



**A Dutch partnership on  
worldwide strengthening  
of TB laboratory services**

## What is **DTLab** ?

**DTLab** (Dutch Tuberculosis Laboratory partnership) provides technical and system-services for international TB-control

**KIT - Royal Tropical Institute**

– quality laboratory systems and technologies



Royal Tropical Institute

**KNCV - Tuberculosis Foundation**

– linking TB control with laboratory systems



**RIVM - National Institute for Public Health and the  
Environment**

– reference laboratory and technologies



## **DTLab** vision

**Good quality and evidence-based  
laboratory services are mandatory  
for effective and efficient TB control**

## **DTLab** mission

**To contribute in a collaborative manner  
to the challenges on all components of  
TB laboratory diagnostic services**

## **DTLab objectives**

- Advocate the role of TB laboratory services in TB programs
- Improve the quality of national laboratory networks for sputum smear microscopy
- Strengthen the capacity to deliver reliable culture and DST services
- Strengthen managerial capacity of NRLs
  - quality management, procurement, MIS, planning, biosafety
- Support the introduction of innovative diagnostic tools
- Support operational and translational research on laboratory issues

Local ownership and sustainability are crucial to our approach

## **Specific DTLab strategies**

- Delivering leadership to international working groups
- Facilitating quality laboratory services
- Delivering services in line with the Stop TB Strategy
- Services based on state-of-of-the-art evidence
- Capacity building through pre-service and in-service training and knowledge exchange
- Use of existing tools as well as innovative lab and IT techniques

## How does **DTLab** work?

- One contact point for every client
- Client sends needs request to DT Lab front office
- One proposal from the three partners together
- Tailor-made proposal on how to address the needs
- Both technical and managerial support
- Advisors from the partner institutions or their network
- DTLab does not have funding available, but can advice clients on how and where they might find funding for our services

## **DTLab** – more information

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