



FROM EVIDENCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

The Union is a global scientific organisation with the mission to improve health among people living in poverty. We do that by conducting scientific research, working with governments and other agencies to translate research into better health for people around the world, and delivering projects directly in the field. The Union is made up of a membership body of people around the world who help to advance our mission, and a scientific institute that implements public health projects within countries. For close to 100 years, we have been leaders in the fight against some of the world's biggest killers, including tuberculosis, lung diseases and tobacco use.

Tint Tint Naing, a volunteer at one of The Union's Integrated HIV Care clinics, Mandalay, Myanmar. These clinics provide people living with HIV with antiretroviral therapy free of charge and support patients to lead healthy lives.

Credit: Jan Schmidt-Whitley

KNOW.

We conduct research to provide evidence for public health policy and practice.

SHARE.

We disseminate scientific knowledge to strengthen public health programmes.

ACT.

We deliver services and conduct advocacy to safeguard people's health.

THESE PRINCIPLES HAVE DRIVEN THE UNION'S WORK SINCE ITS FOUNDING NEARLY 100 YEARS AGO

OUR IMPACT

In 2016, The Union's 630 staff and consultants offered technical assistance, provided education and training and conducted research in 71 countries. In addition, Union members in 141 countries worked to fulfil our common vision of health solutions for the poor.

- STREAM Stage 2, the first large-scale, multi-country clinical trial to examine shortened regimens for multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), has begun enrolment in Mongolia, Ethiopia, South Africa, Moldova and Georgia, with several additional sites planned for 2017 and 2018
- 26,000 patients are currently receiving antiretroviral therapy provided by The Union Office in Myanmar through the Integrated HIV Care programme
- Union research led to 147 published studies and opinion papers in peer-reviewed journals in 2016
- More than 2,000 patients have been screened for TB and diabetes in Uganda and Zimbabwe
- More than 82,000 patients have been diagnosed with TB in India thanks to the extensive network of volunteers and organisational partnerships working with The Union's Project Axshya
- To date, The Union has worked with governments and civil society in 43 countries to help introduce and implement measures proven to reduce tobacco use
- More than 1,000 participants attended 58 courses on international management and development, operational research and clinical and operational management of TB, TB-HIV, MDR-TB and tobacco control in 2016