

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

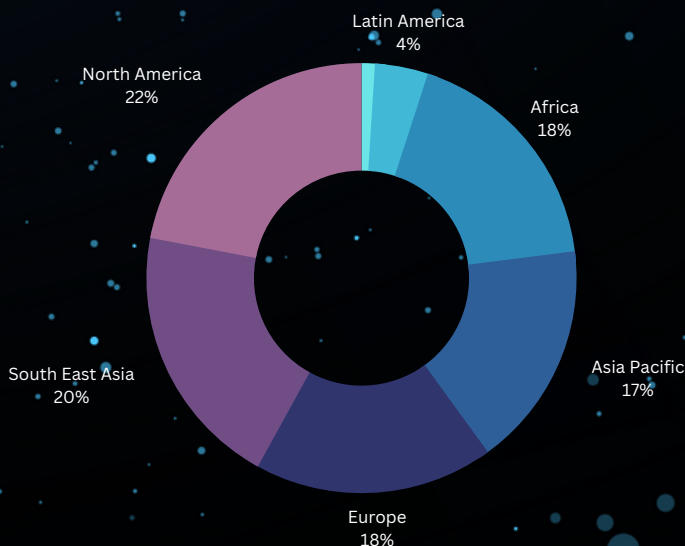
## President's message

“ In 2021, The Union undertook a structural and strategic transformation. These changes will help secure a sustainable future for the organisation and, most importantly, reinvigorate our efforts to achieve The Union's vision – A healthier world for all, free of tuberculosis and lung disease.

Despite this period of change, The Union achieved great things across the fields of tuberculosis, lung health and tobacco control globally. This report is just a snapshot of our achievements. ”

## Our membership

The Union membership is made up of people from over **100 countries**



**19 working groups** delivering projects, hosting webinars and sharing knowledge

## Operational Research

Centre for Operational Research in numbers:

- **975 participants** from **94 countries** trained
- **1,600 papers** published
- **67%** of research papers contributing to policy/practice change

The Union assessed the impact of COVID-19 on TB and HIV services in Africa, demonstrated feasibility of conducting routine post-TB assessment in China and found that the consequences of post-TB adds substantially to the disease burden.

## Tuberculosis

### Myanmar

- **5,227** TB contacts screened for TB symptoms by volunteers
- **30,598** people receiving antiretroviral therapy through the Integrated HIV Care Programme
- The Union **integrated the COVID-19 Response Programme in 29 project sites** to prevent the severity of disease, mitigate negative impacts of COVID-19 and save lives.

### South East Asia

- **7 states** and **108 districts** in India supported for prevention of TB in household contacts of people with TB, covering a population of nearly **202 million**
- Over **48,750** contacts screened and more than **302,900** contacts initiated on TB preventive treatment (October 2021 to September 2022)
- Tuberculosis treatment regimen trial initiated through the iDefeat TB project

### Africa

- Established a research project to explore how **TB preventive treatment can be improved for people living with HIV**, including children living with HIV, in partnership with U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Almost **13,000 children** under 5 years received TB preventive treatment (October 2020 to December 2021)
- Launched the Centre of Excellence resource hub, accessible to all working on expanding child and adolescent TB and TB/HIV programming globally

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## Journals

- The International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease Impact Factor increased to **3.4**
- Launched the first Clinical Standards in Lung Health
- The scope of Public Health Action expanded to coverage the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

## Training & Education

- **39** training events
- **500+** hours of training
- **4,000** people trained globally

## Tobacco Control

- In Mexico, the Parliament approved key amendments to the National Tobacco Control Law, becoming **100% smoke and emissions-free** and the ninth country in the Americas to completely ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship
- In China, The Union continued our close collaboration with China CDC to support four cities in Shandong province, with a combined population of **21.8 million**
- Launched the Tobacco Control Implementation Hub, an online repository of resources and best practice - the site has had **18,000** views from **137 countries**

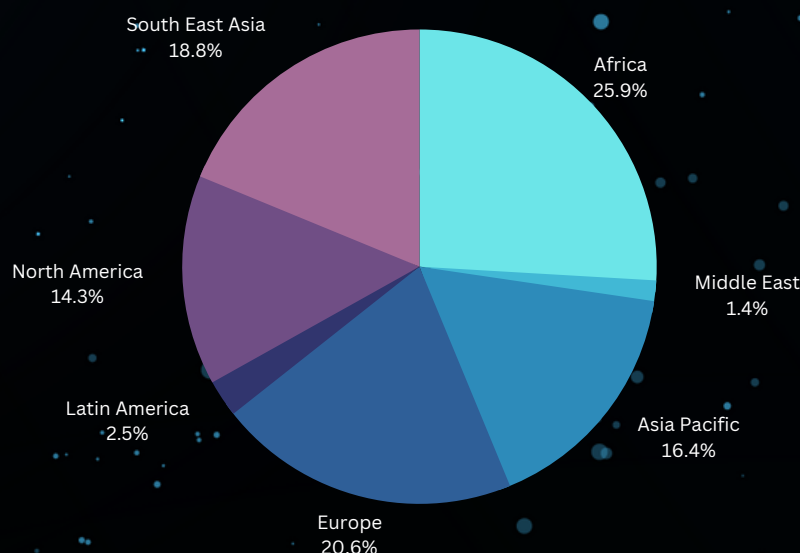
## Technical publications

- Psychosocial counselling and treatment adherence support for people affected by tuberculosis (TB)
- Basic occupational safety and health for respiratory diseases: a desk guide for health facilities

## 52nd Union World Conference on Lung Health

In 2021, The Union delivered a virtual conference to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to collaborate, share and act

- **4,200** delegates from around the globe
- **34** oral abstract sessions and **38** symposia
- **44** media registrations



## Leadership Summit on Tobacco Control

Due to the 18th World Conference on Tobacco or Health having to be postponed, The Union hosted the inaugural summit virtually.

The theme was **'Navigating Change'** and the keynote speech was delivered by **Mike Bloomberg**.

## 6th Asia Pacific Summit of Mayors

In December 2021, the Asia Pacific Summit of Mayors convened over **800 delegates** from **130 cities** and **19 countries**, including mayors, governors, public health experts, media, and young people.

The theme of the summit was **'Together we bring health solutions'**.