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Assessment Of Tuberculosis Stigma Among People Diagnosed With Tuberculosis In Lagos State



LOCATION Lagos State



TARGET POPULATION(S) People living with TB or ex-TB patients, family members of people living with TB, community members of people living with TB, health care workers having contact with people living with TB and policy makers. people living with TB, community members of people living with TB, health care workers having contact with people living with TB and policy makers

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROBLEM STATEMENT — The recent TB Community Rights and Gender (CRG) assessments conducted in Nigeria revealed that there are human rights and gender barriers faced by key populations relating to availability, accessibility and quality of TB services, which translates to stigmatization. This discourages them from continuing their treatment or even seeking testing in the first place. Nigeria is also among the 10 countries that accounted for 64% percent of the global gap in “missing TB cases. In Nigeria, Lagos State represents 8.4 percent of Nigeria’s TB burden and consistently has been responsible for about 11 percent of the cases of TB registered in Nigeria. Meanwhile, stigma and discrimination has contributed to increased number of missing cases, affected treatment adherence and ultimately increased TB disease burden.

AIM — To assess the level of TB stigma, develop a context specific model and influence the existing policy against TB stigma and discrimination in urban slums Lagos state Nigeria.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To generate strategic information on the levels of TB related stigma in different settings among the slum dwellers in Lagos state, a subpopulation that has been identified as key and vulnerable in the TB response in Nigeria.
- 2 To develop a context specific TB stigma reduction advocacy and communication toolkit to guide efforts for addressing TB related stigma and discrimination among slum dwellers in Nigeria.
- 3 To use the findings to influence the existing TB stigma reduction policy guidelines and provide baseline for tracking and monitoring indicators in Lagos state, Nigeria.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS



CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022. This project will promote and support efforts towards ending TB stigma and all forms of discrimination, which is one of the key targets of the UNHLM, through interventions and programs targeted at influencing policies against people with tuberculosis and the promotion of human rights and dignity. The stigma assessment survey will assess the level of stigma and will adopt a people-centred, community-based approach in order to generate strategic information towards removing barriers that affects prevention, diagnosis and treatment among those who are vulnerable or in vulnerable situations.



ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN. The project is aligned with the national strategic plan through the development of an intervention package towards addressing TB stigma which in turn will lead to better access to high quality TB treatment, patient centered prevention, diagnosis, and treatment services for TB, TB/HIV and DR-TB. One aspect of the NSP for TB in Nigeria is to strengthen advocacy, communication and social mobilization. This project will make sure its advocacy interventions reach community level and use different means of communication (like social media, TV, radio, etc.) to provide information on TB stigma eradication across to everyone in Lagos State.



ABOUT DHDC AND RIRFHUUD

Debriche Health Development Centre (DHDC) is a registered NGO and health oriented civil society organisation that is deeply involved in health advocacy, influencing health policies at all levels, bridging the gap between people and policy makers and serving as a voice to underserved communities and vulnerable populations with a vision of improving health outcomes across all primary health care areas.

RIRFHUUD is a corporate social responsibility effort and a non-governmental initiative set up as an institution for social capital, advocacy and policy making towards sustainable cities and health development in Nigeria. In RIRFHUUD, our vision is to significantly impact the overall well-being of the people and communities where we operate at all times. Also, our mission is to improve the life expectancy of people in poor communities through the creation and promotion of sustainable cities and healthy living indices.