



Xpert MTB/RIF: Opportunity to Enhance Private Sector Engagement

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Subgroup on Public-Private Mix for TB Care and Control

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Overview

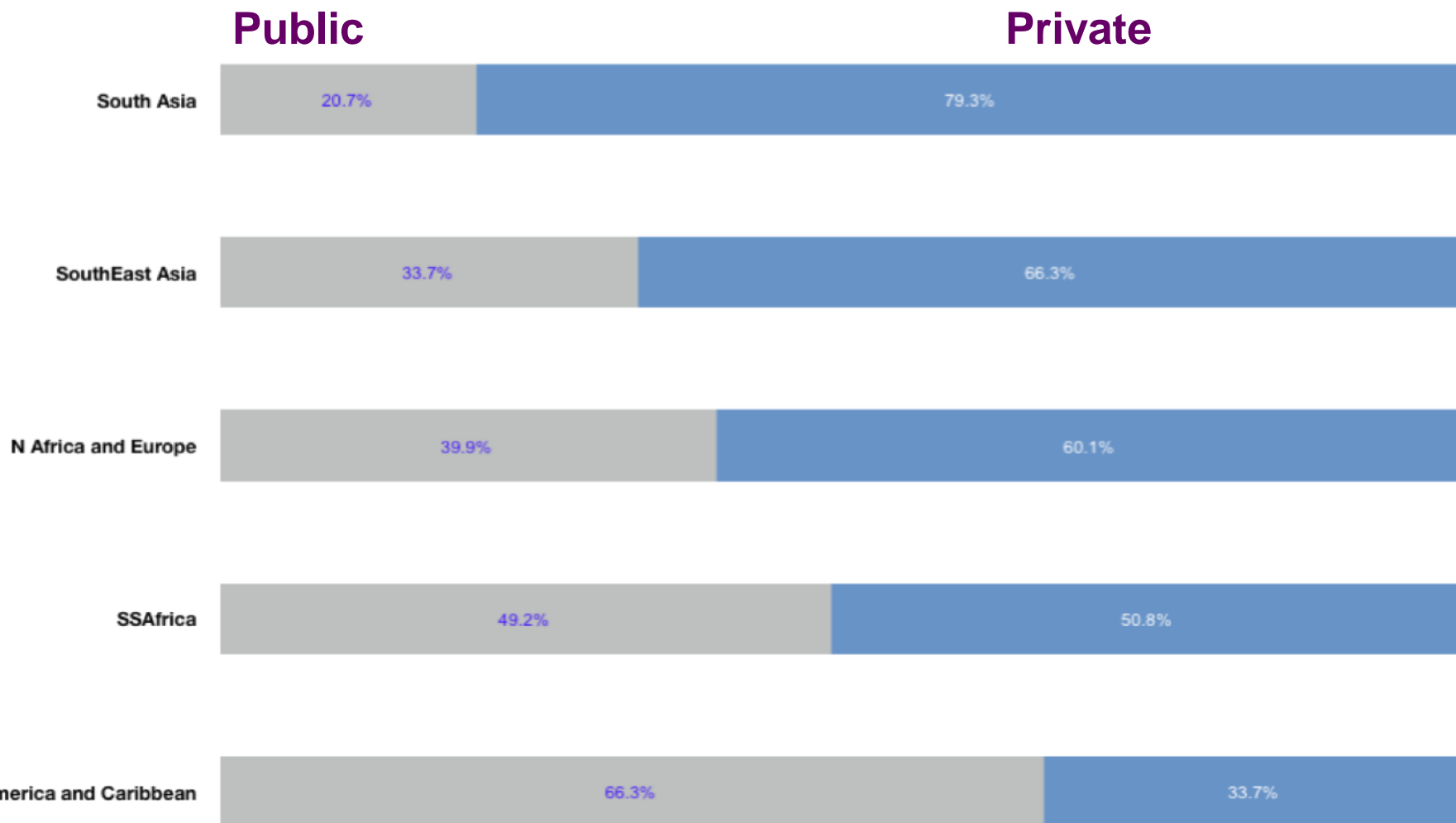


In health and TB care provision:

- Private sector matters.....
- It matters even for the poorest.....
- It is successfully engaged in many settings.....
- Xpert offers opportunity to enhance engagement.....

