WHO Consultation Meeting to Enhance the Engagement of Communities, Nongovernmental and other Civil Society Organizations in the Implementation of the End TB Strategy 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS TOGETHER
- Proportion of MDR-TB among new cases is **9.4 %**

- Proportion of MDR-TB among retreated cases is **43 %**

- TB incidence: **45** (per 100,000)

- Poverty level **32.4 %** (with more than 45 % in some regions)

- 20 % of TB cases are migrants, working in the countries with high burden of MDR TB

**Armenia among the 27 countries with high burden of MDR TB**
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**Mission:** reducing of vulnerability of the population through mobilization of the power of humanity, preparing to cope with situations, which may cause vulnerability among the population, providing essential support by assisting people made vulnerable by harsh socioeconomic conditions

**Goal:** Prevention of human suffering, regardless of nationality, race, sex, religious beliefs, class and political opinions.

Guided by **Fundamental principles** of Red Cross and Red Crescent movement.

**Armenian Red Cross Society**

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Support, education and empowerment of MDR TB patients, starting from 2008

Social support to TB patients countrywide, 2010-2015

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- Target population: 257,400, from which rural -118,200
- Communities: 60 are rural and 7 are urban
- Remote rural areas
- High poverty level: 42.5%
- Most of the male population are labor migrants

Empowerment of TB patients

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Goal: TB affected people are empowered to participate in policy development and enforcement

Some of the most powerful advocacy is led by people directly affected by the problem or issue.
1. Representatives of TB affected communities are prepared for advocacy and involvement in the process of development of national strategic papers.

2. Stigma and discrimination are decreased.

Empowerment of TB patients
(Outcomes)

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Empowerment of TB patients
(lessons learnt)

- Community education, involvement and organization around TB issues encourage a feeling of community ownership and reduce stigma.
- Involvement should be started at family level as a main unit of society.
- Community participation increase the sustainability of each initiative.
Challenges

- Stigma in the health system
- High level of discrimination of TB patients
- Being «out» of the system
Thank you