16TH CORE GROUP MEETING OF THE TB-HIV WORKING GROUP

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COMMUNITIES IMPLEMENTING NEW METHODS FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION FOR NATION-WIDE SCALE UP?
Why don’t we see communities implementing? Vertical programs and services

- Researchers/Donors, etc
- National TB Control Programs
- Patients
WHY WE DON’T SEE COMMUNITIES IMPLEMENTING?

* High levels of stigma and discrimination
* Very vulnerable communities
  • CONTROL: decision making/power is not in the hands for communities right now
* Empty bed: Is the person taking decisions WITH US? Or do we diagnose and choose a treatment in an “empty bed”?
Can we let “patients” have a different role other than patients?

How much are we investing in communities right now? Look at the budget and the Core Group Plan.

How much CONTROL are we ready to give up in the hands of communities for TB RESPONSE?

How much time do we spend listening to the needs of people with TB?

How much are we doing/investing in order to reduce structural barriers?

Can we draw the line between TB control and control of people with TB?
Mind the LANGUAGE

FROM
- Control
- Patient
- Mandatory
- Vulnerable
- THEM
- Isolation/Hospitalization of patients

TO
- RESPONSE
- PERSONS
- VOLUNTARY
- EMPOWERED
- US
- INTEGRATION THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE WITH TB, NOT ONLY SERVICES
Mind the CONCEPTS

Participation is more than inviting people to meetings.

**PARTICIPATION IS DECISION MAKING TOGETHER**

Integration of different systems, how will this be done?

No Human Rights
TB

No community empowerment
TB

No RESPONSE TO TB

Public Health IS **investment in ONE person for the sake of the health of the community**

EMPOWERMENT: Long term development investment that reduces the VULNERABILITY. According to Foucault, literally means “GIVING MY POWER AWAY IN THE HANDS OF THE ONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE IT”
Mind the MONEY

How much money are we investing in community empowerment RIGHT NOW?

One example: TAG got money for my role and that of Francis, it is 1000 USD/year for each. Enough to print flyers and pay the internet. Unfortunately not enough to empower people.

Empowerment is a long term development investment that includes education, poverty reduction, nutritional support, and YES all of this considering the differences for women and men.

And YES all of this with local perspectives such as ethnicity, politics, concepts of health and disease, local stigma and discrimination, etc.
CARE virtuos cycle for INTEGRATION of TB and HIV services ALL need TRANSFORMATION!
The TB Revolution

Technical Cooperation, Research and Funding

National TB Care Programs and Political Leadership

Affected communities and civil society

Where is YOUR place?

Living with HIV? How to become part of the TB revolution
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Journal of an HIV positive woman activist from Bolivia, March 24, 2010