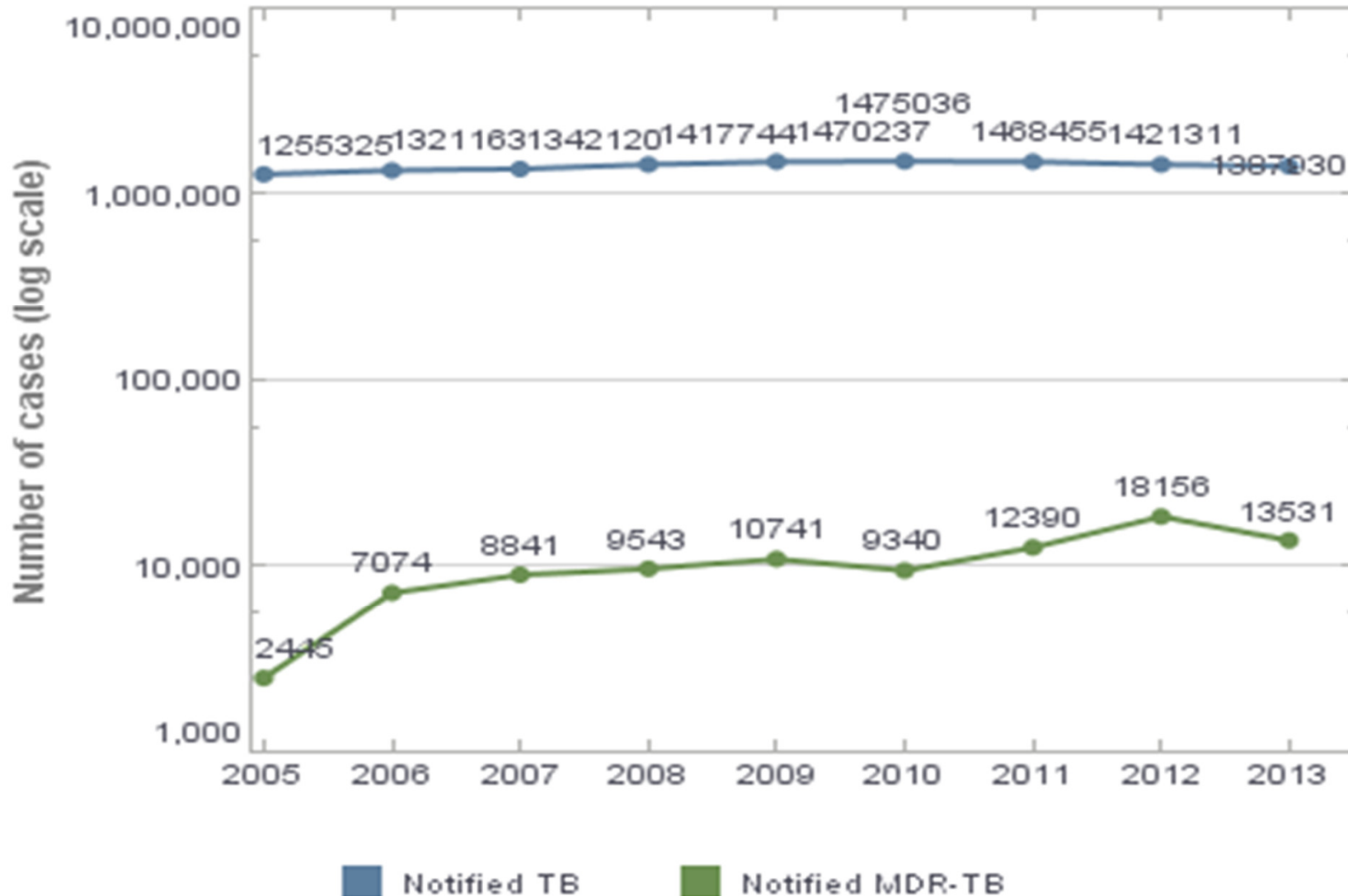


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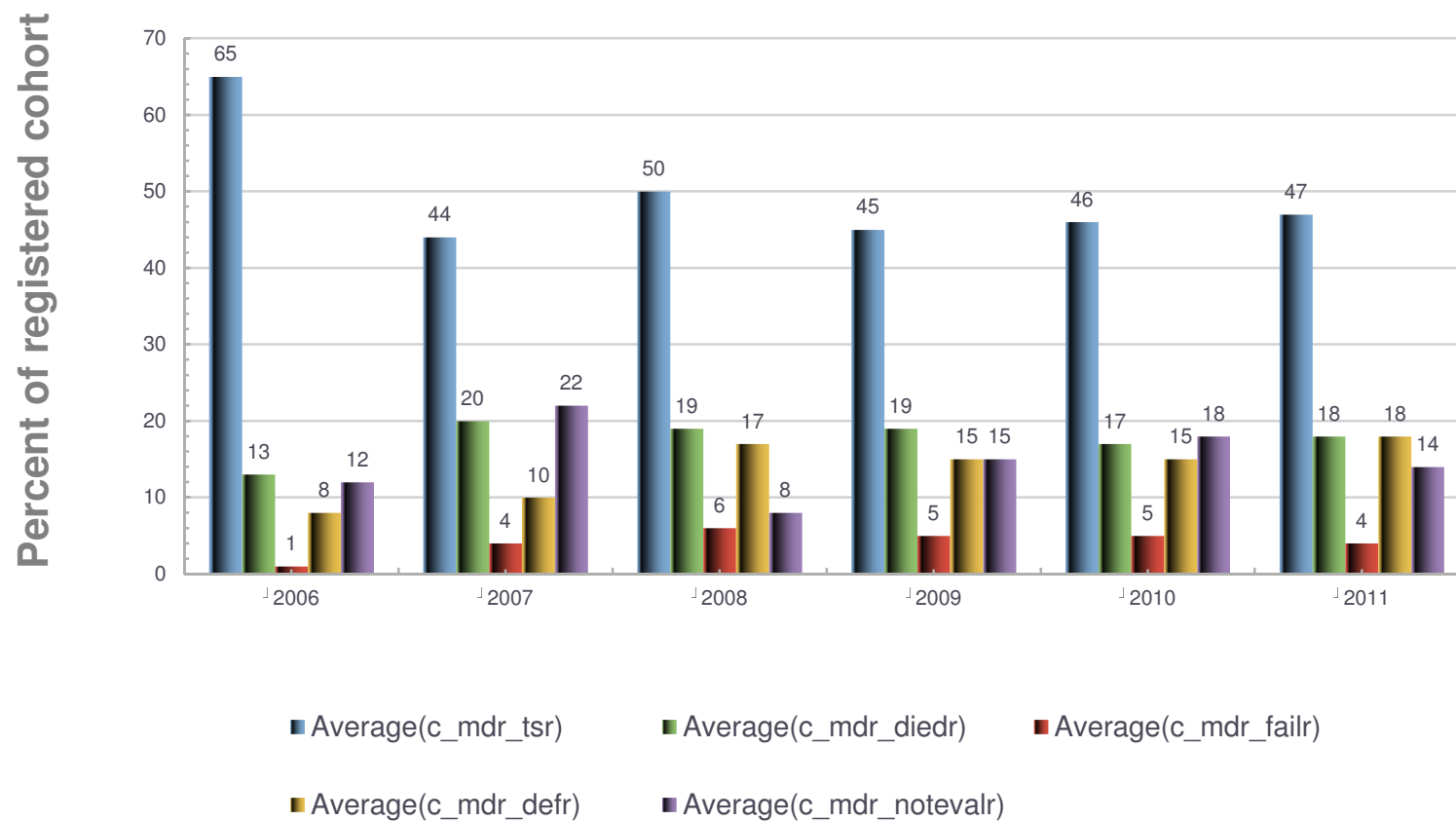
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Notified TB cases and MDR-TB in Africa Region



MDR-TB Treatment outcomes



Human Resource Capacity Strengthening

- The rGLC has promoted human capacity strengthening for MDR-TB by supporting the conduction of 6 week training courses in Ouidah – Benin and KEMRI-Kenya.
- 2 training courses took place in 2013 training 46 participants from 18 countries in TB, TB/HIV and MDR-TB.
- consultant-training workshop proposed in November.

Access for 2nd Line medicines

- In 2014 the rGLC secretariat received at least 30 requests from the Global TB drug facility (GDF) to review country's orders of 2nd line medicines.
- Less emergency requests and stock outs.

Laboratory updates

- Implement a well-functioning EQA Programme for NTRLs in Africa (WHO/AFRO EQAP, jointly with JB's group)
- Facilitate appropriate Quality Management systems and support the development/modification of NSPs
- Conduct a SLIPTA and Joint GII assessment of NTRLs in Africa
- Facilitate the accreditation of NTRLs
- Training of a pool of TB lab experts including biosafety considerations to provide services to TB Labs in Africa (decrease reliance on external out of Africa consultants)

Laboratory updates

- Assistance to Swaziland NTRL and peripheral labs in review of output and calibration of Xpert platforms (this is also part of the recommendations from the recent review)
- Support SRLs and facilitate the approval of more SRLs(Candidate SRL Benin needs urgent assistance)

Country Missions

- In 2014 a total of 15 technical and monitoring missions were undertaken to countries with the aim of country support for DR_TB and DRS.

Green Light Committee - 59642 2014 - Financial report

