



## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

For more than 25 years, FHI 360 has been working as a strategic partner to the Government of South Africa and South African civil society. We have implemented a wide range of technical assistance projects at national, provincial and community levels to strengthen policies and programs that prevent the transmission of HIV, provide high-quality HIV care and treatment, strengthen nutritional assessment and counselling and support, improve reproductive health, increase access to family planning, and strengthen partners' technical and organizational capacity.

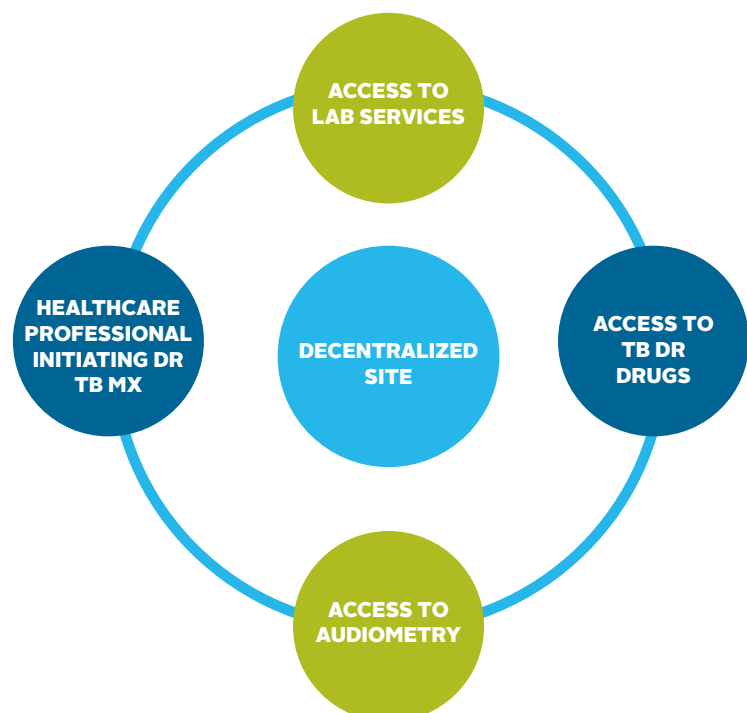


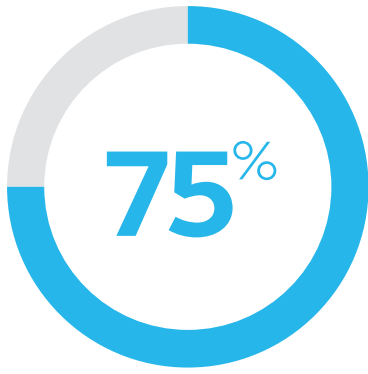
# Strengthening the Response to Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the Public Health Sector

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Strengthening the Response to Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (DR-TB) in the Public Health Sector (2014-2017) is a three-year project supported by the Lilly Multi Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB) Partnership via United Way Worldwide (UWW). The project supports the National Department of Health (NDOH) and its partners in achieving the DR-TB targets in the National Strategic Plan, namely:

- ART patients initiated within 2 weeks in all TB, DR-TB co-infected
- All MDR-TB patients started on treatment within 5 days after confirmation
- All Primary Health Care facilities to provide ART and MDR-TB treatment
- Improve TB success rate to 90% and 60% for MDR-TB patients





TB TREATMENT INITIATION RATES

## OBJECTIVES

- Improve access for underserved MDR-TB patients by decentralizing treatment initiation sites in the country from **31 to all 52 districts**, and increase treatment service points from under **100 to 2,500 sites**, through the existing PHC ward based teams, rapid establishments and scale-up of nurse-led MDR-TB treatment management teams.
- Increase TB treatment initiation rates from 56% to over **75%**.
- Improve access to audiology services by supporting the roll out of the Kudu wave (mobile audiometer).
- Assist Provincial Departments of Health to draft referral pathways for audiology.
- Increase NDOH capacity to effectively monitor program implementation, performance and reporting.
- Improve coordination among NDOH MDR-TB partners.
- Improve the quality of DR-TB data for programme monitoring
- Build capacity of the DR-TB programme staff to utilize data to achieve better DR-TB treatment outcomes.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Face-to-face training workshops

1,185 participants



DR-TB treatment initiation sites

Increased from 31 in 2014 to 202 in 2017



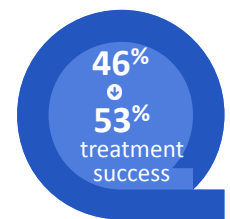
DR-TB treatment maintenance sites

Increased from 31 in 2014 to 642 in 2017



Tele medicine training for clinicians

755 participants



Annual DR-TB treatment success rate

Increased from 46% for 2012 treatment cohort to 53% for 2014 treatment cohort



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