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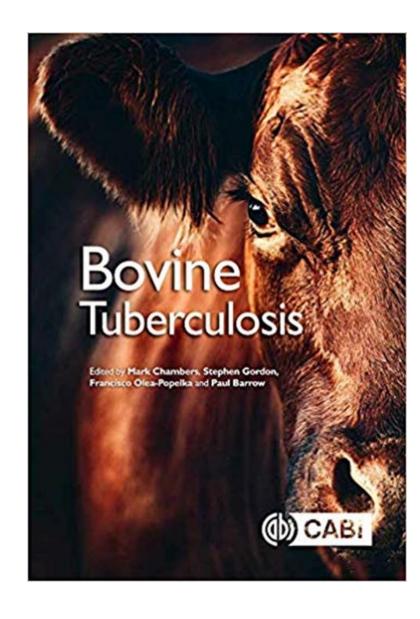


#### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Bovine Tuberculosis**

- Infectious, chronic, progressive disease caused by Mycobacterium bovis (M. bovis)
- No overall, country-wide reports regarding bTB prevalence

While scarce surveillance exists, bTB is a largely neglected disease, with varying prevalence reports



#### **Human Tuberculosis**

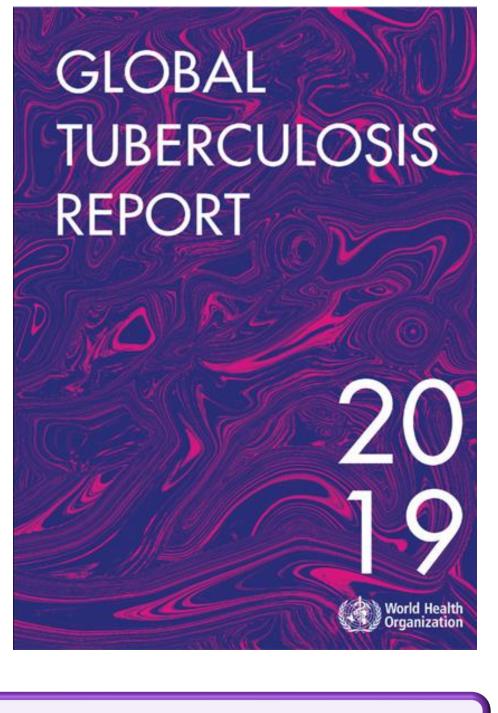
- Caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M. tb)
- 10 million incident cases, 1.5 million deaths globally in 2018
- Fourth leading cause of mortality in Kenya

### Kenya

ESTIMATES OF TB BURDEN, 2018 1

Total TB incidence 150 (92–222)

Approximately half of TB cases are missed in Kenya



#### **Zoonotic Tuberculosis**

Risk factors for ZTB caused by *M. bovis* in humans:

- Consumption of raw or unpasteurized milk/milk products
- Consumption of meat with tuberculous lesions containing *M. bovis*
- Inhalation of aerosolized particles containing
   M. bovis

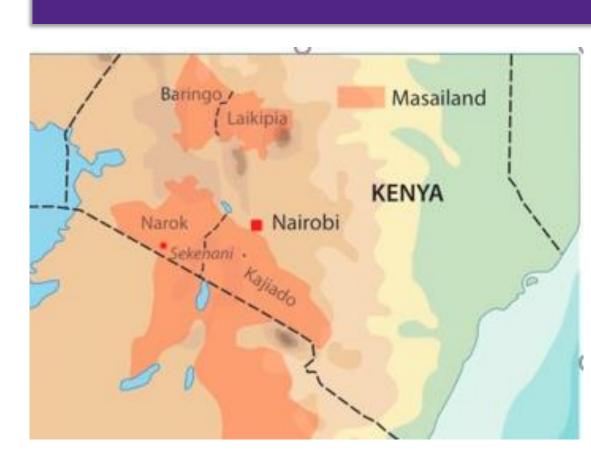


Lack of routine surveillance for ZTB in Kenya

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To improve the knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding the prevention, detection, and treatment of TB and ZTB in the Kajiado county in Kenya
- Create and increase awareness about TB/ZTB
- Enhance healthcare access, improve care support and treatment in the Maasai community

#### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS**



#### **Kajiado County Quick Facts:**

- 1.12 million people
- 80% Maasai (pastoralist)
- Average household=8
- Less than \$100 USD a year

#### Timpiyian Leseni

- ZTB survivor and Activist
- Founder of Talaku
  Community Based
  Organization



#### Talaku,

Education/resources for TB/ZTB

ENDTB

Responsible for 31% of diagnosed cases of TB



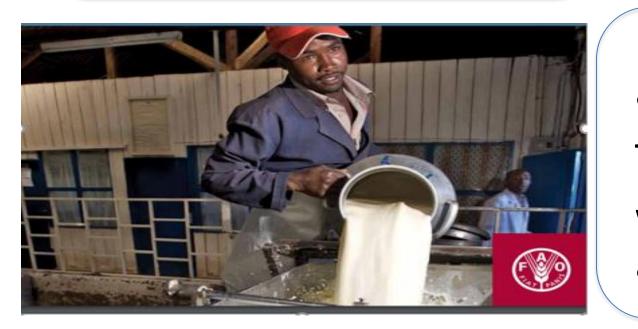
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- Implementing public health and awareness campaigns
- targeting veterinarians, farmers, nurses, physicians, community health workers/volunteers, people affected by TB/ZTB and their family members/caregivers.

