**Private sector checklist**

The questions in the main checklist focus on private sector facilities and laboratories that are connected to, or participate in, the national TB diagnostic network.  The purpose of this checklist is to look broadly at private sector engagement and to assess the current and potential roles of private sector facilities (laboratories, health facilities, hospitals) and private practitioners in the TB diagnostic network. Private sector facilities are broadly defined to include all facilities that are not funded and supervised by the national or state TB program or Ministry of Health. Private sector laboratories include commercial laboratories, academic laboratories, hospital laboratories, as well as other governmental laboratories such as laboratories funded by municipal programs and laboratories in the military and penitentiary systems.

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| Name of facility, program or organization |  |
| Location of site (City/town, District, State) |  |
| Type of facility | \_\_ Clinical \_\_ Laboratory \_\_ Program  \_\_ Private practice clinician   \_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Facility sector | \_\_\_ Public sector (\_\_ NTP, \_\_ State, \_\_ Municipal)  \_\_\_ Private sector (\_\_ Commercial, \_\_ Hospital, \_\_Academic)  \_\_\_ Other (\_\_ Military, \_\_ Prison, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) |
| Facility Level | \_\_ National \_\_ Intermediate \_\_ Peripheral |

Persons interviewed

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| **Question** | **Answer/Comments** |
| **Policies and Strategies** | |
| Describe any policies at the national or state level to promote private sector laboratory engagement (allotment of resources, fund flow mechanisms, etc.) |  |
| Describe any policies to promote development of private sector laboratories, clinical screening and diagnosis strategies to bridge the diagnostic gap of the country |  |
| Describe any strategies to improve private sector laboratory engagement to meet the laboratory diagnostics needs of the NSP |  |
| Describe any strategies to improve private sector TB clinical diagnostic activities engagement to meet the laboratory diagnostics needs of the NSP |  |
| What are the opportunities and challenges to expanding the engagement of private sector laboratories and physicians? |  |
| **Utilization of private sector laboratory and clinical diagnostic facilities** | |
| Is there an estimate of what proportion of the diagnostic requirement over the NSP period will be provided by public and private sector (public only, procured by public, reimbursed by public and out of pocket)? |  |
| Are private sector laboratory services available at the national, state and peripheral level to support the short-term and mid-term NSP targets? |  |
| Are private sector clinical diagnostic services available at the national, state and peripheral level to support the short-term and mid-term NSP targets? |  |
| Are private sector laboratories being utilized to bridge the diagnostic testing gaps at state and peripheral level? |  |
| Are private sector clinical diagnostic services being utilized to bridge the diagnostic testing gaps at state and peripheral level? |  |
| Are private sector laboratories being utilized to facilitate implementation or scale up of the TB diagnostic algorithm? |  |
| Are private sector clinical diagnostic services being utilized to facilitate implementation or scale up of the TB diagnostic algorithm? |  |
| Is there a current map or list of laboratories and facilities that provide TB diagnostic services? If yes:  • Does the map or list include private sector laboratories and facilities that are currently included in the diagnostic network?  • Does the map or list include private sector laboratories and facilities that are currently NOT included in the diagnostic network?  • Does the map include the availability, capacity, and utilization of TB diagnostic tests (microscopy, Xpert MTB/RIF, DST, etc.) and instruments? |  |
| Describe the current collaborations between the national TB diagnostic network and private sector: .............  • Do the private sector laboratories provide public health services?  • Do the private sector laboratories provide diagnostic services?  • Are private sector laboratories included in EQA programs?  • Are private sector laboratory staff included in TB diagnostics training?  • Do private sector laboratory staff report detection of TB patients to the local or national TB Program or TB treatment focal person? |  |
| Describe the current collaborations between the national TB diagnostic network and private sector clinicians (nurses and physicians )  • Do the private sector physicians order diagnostic tests according to the national TB diagnostic algorithm?  • Do the private sector physicians refer specimens or patients to laboratories in the TB diagnostic network for testing?  • Are private sector physicians included in TB diagnostics training?  • Do private sector physicians report the diagnosis of a TB patient to the local or national TB Program or TB treatment focal person? |  |