like to continue using the SOC instrument** for performance tracking and mentoring.



# Improving case finding in healthcare facilities and among vulnerable populations



Photo: Participants wait to be screened for TB using a mobile x-ray machine at Puskesmas Helvetia, North Sumatra, in January 2024. Photo Credit: USAID BEBAS-TB

To support intensified case finding (ICF) and active case finding (ACF), USAID BEBAS-TB promotes the screening of patients for TB and continued treatment for those affected by TB or latent TB.

The ICF and ACF target groups include elderly people, people living with HIV or diabetes, and malnourished children. Individuals living or working in close quarters like boarding schools are also of interest for these targeted TB screenings.

By end of June 2024, USAID BEBAS-TB conducted intensified case finding activities in 79 health facilities and worked closely with its partners to encourage over 100,000 individuals get screened for TB, those who affected by TB are continued for treatment, and those who affected by Latent TB continued for treatment prevention for Tuberculosis.

Looking ahead, USAID BEBAS-TB will help expand the notification of positive TB cases, as well as increasing the treatment success rate across the four provinces of focus.

## Profile From the Field

“ I'm thrilled to see people coming [to the district primary health care office] for TB screening. But what I am excited the most about is our achievable target for TB cases this year — I'm confident we can achieve around 14,000 cases [screened] this year, thanks to the support from the USAID BEBAS-TB Activity!

### Dr. Pocut Fatimah

Head of Disease Prevention Control, Medan District Health Office

## Announcements

### [Awareness and Action: TB Screenings During World TB Day Commemoration in Indonesia](#)

In March and April, USAID BEBAS-TB joined hands with local governments to conduct several ACF events in recognition of World Tuberculosis Day. This initiative spotlights the importance of early TB detection and treatment and the success of ACF in Indonesia.

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### [USAID BEBAS-TB Fact Sheet](#)

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