



All-Party Parliamentary Group on **Global** **tuberculosis**

Annual Report 2014

Update of APPG activities and finances July 2013-December 2014



Foreword from the Co-Chairs

This year has seen the unusual combination of progress being made against the TB epidemic whilst seeing a dramatic increase in the estimates of the number of cases and deaths from the disease worldwide. Research has revealed far greater prevalence and incidence of TB than originally thought. 1.5 million people are now estimated to die from the disease every year.

There can, quite simply, be no excuse for inaction.

The All-Party Group has made considerable progress this year. We helped secure a pledge of £1 billion in support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM). Our focus on TB in the gold mining industry in Southern Africa has helped spark a region-wide initiative to tackle the disease with DFID providing funding. We played a role in expanding the remit of the Prime Minister's Commission on Anti-Microbial Resistance. Our Liberal Democrat colleagues led the way in including a commitment to end TB, HIV and Malaria within a lifetime in their party manifestos. We are hopeful that the Conservative Party and the Labour Party will make similar commitments.

This follows another busy year of parliamentary activity. In the 18 months since our last report we have hosted four parliamentary debates and supported interventions in several others. Our latest report: "Dying for a Cure: R&D for Global Health" has helped put research and development high on the global health agenda.

Finally, we played an instrumental role in drawing together the inaugural Global TB Summit. The Summit was a meeting of elected representatives from around the world and led to the creation of a Global TB Caucus and the Barcelona Declaration. Both will play a critical role in mobilising all those around the world with an interest in tackling TB.

We continue to build momentum to fight the disease. We will maintain our efforts and appreciate all the support we have been given.



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Conservative



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Message of Thanks

The APPG would like to thank all of the individuals and organisations working in TB control and international development who have provided information, guidance and support throughout the year.

Particular thanks to RESULTS UK who provide support and host the APPG Secretariat, Aeras, Otsuka and Eli Lilly who currently provide financial support for the group's activities.

In addition, thank you to the staff of the APPG Officers and members for their continued assistance.



About the APPG on Global Tuberculosis

The APPG on Global Tuberculosis was established in 2006 by Andrew George MP, Rt Hon Nick Herbert MP and Julie Morgan MP (not re-elected in 2010). The overall purpose of the APPG is to raise the profile of the global tuberculosis epidemic (which includes the growing incidence of TB in the UK) and to help accelerate efforts to meet international TB control targets.

The Group has a growing membership of Parliamentarians from both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. APPG membership is restricted to Members of Parliament, but other interested parties, such as non-governmental organisations, academics and practitioners may be invited to attend meetings and provide expertise and guidance when required.

The secretariat for the APPG is hosted by [RESULTS UK](#), a non-profit advocacy organisation that works on TB as part of a wider campaign to eradicate diseases of poverty.

Key Objectives of the APPG

- To campaign for TB to be made a political priority for the UK Government, Political Parties and the International Community
- To co-ordinate informed Parliamentary activity on TB;
- To provide a forum for debate and discussion on issues relating to the global TB problem among Parliamentarians and other key stakeholders;
- To promote effective and sustainable solutions that will have a positive impact on meeting global TB control targets;
- To ensure that political and financial commitment for TB control from the UK Government and other sources is proportionate to the global need;
- To work in partnership with other All-Party Groups on cross-cutting issues;
- To build relationships with and support the activities of Parliamentarians in other countries who are working towards similar objectives;
- To be recognised nationally and internationally as an influential and effective partner in the fight against TB.

APPG Activities

- Facilitate regular, public meetings in Parliament with expert speakers;
- To co-ordinate informed Parliamentary activity on TB;
- Utilise all appropriate Parliamentary procedures and opportunities to promote TB and the work of the Group;
- Organise educational visits to high burden countries to improve understanding of how TB control is managed in different settings;
- Monitor and evaluate the role of the UK Government in fighting TB both in the developing world and in the UK;
- Prepare reports for relevant Ministries containing the findings and recommendations of the APPG;
- Organise private meetings with Ministers and Government departments to share findings and recommendations of the APPG; Monitor international trends and policies relating to TB control and prepare responses where appropriate.



Structure and Membership

The APPG consists of Parliamentary Officers and Members. Members sit in both Houses of Parliament and come from all major political parties. The group's AGM and election of officers was held on 8 July 2013.

