

Shaping Health Systems to Reduce Disparities

Imperatives and challenges faced while responding to some health threats.

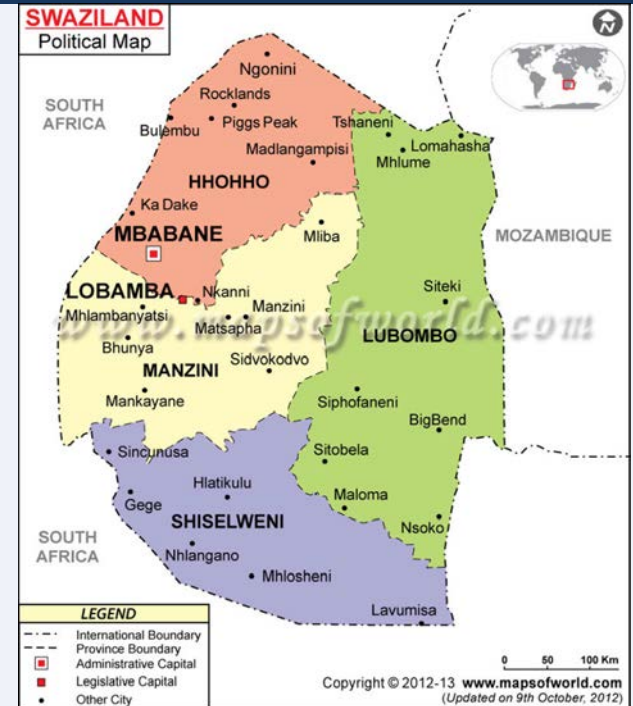
Kingdom of Swaziland experience

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Outline

- Kingdom of Swaziland
- Health threats
- Imperatives in responding
- Remaining challenges

The Kingdom of Swaziland



- Size: 6,704 sq miles, 4 administrative regions
- Lower middle income country, Population: 1,093,238
- Total health expenditure per capita \$434
- Life expectancy at birth: M/F: 49/51 year

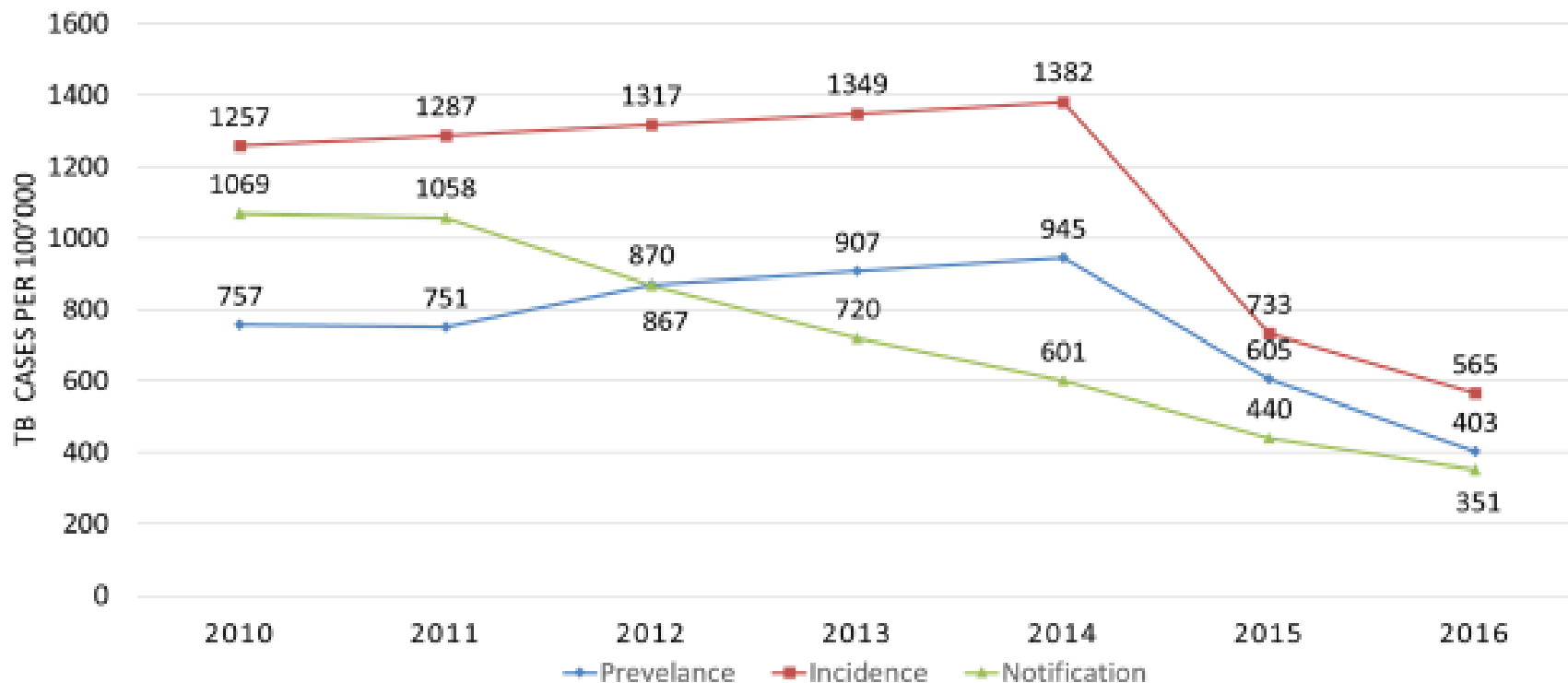
Key Health threats

1. **Infectious Diseases**
 - HIV/AIDS
 - TB
2. **Non-communicable diseases**
 - Cancer, Obesity, hypertension
3. **Trauma and injuries**
4. **Mental Health**

TB response progress



TB Prevalence, Incidence & Notification trends



HIV response progress

Indicator	SHIMS 1(2011)	SHIMS 2 (2016-17)	Observation
HIV prevalence	32.1%	30.5%	Stabilised
HIV Incidence	2.5%	1.4%	44% Reduction
Pop. viral load suppression (PLHIV- Viral Load <1000 cp/mL)	34.8%	71.3%	Doubled

1. MOH Stewardship and Leadership

National Health Sector Strategic Plan



2. Defined national strategy for delivery of services

- Health systems built on a backbone of primary health care
 - Decentralization of services
 - Model for effective coordination and reduction of congestion

3. Partnerships



4. Mentoring

- Nurse-led health care, e.g. ART initiation at primary health care facility
- Mentoring at
 - Community level
 - Facility level
 - Regional level
 - National level

5. Use of Data for decision making

- Robust monitoring and evaluation tools implemented (paper based and CMIS)
- National and sub-national program evaluations eg SHIMS
- Investment in health research
- Periodic data review mechanisms at all levels

Remaining Challenges

- Strengthening NCD response
- Use of data for decision making at facility and community levels
- Evidence based health action in other sectors – eg response to geographic disparity
- Continuous mentoring of policy makers
 - In line with global health developments
- Maximizing use of technology for reduction of disparities

Thank you for your attention

