



All-Party Parliamentary Group on
Global †uberculosis

Annual Report 2013

Update of APPG activities and finances July 2012 - June 2013



Foreword from the Co-Chairs

We have witnessed welcome progress in efforts to tackle TB during this year. The estimated number of people infected and dying from the disease has decreased globally and the renewed focus on research and development is showing signs of bearing fruit. Welcome as this is, it is no justification for complacency.

Despite progress TB continues to kill 3800 people every day, with drug resistant strains increasing year on year. The continued cross party commitment in the UK to accelerate efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) on TB continues.

The All-Party Group has also had a very busy 12 months in Parliament which has included events and meetings on subjects ranging from drug resistant TB in the UK and globally, progress on reforms and replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) and a focus on TB in the gold mining industry in Southern Africa which is driving the epidemic in the region.

This is on top of another year of still growing parliamentary activity; with a debate on drug-resistant TB focused on our report 'Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: Old Disease – New Threat', which also received coverage in The Lancet, Reuters and on the BBC, and the formation of a national strategy to tackle TB in the UK being developed.

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



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Rt Hon Nick Herbert MP
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, the Charities Aid Foundation Global Advocacy Fund, Aeras and FIND who currently provide financial support for the group's activities.

In addition, thank you to the staff of the APPG Officers 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 – 57 in total. 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 27 June 2012.

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: Mark Lancaster MP (Conservative, Milton Keynes North)
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

Newsletters and monthly update reports to parliamentarians

[Newsletters](#) for the group that cover events, parliamentary activity and news are circulated to APPG members and the support network monthly, as well as posted on the APPG website. The group's members and support network are also sent regular updates of any policy changes or reports of relevance e.g. the HPA annual TB report.

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.



Correspondence

Letters are sent by APPG officers to raise issues of concern with relevant decision makers. In the last year over 10 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 2011 – July 2012

Year	Date	Title of meeting	Further information
2012	July	Annual General Meeting.	
	November	Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis' Old Disease – New Treat' Oral Evidence Session 1 (UK).	
	November	Joint APPG meeting – Health in the Post-2015 Development Framework. What next after the MDGs?	
	December	'Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis' Old Disease – New Treat' Oral Evidence Session 2 (UK).	
	December	Closed meeting with Public Health Minister, Anna Soubry MP	Notes available on request
	December	Joint Christmas Reception with the APPG on HIV/AIDS.	
2013	January	'Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis' Old Disease – New Treat' Oral Evidence Session 3 (Global).	Notes available on request
	February	'Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis' Old Disease – New Treat' Oral Evidence Session 4 (Global).	
	March	HIV-TB in the gold mining industry in Southern Africa – briefing for parliamentarians	
	April	APPG on Global TB report launch – 'Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: Old Disease – New Threat' with DFID Minister Lynne Featherstone MP.	
	April	Join APPG meeting (TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS) on the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria .	
	June	Closed meeting with Public Health Minister, Anna Soubry MP.	Notes available on request
	June	Closed meeting with the Secretary of State for International Development, Rt Hon Justine Greening MP, on TB in the mining industry in Southern Africa.	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

IUATLD conference, Kuala Lumpur, October 2012

The APPG Policy Adviser attended the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) Conference in KL, Malaysia; meeting and building relationships with parliamentarians and international TB researchers and experts.



Wolfheze Conference, The Hague, Netherlands, May 2013

The APPG Policy Adviser attend the Wolfheze conference, focused on profess of implementation of concerted action plans to prevent and combat M/XDR-TB, and gave a presentation on progress addressing TB in the UK and the importance of building political will and champions to help tackle the disease at home and abroad.

Reports and Publications in Parliament

APPG Report 'Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: Old Disease – New Threat' published.

On Wednesday 17th April the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Tuberculosis held an open meeting with Parliamentary-Under Secretary of State for International Development, Lynne Featherstone MP, to discuss the findings of its report '[Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: Old Disease – New Threat](#)'.

Andrew George MP, Chair of the APPG on Global TB, presented the report to the Minister highlighting key recommendations including:

- National Strategy for tuberculosis in the UK
- Support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria – at least a doubling of the UK's contribution to the Fund
- Continued investment into research and development of new tools to tackle TB
- Investing in innovation - though UNITAID and TB REACH
- Managing risk in the private sector
- BRICs countries response

The Minister began by welcoming the report, as well as the work of the APPG, and outlined that it was right that the APPG sought views from world renowned experts on the current and future response of the UK Government in addressing DR TB. In terms of the global picture, every year there are nearly 9 million new cases of TB, with nearly 1.4 million deaths - and in 2011 saw over 400,000 cases of multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB, which is more difficult and more expensive to treat.

Ms Featherstone highlighted the current UK Government response to TB through multilateral agencies like the Global Fund, Stop TB Partnership, Product Development Partnerships (PDPs) for TB R&D and bilateral funding for health system strengthening - a key component for a sustainable response to TB and other diseases.

She stated that the UK Government would consider the recommendations of the report carefully, but outlined that any decision on future funding of the Global Fund would be based on the Multilateral Aid Review update due to be completed in the summer.

The APPG report was also published in the [Lancet](#), the most widely read medical journal in the world, and the Groups Chair, Andrew George MP, was interviewed on BBC Radio 5 live.



Parliamentary Questions

From July 2012 – June 2013 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	
National Strategy to tackle TB in the UK	5	The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	10
Drug resistant TB	4	Drug resistant TB	4
TB and immigration	4	Global TB control targets	4
TB and commissioning	4	HIV/TB	2
Incidence of TB	3	Research & Development	1
Latent TB	3	TB REACH	1
TB training for health professionals	3	TB in the mining industry in Southern Africa	1
UK border Agency Maternity Care	1	TB spending by DFID bilaterally	1
HIV/TB	1	DFID policy paper on TB	1
R&D	1	Poverty related diseases	1
Find and Treat service	1		
Total	30	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

June 2011 – July 2012

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.

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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.