The Three Millennium Development Goal Fund (3MDG) was established to accelerate progress towards the health Millennium Development Goals and Universal Health Coverage in Myanmar. It contributes to better health for all through a responsible, fair and inclusive health sector in Myanmar.

USD 12 million to scale up TB Active Case Finding in support to the National Response to Tuberculosis

Myanmar is among the 30 countries with the highest Tuberculosis (TB) burden in the world. TB prevalence in Myanmar is twice the regional average and nearly three times the global average, with an estimated 200,000 people with the disease.

In 2014, there were an estimated 140,000 new TB cases in Myanmar and among them over 36,000 were children*.

In its commitment towards the improvement of health outcomes for the people of Myanmar, the 3MDG Fund works in partnership with the Ministry of Health and with local and international implementing partners to reduce the burden of Tuberculosis in Myanmar.

*WHO Global TB Report 2015
Active Case Finding of Tuberculosis
Scale up supported by 3MDG Fund

As of March 2016, the MoH’s National TB Program in partnership with six implementing partners are working together to strengthen and expand TB active case finding across 114 townships in 14 States and Regions, including the Nay Pyi Daw Union Territory, and 22 prisons and 11 worksites with a focus on Myanmar’s poor, particularly those living in urban and hard-to-reach areas.

Six implementing partners are:
• Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN)
• Medical Action Myanmar (MAM)
• Myanmar Health Assistant Association (MHAA)
• Myanmar Medical Association (MMA)
• Populations Services International (PSI)
• International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (UNION)

Under the leadership of NTP, nine mobile teams, deployed with medical doctors, X-ray technicians, lab technicians, counsellors and data assistants and equipped with mobile digital X-ray machines, are operated and functioned in these areas to strengthen the referral system, TB case follow up, treatment adherence and identify more TB cases in the community. During 2015, around 17,000 of all forms of TB patients were identified through mobile X-ray screening and community based TB-ACF activities.

In addition to mobile team, NTP is also implementing TB case screening in nationwide Maternal, Newborn and Child Health clinics and six hospitals and two diabetes clinics in Yangon and Mandalay.