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.

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.

TB spreads through the air, thus anyone can become infected with TB.

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.
What is TB Proof?

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.
TB Proof’s long-term vision is to be a diverse TB advocacy organisation that provides platforms where TB-affected communities can contribute to improving TB prevention and quality of care.
Mission Statement

TB Proof’s goals are to:

1. Build advocacy capacity among people affected by TB and facilitate advocacy opportunities.
2. Mobilise resources for TB prevention through community activism, education and collaboration with national and global partners.
3. Reduce TB stigma by encouraging people affected by TB to share their experiences.
4. Advocate for healthcare environments where health workers and communities are not at risk of being exposed to TB.
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 public health emergency

- Mobilising resources
- Accelerating research and development
- Increasing access to new drugs and diagnostics
- Improving models of care

One in every four people worldwide is infected with Tuberculosis

There are approximately 1.8 million TB-related deaths each year

Globally in 2015, an estimated 480,000 people developed multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB)

Only 1 in 5 people needing treatment for MDR-TB in 2015 actually received it

Of the 10.4 million new TB cases in 2015, 4.3 million cases are estimated to be ‘missing’
4. Bringing hope: there is life after TB

Highlighting 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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