- Amount received **1,224,235** vs amount budgeted **1,202,111**
- Expenditure
 - ✓ **Mission** 32,364
 - ✓ **Training** 8,232
 - ✓ **Contract-Svce Gle** 47,755
 - ✓ **Consulting, Research service** 2,500
 - ✓ **Telecom** 6,500
 - ✓ **Consulting, Research service**
7,500 **Training** 2,621
 - ✓ **Mission** 25,388 **Contract-Svce Gle**
62,989
- **Total -Encumb-Expendit** 195,851
- **Balance** 1,006,260

rGLC Meeting

- The first face to face was in Brazzaville in July 2013. A second meeting took place during the UNION conference in Paris last November.
- They have been reviewing the reports from country missions and providing advice in addition to taking part in some of the missions that have taken place in the countries.
- The next rGLC face to face meeting proposed in December.

Challenges

- lack of full time dedicated staff to support r-GLC.
- Inadequate supply of consultants for MDR-TB in the African Region.
- countries busy with GF concept notes.
- Regional staff-6 one is lab focal person to support 47 countries.
- Increase demand to support countries for GF NFM.

Challenges

- Increase demand to support Ebola response.
- Lack of funding and human resources to support countries.
- Not all countries using the new R&R tools.
- Operationalize the regional framework for TB Lab strengthening
- recruiting a staff member to be based in the Regional office for coordination of rGLC activities.

Way Forward

- recruiting a staff member to be based in the Regional office for coordination of rGLC activities.
- Operationalize the regional framework for TB Lab strengthening
- Support the review of TB lab services during Joint NTP reviews including strengthening the reporting and recording frameworks.
- Support the accreditation of National TB Reference Labs in the Africa Region
- Increase the pool of consultants.