An opportunity to partner with

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The problem:

TB is the leading infectious cause of death worldwide, resulting in **10.4 million** people developing TB disease and the loss of 1.8 million lives every year.

TB spreads through the air, thus anyone can become infected with TB. According to the World Health Organization, the number of healthcare workers developing TB is more than double that of the general population.

Hospitalisation for drug-resistant TB is about **six times higher** among healthcare workers compared to the general population.

Patients who are not tested and do not begin treatment for TB **pose a risk** to staff and patients in health facilities, as well as others including family and friends in the community.

O’Donnell et al., 2010; WHO, 2016
What is TBProof?

Since its inception in 2012, TB Proof has become a leading TB advocacy organisation in South Africa.

Many of TB Proof’s core members are healthcare workers who developed occupational TB.

The organisation has a particular focus on advocating for the implementation of evidence-based TB infection control measures in healthcare facilities.
Mission statement:

TB Proof has three main goals:

- To “TB Proof” colleagues, students, patients and members of the general public by creating greater awareness of and protection against occupational, hospital-acquired and community-based TB transmission through education and activism.
- To de-stigmatise all forms of TB and to draw particular attention to drug resistant (DR TB) and occupational TB by collecting and disseminating proof of an alarming rise in occupational TB cases.
- To mobilise local, national and global resources through advocacy to help address shortcomings in prevention and treatment strategies, not only for healthcare workers, but more importantly the population they serve.
TB Proof core activities
1. Care for the Carer

Reducing TB risk for health workers and improving their access to care

Focus areas:

- Infection control
- Treatment as prevention (treating active disease more rapidly and latent infection before disease can develop)
- Vaccine development
2. Unmasking Stigma

#UnmaskStigma is a global campaign to destigmatise TB.

Stigma remains a major barrier to accessing and completing care.
3. Addressing TB as a global health emergency

- Mobilising resources
- Accelerating research and development
- Increasing access to new drugs and diagnostics
- Improving models of care
4. Bringing hope:
There is life after TB

Emphasising that there is life after TB and that all people with TB are worth investing in.

Developing TB champion networks to provide support and mentorship.

Zero stigma, zero TB
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