Officers:

Following the 2013 AGM the officers of the Group were:

Co-Chair: Andrew George MP (Liberal Democrat, St Ives)
Co-Chair: Virendra Sharma MP (Labour, Ealing Southall)
Co-Chair: Rt Hon Nick Herbert MP (Conservative, Arundel and South Downs)

Vice-Chairs: Annette Brooke MP (Liberal Democrat, Mid Dorset and North Poole)
Baroness Masham of Ilton (Crossbench Peer)

In addition to members, the APPG has a 'support network' comprising of over 300 individuals working in varied areas of health and international development. The Network is an informal group that is kept updated on the work of the APPG through various communication methods – mainly e-mail. Members of the Network also provide information and guidance to the APPG secretariat and to parliamentarians directly.

The support network comprises of:

- NHS/Health Protection Agency
- Research/Academic Organisations
- UK Non-Governmental Organisations
- Governmental Organisation DH/ DFID
- UN bodies/ International Organisations
- Private Sector

The APPG secretariat comprises one full-time Policy Adviser who is hosted at RESULTS UK's London office.

Activity in the past year

Communication

Regular update reports to parliamentarians

Members of the group receive regular updates that cover events, parliamentary activity and news. These are also sent to the group's support network, including invitations to event and submit evidence to various parliamentary inquiries. The group's members and support network are also sent regular updates of any policy changes or reports of relevance.




Website

In recognition of the importance of the group's website, which is maintained by the APPG secretariat, a new updated website was launched in the autumn of 2011 and was further updated in autumn 2012. The new site includes new features like subscription to the APPG newsletter, Twitter feed, regular news updates and a searchable facility for parliamentary questions, Early Day Motions (EDM's) and parliamentary debates relevant to the work of the group. The website is updated regularly with events of significance.

**Correspondence**

Letters are sent by APPG officers to raise issues of concern with relevant decision makers. In the last year over a dozen letters have been sent by members to the Department for International Development and Health relating to prevention, treatment and control of TB in the UK and globally.

Summary of meetings in Parliament June 2013-December 2014

Year	Date	Title of meeting	Further information
2013	October	Launch of WHO Global TB Report	
	November	Joint event with APPGs on HIV and Malaria on drug-resistance	
	December	Private meeting with Secretary of State for International Development, Justine Greening regarding TB REACH.	Notes available on request
2014	January	Private meeting with DFID Minister, Lynne Featherstone MP regarding TB REACH.	Notes available on request
	February	Closed meeting with Public Health Minister, Jane Ellison MP.	Notes available on request
	March	World TB Day, launch of Collaborative TB Strategy for England with Public Health Minister, Jane Ellison.	
	March	Closed meeting with Shadow Public Health Minister, Luciana Berger MP.	Notes available on request
	April	Oral Evidence Session 1, APPG Report: Dying for a Cure – R&D for Global Health	Notes available on request
	April	Oral Evidence Session 2, APPG Report: Dying for a Cure – R&D for Global Health	Notes available on request
	May	Oral Evidence Session 3, APPG Report: Dying for a Cure – R&D for Global Health	Notes available on request
	June	Joint meeting of APPGs on TB, HIV and Malaria with Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund	Notes available on request
	July	Closed meeting with Baroness Judith Jolly, Minister in the House of Lords for the Department of Health	Notes available on request
	November	Joint APPG Event with Action for Global Health: Challenges for Global Health – 2015 and Beyond	Notes available on request

For open meeting all APPG members and the external support network were sent electronic or paper invitations to the above meetings. Meetings are advertised on the All-Party Notices and the APPG website. In addition the APPG secretariat invited other targeted parliamentarians to each meeting. Non-APPG parliamentarians were identified by their stated interests and the relevance of these to the meeting topic.

The APPG strives to give exposure to both issues facing TB in the UK and globally, as well as highlighting cross-cutting issues – for example the link between TB, poverty and HIV.

External conferences**Essex TB Conference, October 2013**

The APPG Policy Adviser attended the Essex TB conference in Basildon, giving a short presentation on advocacy and the importance of engaging decision-makers on TB.



UCL and LSHTM Students TB Conference, March 2014

The APPG Policy Adviser gave a short presentation to students from UCL and LSHTM with an interest in TB and answered questions on how to engage parliamentarians.

