**National Strategic Plan assessment checklist**

A sound national strategic plan (NSP) should clearly map the objectives to be achieved in the program and how those objectives should be achieved during a specified period. The NSP for TB prevention, diagnosis, care and control should be aligned with national health policies and the national health plan. The NSP should specify goals and objectives that will contribute to fulfilling the aims of the national policy to prevent and control TB. The plan must describe the strategic interventions and activities to be developed and implemented. It should also specify where and when these interventions and activities will be implemented, and who will implement them. To this end, a sound NSP must (i) include the costs of implementation and identify sources of funding; (ii) describe how it will be operationalized; and (iii) indicate how the outcomes and outputs will be monitored and evaluated.

This checklist is designed to assess the quality and appropriateness of the diagnostic network components of the TB NSP, to determine the extent to which diagnostic network components meet the overall needs of the TB NSP, and the quality and appropriateness of diagnostic strategic planning. Strategic plans for diagnostic networks may be found within a national TB laboratory policy and strategic plan (cross-cutting), included in TB program strategic plans or there may be a separate TB-specific laboratory strategic plan.

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| **Indicator** | **Answer** | **Comment** | **Source of information** |
| The NSP is aligned with and embedded within the national health plan | Y / P/ N |  | NSP, national health plan |
| The NSP includes all key components (core, budget, monitoring and evaluation, and operational and technical assistance) | Y / P/ N |  | NSP |
| The NSP (or a separate NSLP) includes diagnostic or laboratory sections with all key components:(core, budget, M&E, operational plan and technical assistance | Y / P/ N |  | NSP, NLSP |
| Appropriate gap analysis for diagnostic or laboratory component | Y / P/ N |  | NSP or NLSP |
| The NSP or NSLP is aligned to national laboratory policy (if available) | Y / P/ N |  | NSP, NSLP, national laboratory policy |
| Consistency of the laboratory component with the core plan | Y / P/ N |  | NSP, NSLP |
| Consistency among the five components of the NLSP or lab component of the NSP | Y / P/ N |  | NSP, NSLP |