HEALTH CHALLENGES IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

- 7.9% of TB cases attributable to smoking
- Nearly half (46%) of the world’s TB burden is found in South-East Asia
- 2.79M TB incidence in India

Source: WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2018

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THE UNION SOUTH-EAST ASIA OFFICE (USEA) provides public health expertise to the region’s governments, civil society, corporations and international agencies on tuberculosis (TB) prevention and care, and tobacco control; it also conducts operational research, capacity-building programmes and grant-monitoring services.

THE WORK OF THE UNION SOUTH-EAST ASIA OFFICE

Funded by the Global Fund, The Union’s Project Axshya supports India’s national TB prevention and care programme to expand its reach, visibility and effectiveness, targeting marginalised and vulnerable communities in 128 districts in 14 states across India.

Under the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, USEA works across the region to advance national and sub-national tobacco control efforts. Activities focus on capacity building, enforcement of tobacco control legislation, and monitoring compliance.

As lead partner for USAID’s Challenge TB project, The Union supports the RNTCP’s Bedaquiline conditional access programme, mobilises corporate partnerships and raises the visibility of TB as a public health issue in India.

Funded by the Stop TB Partnership, the TB REACH project is working to extend TB services to difficult to reach, insurgency hit, tribal areas of the state of Chhattisgarh.

Through its projects, The Union offers several training courses and workshops and conducts operational research to reduce TB and tobacco use.

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José Luis Castro
Executive Director, The Union

IMPACT

643,000 presumptive TB patients identified

48 million people reached through TB awareness campaigns

70,000 TB patients have been placed on treatment

3,700 qualified private practitioners sensitised to TB issues

62 Indian districts declared smokefree (benefitting 135 million people)

100 scientific papers published in peer reviewed journals over the past five years

Unless otherwise specified, all reporting is for January 2015 to September 2018.