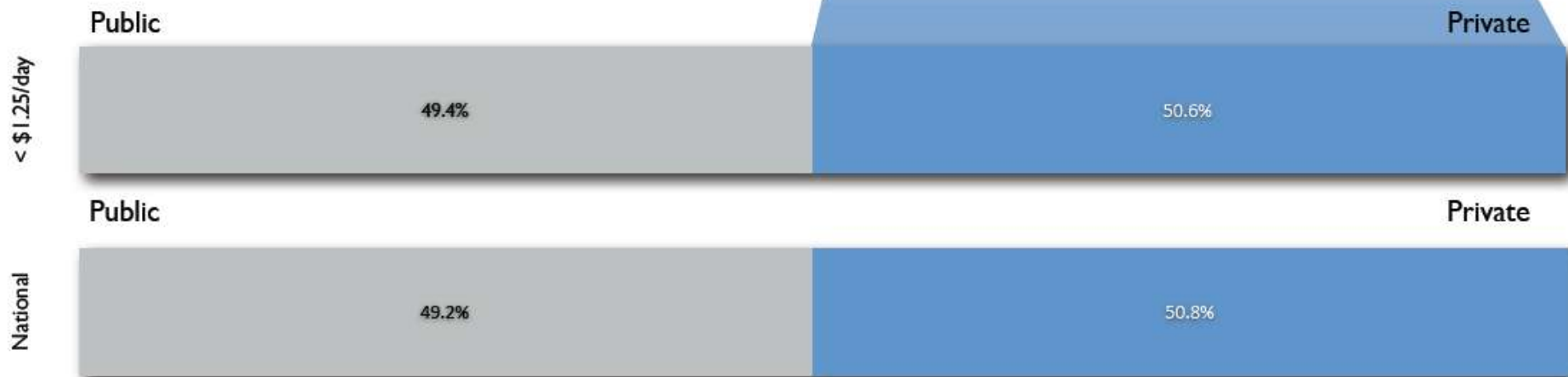
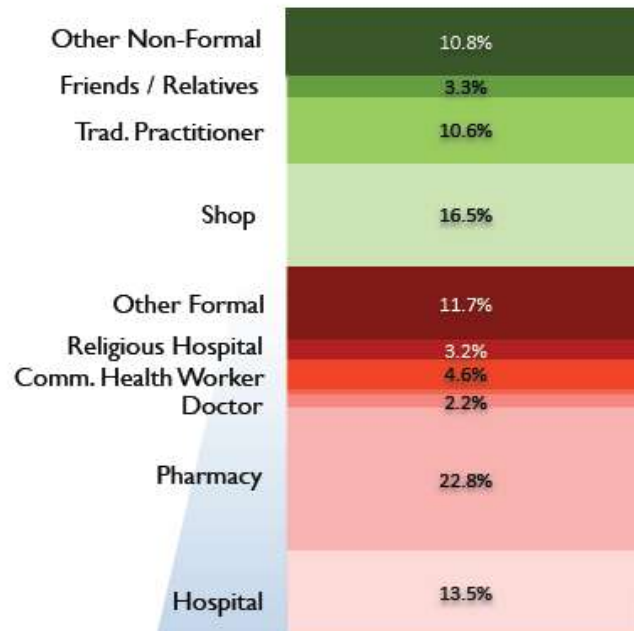
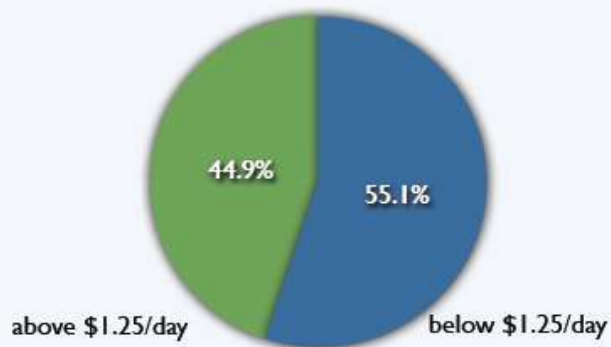
Private sector matters.....

