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Written Intervention

ENDING TUBERCULOSIS

Viet Nam welcomes the draft global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation and support the endorsement of draft resolution. Viet Nam has significant achievements in TB prevention and control for the period 2015-2020. The network of TB prevention and control has been consolidated at all levels. The system of laboratory and Gene Experts has been expended to all 63 provinces/cities and some target districts. Research and applying innovations have been strengthened. The TB incident reduced to 11%, the TB mortality reduced to 34% in 2019 compared to 2015.

Although there have been many efforts made and significant progress achieved over the last years, Tuberculosis (TB) remains a leading infectious disease burden in Viet Nam. Viet Nam ranked 11st among the 30 countries globally with the highest TB burden. WHO estimated 170.000 incident TB cases (176/100,000), of which only 60% have been notified for treatment in Vietnam. One of the biggest challenges for Vietnam to be able to End TB by 2030 is to mobilize an adequate and sustainable domestic resource for TB program, including promoting research and apply innovation, new tools in making breakthroughs for ending TB.

To do that, in 2019 The Prime Minister established the National Commission on Ending Tuberculosis chairing by Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam and participation of representatives of all ministries and sectors relating to TB control to make strong interventions focus on targets set by the Central Party's resolution to End TB by 2030 and mobilizing all resources, including health insurance, private sector for optimizing TB control.

Viet Nam is actively applying innovative measures and innovations to facilitate to End TB activities: Optimal use of X-ray and Xpert for screening; sequencing; digital health and big data; artificial intelligence (AI), and applying new drugs/shorter regimens according to WHO recommendations. Expanding models Public and Private Mix (PPM), Practical Approach for Medicine (PAM), pediatric TB, Programmatic Management of Drugs resistant-TB, TB/HIV, and TB in closed settings. Promoting applying new



technologies, using telemedicine and digital adherence technologies; strengthening e-learning through Zoom-ECHO; applying AI; Pilot DrAid; strengthening Laboratory Connected Diagnostics: GXAlert/ System One; and Communications and Social Media Tools: Facebook.

Research and innovation are one of three pillars of the National ending TB strategy. Over the last years, Viet Nam has put a lot of efforts for strengthening research and innovation for TB. To do that, Viet Nam has established Viet Nam Integrated Center for TB and Respiriology (VICTORY) in 2015.

Based on this approach we get involved almost sectors in action from central and local authority and societies to increase domestic resources, awareness of community and strengthening TB network, with finance and technical supports from international partners, i.e. from Global Fund; WHO; CDC and other technical partners.

By this occasion, on behalf of the Government and people of Vietnam, we would like to recommit to the global End TB strategy and express my sincerely thanks to all partners for effective supports to Viet Nam to implement End TB strategy and control Covid-19 as well.