

# Stop TB Partnership's TB REACH initiative

Under the leadership of [Dr. Madhukar Pai](#), the [Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre \(RI-MUHC\)](#) has been awarded a 5-year grant to serve as a knowledge management partner to the Stop TB Partnership's [TB REACH](#) initiative. The initiative, funded in part by Global Affairs Canada, provides one-year grants to partners throughout the world to increase the number of people diagnosed and treated for TB. Successful projects are considered for scale up by other donor agencies and/or national governments. The RI-MUHC's role for Waves 5-9 is to provide technical assistance to TB REACH projects in two areas: operational research and knowledge dissemination.

In May 2017, members from Dr. Pai's team travelled to Bangkok, Thailand for an initial gathering of TB REACH Wave 5 grantees from over 20 countries, and the Stop TB Partnership team. Dr. Pai's team members held three grantee capacity building workshops, 1) Data Collection and Management, 2) Qualitative Research Methods, 3) Health Economics, and hosted an interactive lecture on knowledge dissemination for advocacy. They also held fruitful discussions with members of 23 grantee organizations that had requested technical assistance. Following this successful kick-off meeting, Dr. Pai's team is enthusiastic to continue to collaborate with the innovative TB REACH projects for this year and the four waves ahead!