#### **SOCIO-CULTURA-ECONOMIC FACTORS**

#### Cultural

- Preferences for raw milk
- Housing



#### Social

- Stigma regarding
   TB diagnosis (Co-infection with HIV)
- Literacy



#### Economic

- Food Costs (20-50% cheaper raw)
- Costs of prevention, diagnosis/detection, and treatment of TB/bTB/ZTB

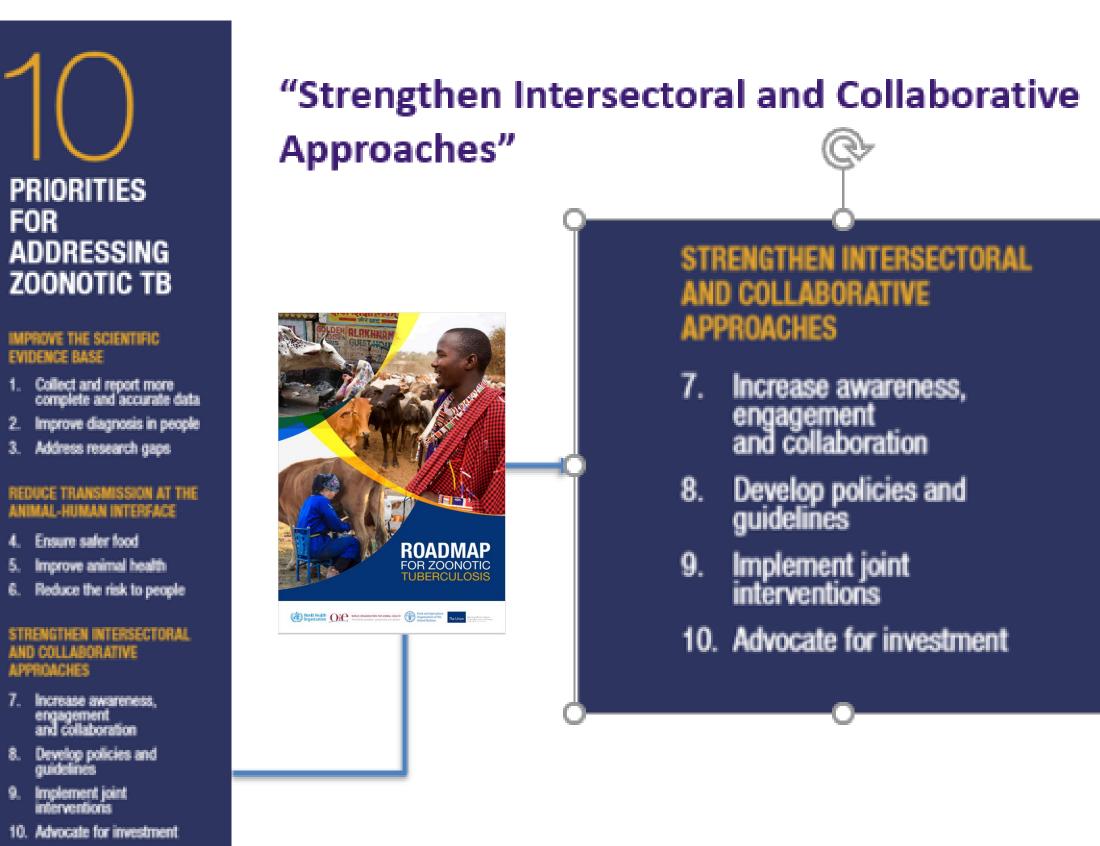


## Medical Gaps in medical

knowledge

#### ONE HEALTH RELEVANCE

- Prevention, diagnosis, and treatment/control of TB in humans and animals in Kenya will be improved
- Socio-cultural-economic factors playing a key role will be explored
- Community leaders, the public, local and national health institutions, scientists in academia, and communication specialists will participate in this project



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## Bovine TB — Human TB- Zoonotic TB

