

**Statement to the 150th session of the Executive Board of the**

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**on agenda items**

**9. Global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation**

**10. Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030**

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The report admits the End TB Strategy failed to meet most of its targets. MMI and PHM urge WHO to address the structural issues that contributed towards this failure.

We are concerned that the report is silent on the limiting impact of IPR and patents on access and availability of medicines for DR-TB.

R&D funding is skewed towards medicines, vaccines and diagnostics while neglecting addressing SDH. We urge the WHO to establish a strategy that addresses SDH of TB, e.g. housing, nutrition and economic capabilities. We welcome WHO's NTDs draft road map for 2021–2030.

However, the document fails to address how to create incentives for R&D for NTDs and secure funds for addressing NTDs from MS and donors. We call for a holistic approach that integrates NTDs into CPHC systems and address the various social determinants of NTDs.