Xpert MTB/RIF: Opportunity to Enhance Private Sector Engagement

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In health and TB care provision:

- Private sector matters....
- It matters even for the poorest....
- It is successfully engaged in many settings............
- Xpert offers opportunity to enhance engagement............
Private sector matters…..
Source of health care: world regions

Source: http://www.ps4h.org/globalhealthdata.html
Data: DHS
Source of Healthcare for < $1.25/day - Sub-Saharan Africa

Population that lives on less than $1.25

- above $1.25/day: 44.9%
- below $1.25/day: 55.1%

Data: DHS

Source: http://www.ps4h.org/globalhealthdata.html
Private sector is engaged

Case notifications by PPM providers - 2009

Source: Global TB Report 2010
Xpert MTB/RIF: a unique opportunity

• A "FIND" find……influence on price and promotion practices!

• A "public-private partnership" product in itself

• Exclusive source of global supply…."flooding" unlikely

• Successful private sector engagement in Xpert field trials

• Pathfinder for inclusive introduction of future innovative and new tools
How to enhance engagement? – I
Global

• Create inventory of Xpert buyers outside TB programmes

• Incorporate within the product literature, emphasis on the need to notify TB cases and manage them according to guidelines / standards

• Provide a protocol to collect essential information on Xpert use and results

• Maintain global database on Xpert use and results

• Offer Xpert machines at subsidized rates to NTP affiliated PPM providers offering free TB care
How to enhance engagement? – II
National / Local

• Seek and maintain inventory of Xpert owners

• Approach non-programme Xpert owners pro-actively to:
  – Present national guidelines/international standards
  – Offer anti-TB medicines at no cost to patients
  – Offer training (if needed) and supportive supervision
  – Insist on notification of all TB cases
  – Provide protocol to collect essential information on Xpert use and results

• Accept patients referred for treatment by private providers

• Provide access to Xpert to patients of PPM providers already linked to NTPs

• Use Xpert to attract informal providers for early referral of suspects
Conclusion

• The private sector was made to miss the DOTS train which it is still struggling to catch up

• It would be a mistake to ignore private sector in applying new tools;.....it may go wild!

• Tested mechanisms to engage private sector exist

• It's time to progress from "public first" to "public and private together"

• This meeting should recommend formation of a global group to assist in addressing private sector issues in scaling up Xpert