

GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Lawyers Alert is pleased to announce its partnership with Stop TB Partnership under the Challenge Facility for Civil Society in a project titled “***Implementing the Nigeria TB Legal Assessment to Mobilize and Promote the use of the Law and Courts among Lawyers and People Affected by TB (PATB)***”.

The project seeks to address the following; Discrimination against PATB, low public awareness & accuracy on TB information. Inadequate access to justice for PATB owing to high litigation costs, complex legal procedures, etc., alongside inadequate capacity in advocacy skills of PATB. It will be implemented in Lagos State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, & will target Persons Affected by TB (PATB), Lawyers, Chairman of the National TB Committee and TB survivors.

The project aims; to increase literacy on TB and rights, build community-lawyer coalitions, promote the use of the law & courts by PATB and develop legal skills of lawyers to build the foundation for strategic impact litigation for TB.

The project objectives include;

1. Ending stigma and discrimination against PATB in Nigeria.
2. Heightened awareness on TB and the rights of PATB in Nigeria.
3. Access to justice for PATB.
4. Community participation and data of rights violations for PATB.

The project will “promote and support an end to stigma and discrimination in Nigeria” which is a key UN HLM target via legal trainings and sensitization activities.

The project will address the challenge in “limited investment in access to justice programmes, including human rights monitoring” as seen in the Deadly Divide report through trainings on how to use the law & the courts and how to monitor rights violations. The project will also promote the Deadly Divide report priority on “engaging the legal community to implement the TB National Multisectoral Accountability Framework to monitor and hold governments accountable for their UNHLM commitments” by engaging Nigerian lawyers to develop their interest and capacity to work in TB.

The project will address the call for “strengthening community systems and structure for PATB’s effective participation” and “inadequate access to justice” as noted in the Nigeria TB Programs Human Rights and Gender Action Plan for

TB, by enhancing the legal community's understanding of a human-rights based, gender-transformative response and promote lawyers' capacities to use law and the courts to protect the rights of PATB and obtain effective remedies.



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