Definition:

Community-based TB activities are conducted outside the premises of formal health facilities (e.g. hospitals and clinics) in community-based structures (e.g. schools and places of worship) and homesteads.

Community health workers and community volunteers carry out community-based TB activities. Both can be supported by nongovernmental organizations and/or the government.

Full definitions are available in ENGAGE-TB guidance.

Examples of Community Based TB Activities:

- Facilitating access to diagnostic services (e.g. referral; sputum or specimen collection and transport).
- Initiation and provision of TB prevention measures (e.g. Isoniazid preventive therapy, TB infection control).
- Treatment adherence support through peer support and education and individual follow-up.
- Social support and protection, livelihood support (e.g. food supplementation).

Global Documentation of Community Engagement:

Core Indicators:

- Number and percentage of new patients with TB (all forms) diagnosed and notified who were referred by community health workers and community volunteers.
- Number and percentage of successfully treated new patients with TB (all forms) who received support for treatment adherence from community health workers and community volunteers.

Reporting Trends:

- Number of countries reporting to WHO on core indicators
- Number of countries implementing community based TB activities
GAPS IN RECORDING AND REPORTING OF COMMUNITY INDICATORS IN NATIONAL DATA

Out of 90 countries implementing community-based TB activities, more than one third (32/90) still have no data on their contributions to TB outcomes.


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THE ENGAGE-TB APPROACH

- **Community-based TB prevention and care** integrated with primary health care or similar initiatives.
- **Close collaboration** between national TB programme and community actors in planning, supervision and M&E is key.
- **Core indicators** tracked through national TB programme M&E system.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONTRIBUTES TO UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC)

Community Engagement is a cost effective intervention to improve health service coverage and deliver accessible and people-centred integrated care.