Moving past clinic-based care: practical steps to improve TB care through community engagement

Sunday, 06 December 2015, 13:30 - 15:00
Ballroom East - CTICC

Type of session: Symposium
Track: Civil society / patient & community engagement
Track 2 (optional): Advancing the End TB strategy and other policy issues

Description:
Over the last few years, the TB community has begun to embrace the critical role civil society and communities play in strengthening TB care service delivery. However, the impact of community engagement and participation is often poorly documented. We present a number of concrete examples of how to harness the power of people and groups outside the traditional health sector and to provide a forum for discussing how the TB community can further expand its community engagement efforts in the post-2015 agenda.

Target audience:
1. Civil society
2. Programme implementers (NTPs and NGOs)
3. Policy-makers

Objectives:
1. To provide concrete examples of how community engagement can improve TB care
2. To highlight the technical, financial and implementation challenges of task-shifting
3. To discuss the barriers to community involvement and the ways to overcome them

Keywords:
Community engagement; civil society; case finding

Coordinator(s):
Andrew Codlin (Switzerland), Alberto Colorado (Mexico)

Chair(s):
Lucy Chesire (Kenya)

Presentations:
13:30 - 13:40 Engaging communities to improve access to care in remote, tribal populations in India
Ashvini Vyas (India)

13:45 - 13:55 Mobilising communities to fight TB in remote islands of Indonesia
Elvi Solita Siahaan (Indonesia)

14:00 - 14:10 Improving state-wide TB case notifications through engaging leaders in nomadic pastoralist communities in Nigeria
Stephen John (Nigeria)

14:15 - 14:25 Involving lay health workers for case finding and improved treatment outcomes in rural Ethiopia
Datiko Daniel Gemechu (Ethiopia)

14:30 - 14:40 Civil society’s achievements and post-2015 vision for community engagement
Blessina Amulya Kumar (India)

14:45 - 15:00 Discussion