LSHTM TB Centre, June 2014

The APPG Policy Adviser ran a seminar with the LSHTM TB Centre discussing the importance of advocacy for members of the scientific community and building closer links between the APPG and one of the key academic institutions in this space.

International AIDS Conference, Melbourne, July 2014

The APPG Policy Adviser attended the International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, Australia; meeting and building relationships with parliamentarians and international TB researchers and experts.

IUATLD Conference, Barcelona, Spain, October 2014

The APPG Policy Adviser and Nick Herbert MP attended the IUATLD Conference in Barcelona. Mr Herbert played a critical role in drawing together the Global TB Summit which took place shortly before the Conference. He then delivered the keynote speech at the opening ceremony and received a standing ovation. The APPG Policy Adviser played a key role supporting the Summit attendees and organised a series of events in the Community Corner space in the Exhibition Hall.

Reports and Publications in Parliament

APPG Report 'Dying for a Cure – R&D for Global Health' published.

On Tuesday 8th July the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Tuberculosis hosted a debate in Westminster Hall, attended by Gavin Shaker MP on the Shadow Front Bench and Minister of State for International Development, Alan Duncan MP, to launch the report "Dying for a Cure – R&D for Global Health."

Andrew George MP, co-chairman of the APPG on Global TB, opened proceedings, arguing for a rapid increase in DFID's support for R&D with specific recommendations including:

- An increase in DFID spending on R&D from 3% to at least 5% of overall budget
- The commissioning of reports into the delinked model and into socially responsible licensing
- Greater coordination between public funders of R&D for global health
- Support for a WHO R&D Convention and Observatory
- Greater transparency in costs from pharmaceutical companies
- Research into the use of QALYs as an alternative method of remunerating development

The Minister welcomed the report and spoke of the importance of R&D in the global health space. He highlighted the leading role that DFID already plays, and the importance of encouraging other donors to increase their investments in global health.

In follow-up to the debate, letters from Michael Connarty MP and Peter Hain MP secured an increased remit for the Prime Minister's Anti-Microbial Resistance Commission to include HIV, TB and Malaria drugs, and clarification on DFID's position regarding delinkage and the WHO Convention.



Parliamentary Questions

From June 2013 – December 2014 there were 56 questions raised in Parliament on TB issues – see below for a full breakdown.

Not all questions can be attributed to the work of the APPG.

Subject	Number of PQs	Subject	Number of PQs
TB in the UK		TB globally	
TB rates	5	Missing 3 Million	1
TB drugs	3	Incidence	3
National Strategy	5	Women and Girls	1
Housing Provision	1	ROI	2
TB Sectioning	1	Research & Development	4
Latent TB	1	TB REACH	3
Homelessness	4	TB/HIV	1
Multi-drug resistant	2	DR-TB	1
Cats	1	GFATM	1
Vaccination	1	Staffing	1
Domestic and international cross-over	2	SDGs	1
Outreach	1	Spending	5
TB/HIV	1	TB & Mining	2
Immigration	1		
Total	28	Total	26

Full details of Parliamentary questions, including responses from the relevant Government Ministers, can be found on the group's website - www.appg-tb.org.uk.

APPG expenditure and income

APPG expenditure

July 2013 – December 2014

Expenditure	Cost
Salaries	28,007.44
Travel, meeting costs and conferences	2,770.07
Website maintenance	390.70
Parliamentary events	830.93
APPG inquiry report design, publication and printing	1,581.05
Other expenses	6.30
TOTAL	33656.49



A bought-forward figure (£3,640.96) and funding (£30,000) were provided by the Charities Aid Foundation Global Advocacy Fund to support the group and its activities from July 2012 – June 2013. All unspent monies are carried into the next financial year to be used by the group - as directed by its Officers.

To view the All-Party Groups registered entry on the Houses of Parliament websiteⁱ, which is administered by the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, please click [here](#).

Information about APGs (including the Guide to the Rules on APGs, the Register of APGs and the Registration Form for APGs) can be found at www.parliament.uk by looking under '[All-Party Groups](#)' in the A-Z Index on the home page there. Should you require any further advice please contact:

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ⁱ The Register of All-Party Groups was set up by a Resolution of the House of Commons in 1985, primarily to show which APGs are recognised by Parliament, who their officers are, and information about the source and extent of financial and material assistance received by APGs from outside Parliament.