

# Task Force Progress Update

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# Task Force mandate

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- To produce a robust, rigorous and widely-endorsed assessment of whether the 2015 targets for reductions in TB incidence, prevalence and mortality are achieved at global level, for each WHO Region and in individual countries
- To regularly report on progress towards these targets in the years leading up to 2015
- To strengthen national capacity in monitoring and evaluation of TB control



# 3 strategic areas of work

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- Use of **routine surveillance data** to measure incidence, prevalence and mortality (**all countries**)
- **Prevalence of TB disease surveys** in at least 21 global focus countries
- **Periodic review and revision of methods** used to translate data from surveillance systems and surveys into estimates of disease burden

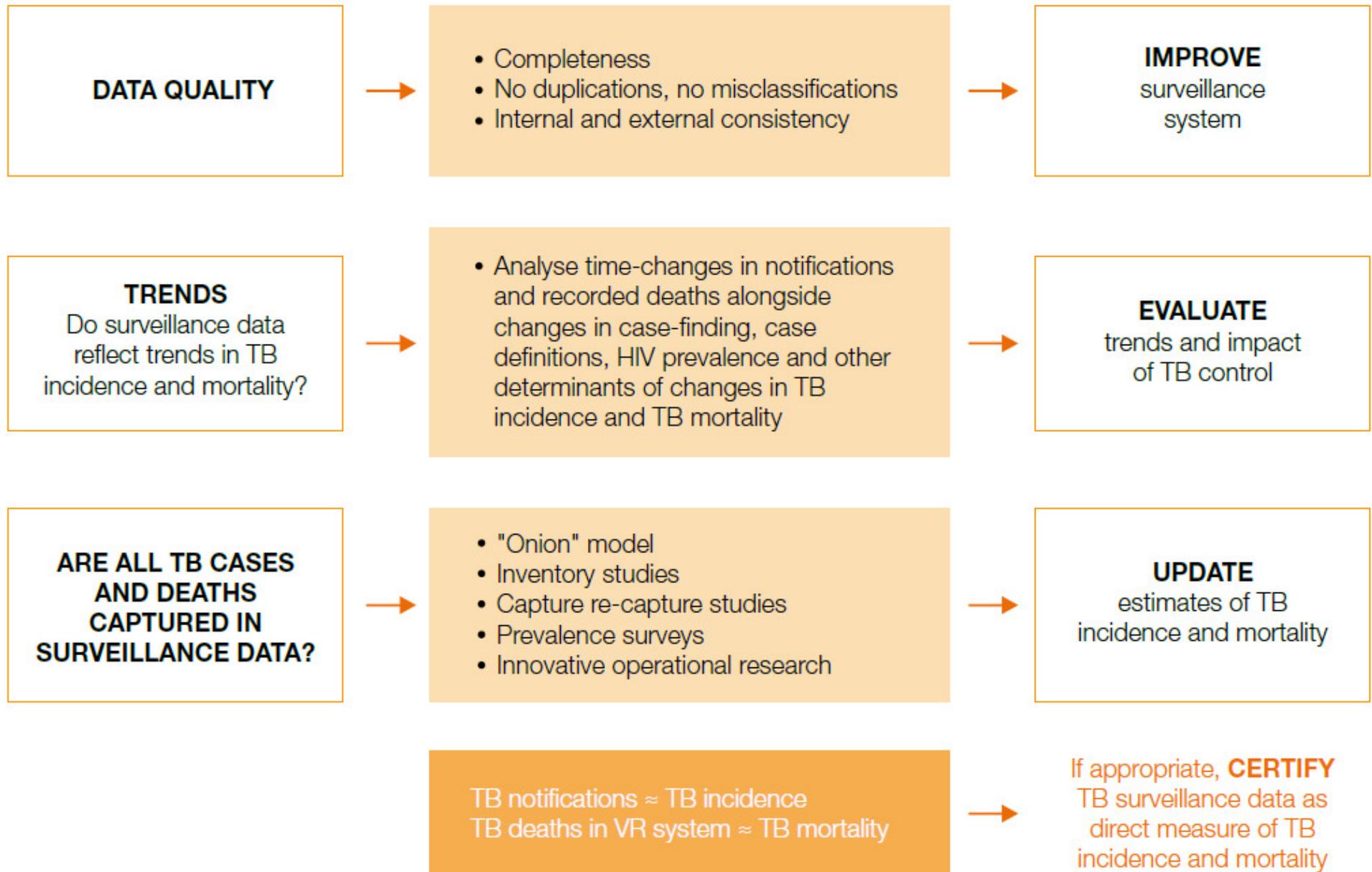


# Major achievements (general)

- TB impact measurement **policy paper**
- Joint **WHO/Global Fund TB impact measurement team** – since May 2009
  - Recognizes common agenda of the Task Force and Global Fund
  - Focus on surveillance strengthening and prevalence surveys
  - Has helped resolve funding bottlenecks for surveys specially in Africa
  - Has brought additional funding to Task Force secretariat (activities)
- **Promotion and communication** of Task Force activities, e.g.
  - UK parliament presentation to APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group on TB)
  - DOTS Expansion Working Group meeting
  - Coordinating Board of Stop TB Partnership (twice) and WHO STAG-TB
- Establishment of close collaboration with UK **Health Protection Agency**
- Continued strong financial support from **USAID** and **Japanese government**
- New funding for Task Force work from **Dutch government** (DGIS)
- Task Force **website** including biannual progress updates
- Strong support from donors + member states for TF work, WHO Executive Board meeting - Jan 2010



# Surveillance: Task Force framework



# Major achievements

## Routine surveillance strengthening

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- Assessment of surveillance data in 4 regional workshops (EUR, SEAR, EMR, AMR) and 3 country missions (Philippines, Vietnam and Tanzania)
- Conceptual and practical improvements to the TF framework
- Full day meeting with Global Fund regarding common tools and approaches for the assessment of surveillance data
  - Leading to development of a harmonized approach
- Main contributors: WHO (HQ + regional), ECDC, HPA, The Union, GF



# Major achievements

## Prevalence surveys

- 2 meetings of the subgroup on TB prevalence surveys
  - Geneva - January 2009 (review survey protocols + key methodological issues)
