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17. Maximising opportunities for integrating TB services into maternal and child health programmes

Friday, 04 December 2015, 15:30 - 17:00
Room Roof Terrace

Type of session: Symposium
Track: HIV and TB co-infection
Track2 (optional): TB in vulnerable and special populations

Description: TB is the third leading cause of death among women aged 15-44 and one of the leading causes of maternal mortality in settings with high HIV prevalence. TB in pregnant and breastfeeding women increases the risk of adverse outcomes for both the woman and her child. Maternal and child health (MCH) programmes offer an important platform to maximize TB case detection and access to TB prevention and treatment services. This symposium will highlight the importance of integrating TB services into MCH settings, especially for women living with HIV, and showcase promising operational approaches towards integration in these settings.

Target audience:
1. Managers of national TB and HIV programmes and other public health officials
2. Clinical staff caring for women and children in maternal and child health settings
3. Health policymakers and public health researchers

Objectives:
1. To provide an overview of the global burden of TB and TB-HIV in pregnancy
2. To describe international guidance and share experience in integrating TB and TB-HIV activities into MCH programmes
3. To discuss challenges, opportunities, and the need for community engagement to improve TB integration in MCH programmes

Keywords: TB in women and children; TB screening; HIV; integration; Maternal and child health (MCH)

Coordinator(s): Alice Christensen (Tanzania, United Rep.), Annabel Baddeley (Switzerland)
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Presentations:
15:30 - 15:40 Global burden of TB in pregnancy: from epidemiology to programme implications
Charlotte Colvin (USA)

15:45 - 15:55 Challenges and opportunities for enhancing TB services through maternal and child health programmes: perspective from South Africa
Lindiwe Mvusi (South Africa)

16:00 - 16:10 Challenges and opportunities for enhancing TB services through maternal and child health programmes: perspective from Kenya
Joseph Sitienei (Kenya)

16:15 - 16:25 testimonial from a mother
Juliet Nalumu (Uganda)

16:30 - 16:40 WHO guidance on integrating TB and TB-HIV services into maternal, neonatal and child health programmes
Avinash Kanchar (Switzerland)

16:45 - 17:00 Discussion