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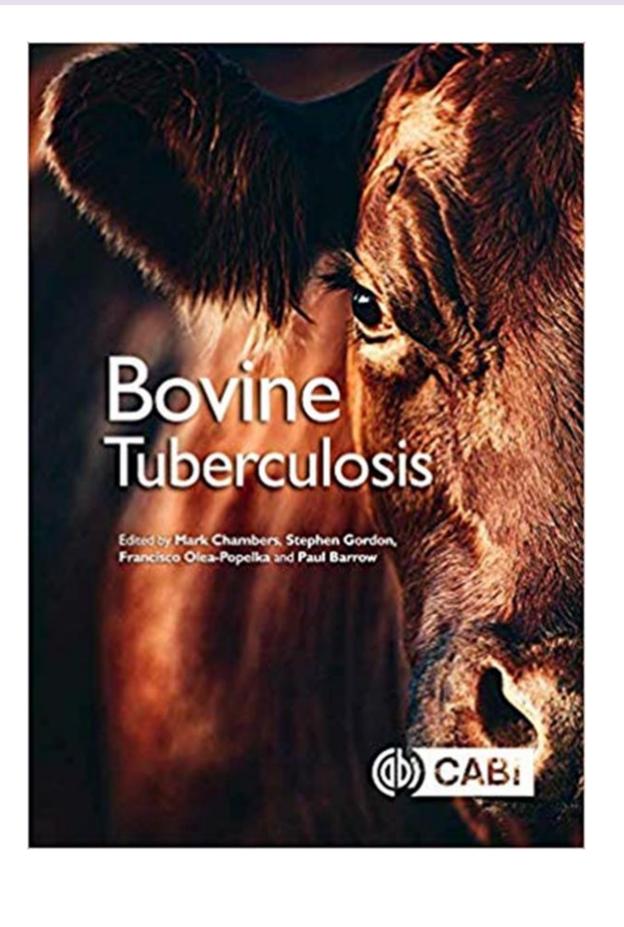
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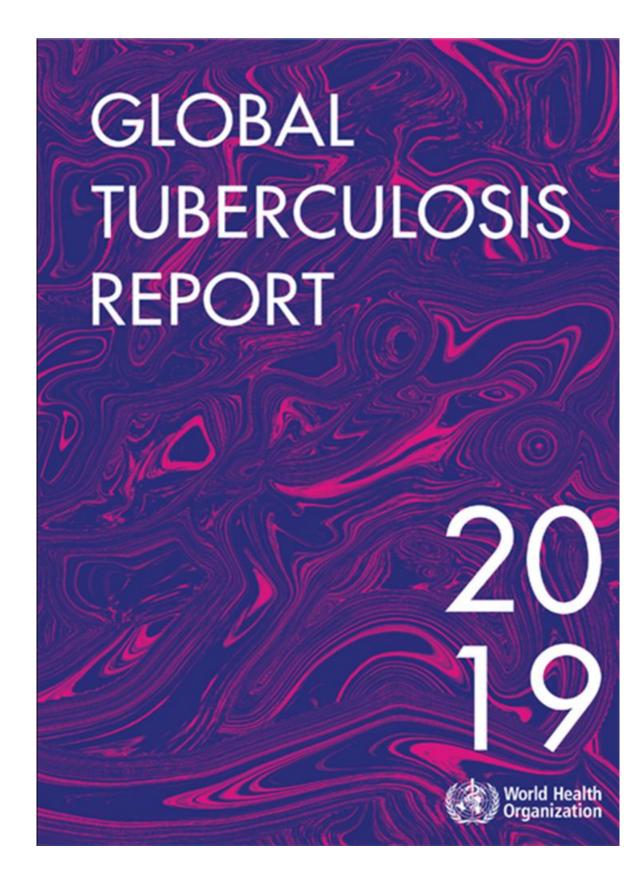
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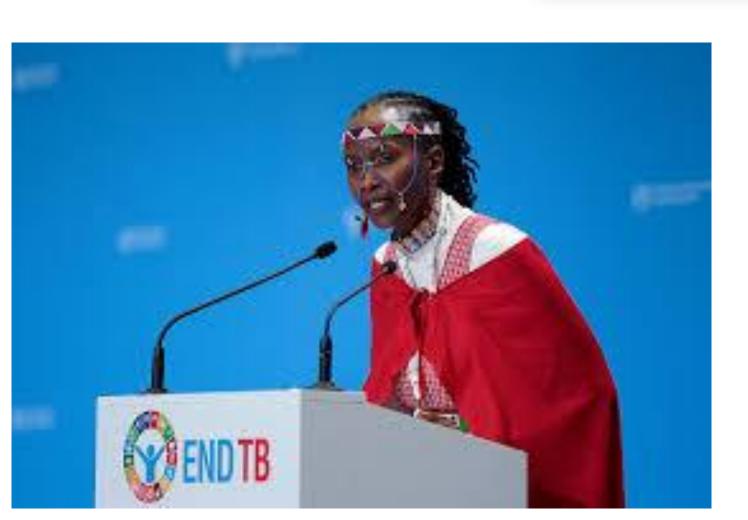








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IMPROVE THE SCIENTIFIC

- Address research gaps

STRENGTHEN INTERSECTORAL

- AND COLLABORATIVE
  APPROACHES
- Develop policies and
- Implement joint interventions Advocate for investment