  - Cancun - December 2009 (review survey protocols + discuss lessons learned)
- Workshop with survey coordinators from African countries
  - Geneva - October 2009 (addressed bottlenecks to implementation)
- Several protocols reviewed by TF members
- Viet Nam workshop
  - Reviewed results of 2007 prevalence survey along with routine surveillance data
  - Resulted in significant revisions to estimates
- Missions to 17 out of 21 countries + Ethiopia to support survey work
- Workshop on screening methods in prevalence surveys as part of IUATLD Asia-Pacific conference in Beijing – September 2009
- Collaboration with Global Fund and other partners resulting in closing of funding gaps
- Main contributors: WHO, RIT, KNCV, CDC, GF, AMP, The Union, Dr. Narayan, Italian Cooperation

**Asia on track**

**Africa ready to go**



**World Health  
Organization**

# Major achievements

## Review of methods for producing TB estimates

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18 months review process → 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of TB estimates sub-group

- Commissioned **literature reviews**
- Major **updates on methods** for estimating incidence, prevalence and mortality
- New methods already used in update to 2009 Global TB report (published December 2009)
- Proposed to be used in forthcoming GBD study
- To be presented to full Task Force for discussion and endorsement in this meeting
- **Main contributors: WHO, KNCV, RIT, Global Fund, Nico Nagelkerke, Brian Williams, Andrew Thompson, John Stover...**



# General challenges

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- Funding for TF secretariat
  - Some donors reluctant to fund staff costs
  - STB receiving limited amounts of centrally allocated WHO funding
  
- Limited supply of experts to support the work of the TF



# Major next steps

- Routine surveillance
  - Additional regional surveillance workshops: WPR - June 2010 , AFR - September 2010)
  - Improvements to TF framework: standards/benchmarks
  - Workshop to train pool of consultants in methods available to implement the Task Force framework (last quarter 2010)
- Prevalence surveys
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of prevalence survey guidelines - target date November 2010
  - Technical assistance to countries implementing prevalence surveys
    - Myanmar about to complete → assistance in summarizing findings
    - TA to other priority countries : Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda and Tanzania
  - Build capacity to support prevalence surveys
- Endorsement of new methods used to produce estimates
- Sustain / increase funding



# Questions to the TF

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- **What are your general comments on progress to date of the work of the Task Force?**
- **How can we overcome the challenges?**

