HEALTH CHALLENGES IN MYANMAR

An estimated 365,000 new TB cases per year

220,000 people living with HIV

Number 11 of the 30 high-burden TB countries in the world

5% of new TB patients have drug-resistant strains


MAIN DONORS
TOTAL E & P Myanmar
The Three Millennium Development Goal Fund
The Global Fund

MEMBER ORGANISATION
Myanmar Medical Association

STAFF
250 staff
Over 1,600 volunteers

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THE UNION OFFICE IN MYANMAR (UOM) works in close collaboration with the Myanmar Government Health Services. The office provides practical and technical support to the National AIDS Programme and National TB Programme (NTP), to care for and treat people with TB and HIV. The Union also assists with monitoring and evaluation; using operational research to inform practical and policy improvements in the health services.

THE WORK OF THE UNION OFFICE IN MYANMAR

The Union Office in Myanmar manages the Integrated HIV Care (IHC) Programme, which provides wide-reaching access to comprehensive HIV care and treatment including antiretroviral treatment (ART), using the 4P model; a partnership between patients, the public sector and the private sector.

The Union Office in Myanmar also undertakes active case finding and case holding activities, covering 3.5 million people, finding thousands of cases of people with presumptive TB, as well as supporting care and treatment services for multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) cases. The Union trains and supports staffing, maintenance and supply of reagents, and the testing services in government laboratories.

This work is complemented by an additional focus on training volunteers to deliver counselling, knowledge and support in the wider community. This approach has been so successful that The Union has been asked to attract and train community volunteers for the Myanmar government.

"Know. Share. Act. These principles have driven The Union’s work since its founding nearly 100 years ago."

José Luis Castro, Executive Director, The Union

**IMPACT**

- **44,247** patients enrolled in the IHC Programme
- **34,846** patients started ART
- **1,300+** volunteers supporting people living with AIDS
- **350** MDR-TB patients diagnosed and receiving treatment
- **300+** volunteers in community TB work
- **12,327** presumptive TB cases referred by The Union’s volunteers