



United In Our Diversity

# TB Women

**Priorities and turning evidence into action**





# International commitments around TB and gender

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- Gender as a critical dimension for understanding and responding to TB
  - The political declaration from the UNHLM on TB makes clear reference to the need for gender equality and social inclusion
  - *A Deadly Divide: TB Commitments vs. TB Realities* also emphasizes the need to further strengthen efforts to realize a gender transformative TB response

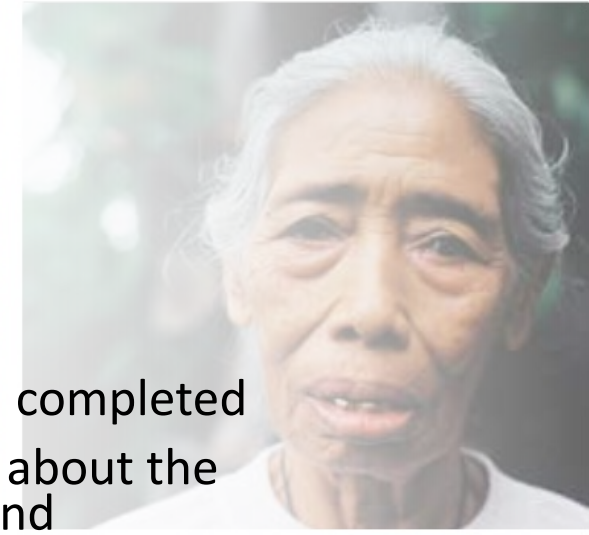
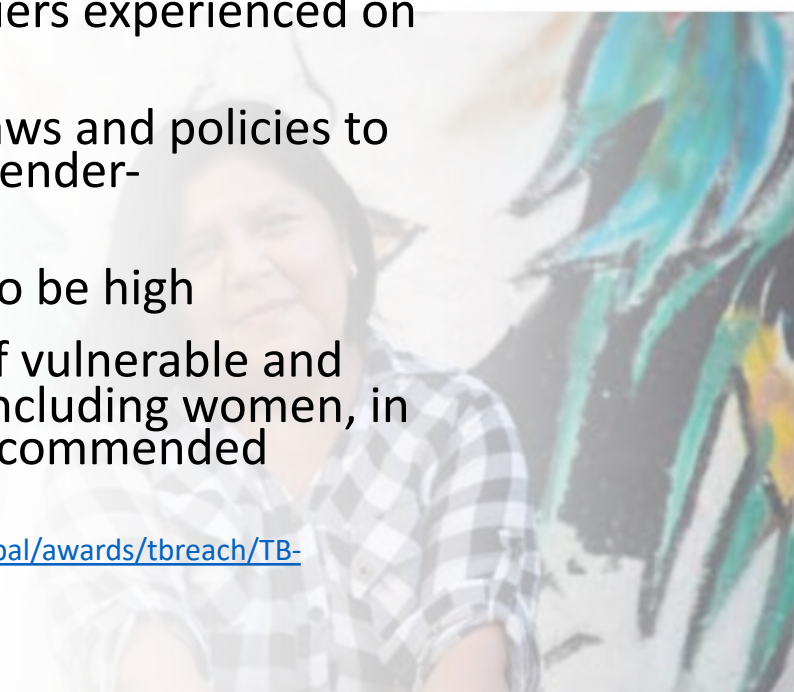
Deadly Divide: TB Affected community priorities - The report is available in French, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese and Arabic. - <http://www.stoptb.org/communities/divide.asp>







# Evidence from TB CRG Assessment work

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- Twenty TB CRG Assessments have now been completed
  - Key results revealed a lack of understanding about the relevance of gender for TB – extending beyond prevalence to understand the barriers experienced on the basis of gender.
  - Too few supportive and enabling laws and policies to protect human rights and ensure gender-transformative approaches exist
  - TB-related stigma was also found to be high
  - Further meaningful engagement of vulnerable and marginalized TB key populations, including women, in TB policy and programming was recommended
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Read more at: [http://www.stoptb.org/assets/documents/global/awards/tbreach/TB-REACH\\_Gender2021-web.pdf](http://www.stoptb.org/assets/documents/global/awards/tbreach/TB-REACH_Gender2021-web.pdf)