Source of health care: world regions



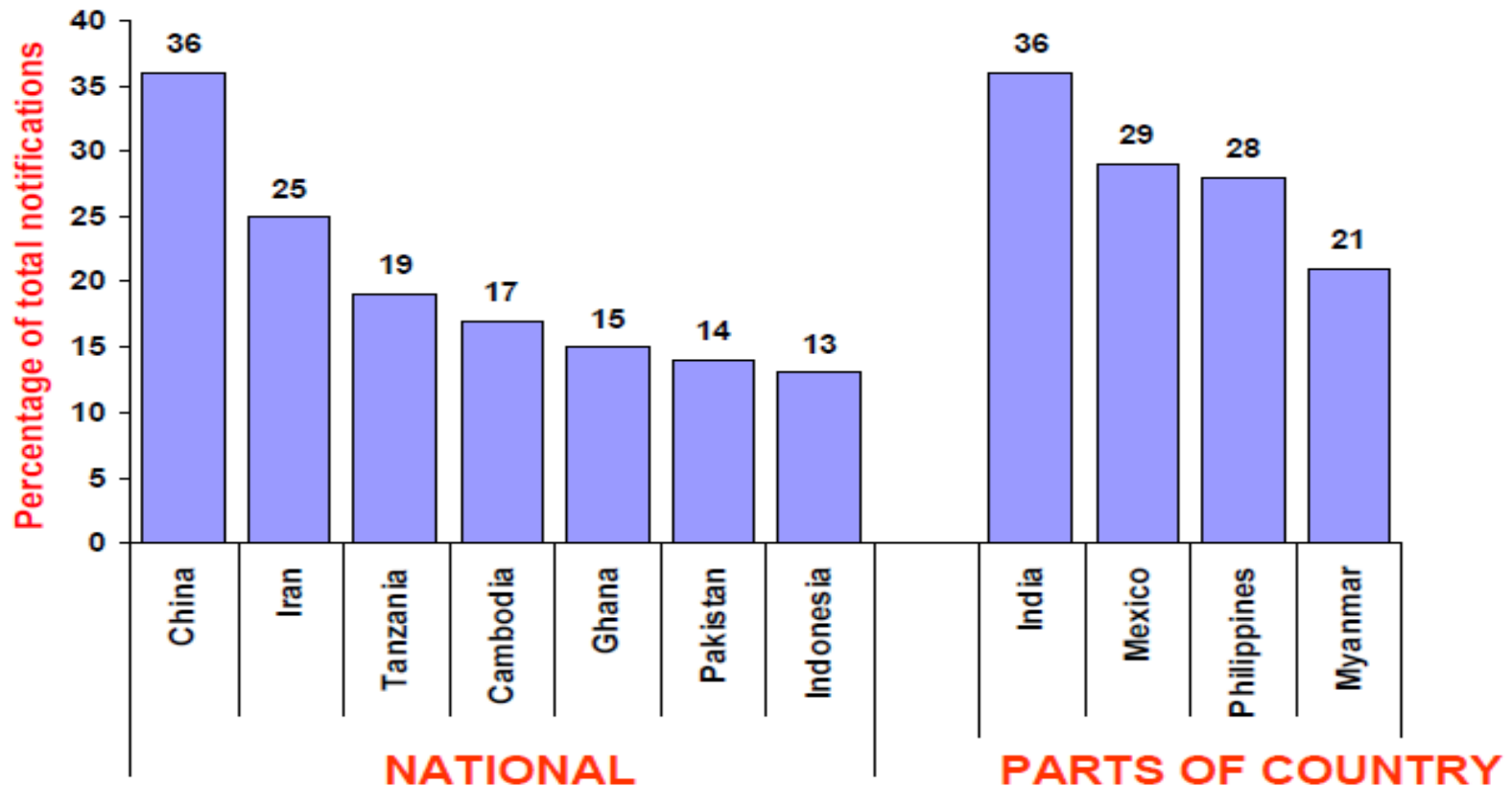
Source of Healthcare for < \$1.25/day - Sub-Saharan Africa

Population that lives on less than \$1.25



Private sector is engaged

Case notifications by PPM providers - 2009



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