

Kabul, Afghanistan – A fire that destroyed the entire stock of tuberculosis (TB) drugs in Afghanistan's central warehouse threatened to leave TB patients in the country without the medicines needed to continue their treatment. But local and international partners rallied around the national TB programme to provide a swift emergency response.

Fortunately, representatives from the Global Drug Facility (GDF) were in Afghanistan when the fire broke out. Working with the World Health Organization's country and regional offices and GDF staff from the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat in Geneva, they made an urgent request to the TB programme in Pakistan which provided an emergency supply of drugs. At the same time GDF took steps to ensure that drug stocks will be rebuilt and drugs will be supplied in a timely manner.

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