

Group 2

Scale up : Intensified TB Case Finding (ICF) and Isoniazid Prophylaxis (IPT)

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Member Countries: Thailand, Mongolia, Indonesia, East Timor, Cambodia, Vietnam, Fiji, Myanmar, Philippines, Laos

Achievements

- Majority of countries initiated Intensified Case Finding (ICF)
- Thailand – achieved about 90% coverage
- Majority of countries with policy, TB-HIV framework (7/10)
- Some countries with infrastructure to conduct ICF including TB cultures

ICF status

Country	Symptom screening	X-ray	AFB smear/ culture	Coverage
Thailand	x	x	x	90%
Mongolia	x		x	
Indonesia	x	x	x	
East Timor	x	x	X – no culture	
Cambodia	x	x	x	
Vietnam	x	x	x	
Fiji	x			
Myanmar	x	x	x	
Philippines	x	x	x	
Laos	x	x		(2 pilot sites)

Constraints

- IPT - low implementation
 - No policy and clear guidelines
 - High prevalence of TB – difficult
 - Issues of development of resistance
 - Needs more substantial evidence for effectiveness
- ICF – implementation mechanisms , no local level implementation
- Difficulties of TB diagnosis in HIV positive patients

Constraints

- Collaboration between TB and HIV
 - Varied epidemiology – TB/HIV may not be overlapping
 - Level of implementation – TB well established program compared to growing HIV program
 - Different focus – TB (peripheral) and HIV (hospital based)
 - Stigma
 - Confidentiality – counseling and testing
 - Fast turn over of health care providers
 - Logistic - continuous support , who takes the lead in providing financial support
- Articulated operationalisation of partnership between TB and HIV - limited

Recommendations

- Structural interventions
- IPT – operational research – evidence to support policy (IPT effectiveness TB incidence, validation of new TB screening algorithms) and implementation of IPT
- IPT - Advocacy /Communication– highly technical
- Strengthen Monitoring & Evaluation
- Enhance PITC

Recommendations

- Implementation review of services and strengthen referral mechanisms
- Sensitization of PLHIV on benefits of IPT