

16. Scaling up MDR-TB services in resource-limited settings: progress and challenges from the field

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Type of session	Symposium
Track	Drug-resistant TB care and treatment, including trials
Description	Remarkable progress has been made in improving programmatic and clinical management of MDR-TB in resource-poor settings, but the quality of care remains suboptimal. Lack of adequate psychosocial and nutritional support and subsequent poor case holding, limited laboratory infrastructure and inefficient sample transportation systems are some of the critical challenges. This symposium will provide insight into strategies employed by countries in expanding MDR-TB services in resource-poor settings.
Target audience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National TB programme staff 2. National and global policy-makers 3. Implementing partners
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To share country experiences in scaling up MDR-TB services in resource-limited settings 2. To discuss the different models of MDR-TB service scale-up 3. To identify scalable models of patient support and monitoring for resource-constrained settings
Keywords	MDR-TB; resource-limited; psychosocial support; scale-up
Coordinator(s)	Degu Jerene Dare (Ethiopia), Martin Ruhweza (Uganda)
Chair(s)	Lisa Chen (USA), Meg Doherty (Switzerland)
Presentations	<p>15:30 - 15:45 Rapid scale-up of MDR-TB services through a decentralised patient management system in Ethiopia Illi Jemal Abdulahi (Ethiopia), Muluken Aseresa Melese (Ethiopia)</p> <p>15:50 - 16:05 Expanding MDR-TB diagnosis and community-based MDR-TB management by community health workers in Bangladesh Mohammad Akramul Islam (Bangladesh)</p> <p>16:10 - 16:25 The role of GeneXpert in strengthening MDR-TB diagnosis and treatment scale-up Alaine Umubyeyi Nyaruhirira (South Africa)</p> <p>16:30 - 16:45 Achieving rapid scale-up of MDR-TB patient treatment in Uganda using the mixed model (hospitalised and ambulatory) of MDR-TB treatment Frank Mugabe (Uganda), Mutesasira Kenneth (Uganda)</p> <p>16:50 - 17:00 Discussion</p>