# How do we fill the void?

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- A group of women who are members of TBPeople, started to have conversations in 2019
  - An Interim Steering Committee was put in place, with representation from all regions
  - Together we agreed on TBWomen's Vision, Mission and activities
  - Launched the network & Strategic Plan on International Women's Day 2021





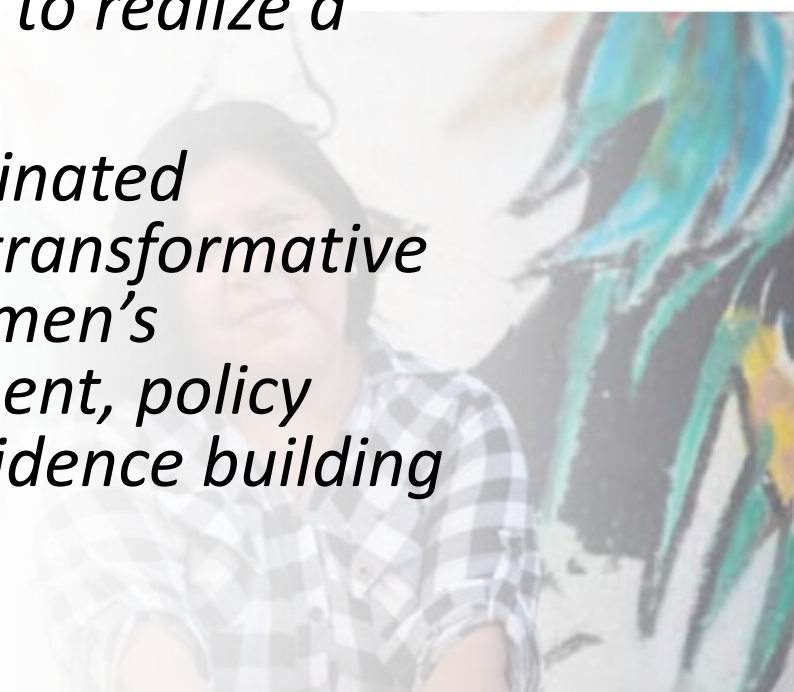
See the Strategic Plan at <http://www.stoptb.org/assets/documents/communities/TB%20Women%20Strategic%20Plan%202021-2025.pdf>





## Vision and mission

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- Vision: *to ensure a just and inclusive society, where women in all our diversity are empowered to realize a world free from TB*
  - Mission: *to build a coordinated movement for a gender transformative TB response through women's mobilization, empowerment, policy advocacy, innovation, evidence building and knowledge sharing*
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# Strategic Pillars and Objectives

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## STRATEGIC PILLAR

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

**Building a TB movement of women in all our diversity**

**Strategic Objective 1:** To create an enabling environment for a movement of women in all our diversity to strategically and effectively engage in the TB response

**Enhancing the evidence base to inform a gender transformative TB response**

**Strategic Objective 2:** To generate new evidence and innovations, and maximise the use of existing innovations and evidence base to enable a gender transformative TB response

**Driving a gender transformative policy and advocacy agenda**

**Strategic Objective 3:** To drive and monitor the empowerment of women in all our diversity through a strategic and coordinated advocacy agenda

**Establishing a strong, effective and sustainable network**



**Strategic Objective 4:** To strengthen the membership and coordination capacity of TB Women as a global network





## Next steps

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- Hosting: developing a ToR
  - Regional focal points: coordinating the work across regions
  - Membership: developing criteria and how it is linked to regional/global coordination
  - Partnerships: developing partnerships with civil society, community, innovators, members of parliament, national TB program, technical partners, among others.
  - Funding: resource mobilization team to identify opportunities such as CFCS, the Global Fund CRG grants, etc.
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