

CHALLENGE FACILITY FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

Empowering the Next Generation of Advocacy and Grassroots Engagement for Tuberculosis (ENGAGE-TB)



LOCATION National Capital Region



TARGET POPULATION(S) Persons affected by TB, and health care workers involved in the management of persons with TB from 12 identified DOTS facilities under different facility types within Metro Manila



IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS

National Tuberculosis Program of the Philippines, WHO Philippines, and ACHIEVE Philippines

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROBLEM STATEMENT — One of the primary challenges in addressing the high TB burden in the Philippines is the large gap between the actual number of TB cases and the number of cases notified, which can be attributed to multi-factorial health system constraints such as lack of acceptable, accessible, available, and quality TB care services. The ENGAGE TB project aims to identify these pain points by capacitating TB affected communities through the local DOTS facilities to actively report these barriers which are preventing them from being diagnosed, treated, and reported. This intervention would create demand for TB care service improvement, and at the same time, would empower communities to be responsible and accountable in addressing the gaps in the country's current TB care system.

AIM — Delivering high impact and sustainable innovations, at scale.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To empower persons affected by TB to report barriers to care through a localized community-led monitoring digital platform that is accessible at the community, facility, and stakeholder's level.
- 2 To promote people-centered, inclusive, and responsive TB care by ensuring the participation of a diverse TB affected population—especially persons with TB who come from the vulnerable and marginalized sectors of the country throughout the localization, development, and deployment of the reporting platform.
- 3 To promote evidence-informed, community-initiated actions, advocacy, or reforms for TB care by conducting an implementation research study that highlights the perception and concerns of persons with TB and health care workers to the current TB care program, and assess the intervention's capacity to address these reported gaps.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS



CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022. Aligned with the UN HLM 2022 targets, the ENGAGE TB project aims to capture the barriers reported by the TB affected communities which prevent them from being diagnosed and treated, and to forward these concerns to accountable units and/or stakeholders. InnovationsCH is also committed to formulate evidence-informed recommendations from the organization's implementation research study of this project, which will be submitted to the local, national, and international TB arena.



ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN. The TB CRG assessment done in the Philippines suggested that TB-related stigma is actually a perceived reason to why persons with TB would not disclose their health status and undergo treatment. Responses indicating experience of stigma is also captured by the CLM intervention of this project, hence included in the drafting of recommendations to the stakeholders. Moreover, the platform also has the capacity to present information on stigma related to TB and where to receive psychosocial support.

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ROUND 9 GRANTEE PROFILE



ABOUT INNOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

Innovations for Community Health (also known as InnovationsCH (or ICH) is a non-profit, public health implementation NGO based in Marikina City, Philippines. InnovationsCH envisions to reform health markets and health systems in the developing world for the benefit of the people by delivering high impact and sustainable innovations, at scale.