



End TB Strategy

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Honorable Chair, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

I have the honor to present the State of Kuwait's national statement under agenda item 15.3.

The State of Kuwait thanks the Director-General for his report

We recognize the significant challenges posed by TB, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disrupted progress and exacerbated inequities in health service provision.

Established in 2013, the national TB registry plays a crucial role in monitoring and evaluating TB incidence, enabling targeted public health interventions. Over the past decade, Kuwait has achieved a significant reduction of approximately 26.4% in TB incidence, demonstrating the effectiveness of the country's health planning and healthcare delivery. Our goal is to further reduce TB incidence by 2025.



Kuwait's healthcare system supports this goal through specialized TB clinics and by providing the most updated therapies that ensure effective treatment and management of TB patients. Universal health Coverage facilitates equitable access to screening, diagnostics, and treatment for all residents, alongside rigorous infection control measures focused on high-risk groups.

Kuwait has demonstrated its commitment to combating TB through robust healthcare policies and international collaboration. We have consistently aligned our national strategies with the End TB Strategy, focusing on improving diagnostic and treatment services.

Looking forward, Kuwait remains committed to enhancing its TB control measures by adopting innovative diagnostic and treatment approaches, strengthening cold chain systems, and expanding global health collaborations. Our national strategy emphasizes integrating healthcare services to improve patient-centered care, enhancing surveillance systems, and introducing new vaccines and treatment regimens.



Kuwait demonstrates its commitment to regional and global health through the contributions of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), which had allocated approximately USD 15.5 million by April 2023 to combat TB and other infectious diseases worldwide. Reaffirming its dedication to achieving the goals of the End TB Strategy and contributing to global health security, Kuwait remains steadfast in its efforts to reduce TB incidence and mortality, ensuring a healthier future for all.

Thank you, Chair.