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BUILDING EFFECTIVE TB FORUMS AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNDER NTEP

Role of Stakeholders

The vision of the TB Forum is to accelerate community engagement in TB elimination and empower communities to advocate for TB care and services and play an active role in decision-making along the TB care cascade.

The objectives of TB Forum are:

- To involve and engage People with TB and TB survivors along with decision-makers and program managers on one platform for greater and equitable access to quality care and services.
- To strategize on improving awareness of schemes, provisions, and facilities available for People with TB
- To improve diagnosis among people with symptoms of TB and successful treatment outcomes and reduce stigma and discrimination.
- To mobilize resources and ensure the social security of people by facilitating nutritional support, linkages with social welfare schemes, rehabilitation of People with TB and TB survivors, and strategies and mechanisms for the prevention of TB
- To strengthen strategies for TB prevention information and mechanisms

The four pillars envisaged in the National Strategic Plan clearly state:

- ◆ **Detect** - Find all TB cases with an emphasis on reaching every TB patient in the public and private sector
- ◆ **Treat**- Treat all TB cases with high-quality anti-TB drugs
- ◆ **Prevent**- Prevent the emergence of TB in susceptible populations and stop catastrophic expenditure due to TB by all
- ◆ **Build** - Build and strengthen supportive systems including enabling policies, empowered institutions and human resources

Role of Stakeholders

Designation	State	District level
Secretary of Health and Family Welfare	Supervise and monitor the overall functioning and proceeding of the TB Forum	
	Direct NTEP, line departments, and other members to resolve issues within a stipulated period	
	Ensure that TB Forums are not NTEP review meetings. Discussion from a cross-section of TB Forum members on various components of community engagement to be strengthened.	
MD-NHM	Ensure that TB Forums in states and Districts are formed with the required members	
	Directives for ensuring TB Forum meetings are held and minuted	
	Follow up with STOs for ensuring that action points are resolved.	
District Collector	Supervise and monitor the overall functioning and proceeding of the TB Forum	
	Direct NTEP, line departments, and other members to resolve issues within a stipulated period	
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State TB Officer / District TB Officer	Nodal officer for TB Forums and their effective functioning	Nodal officer for TB Forums and their effective functioning
	Minutising the minutes of the TB Forum	Minutising the minutes of the TB Forum
	Dissemination of Minutes of Meeting (MoM) with follow-up action and timeline	Dissemination of MoM with follow-up action and timeline

Designation	State	District level
Government Line Departments	Department of Women and Child Development	



Designation	State	District level
Government Line Departments	Department of Rural Development	



Designation	State	District level
Government Line Departments	Department of Education	



Teachers and Students of schools to be sensitized on various aspects of TB control - An issuance of directives to all District Education Officers



Ensure nutritional benefits for students with TB staying in residential schools



Ensure follow-up for the affected children with MDR/XDR TB



In collaboration with the Department of School education and literacy, respiratory hygiene can be included in the school curriculum

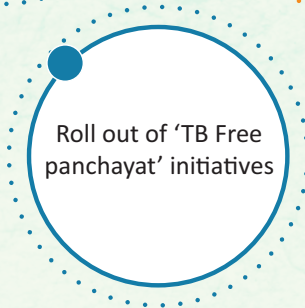
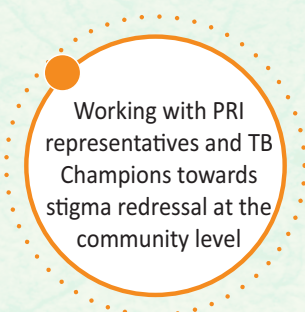
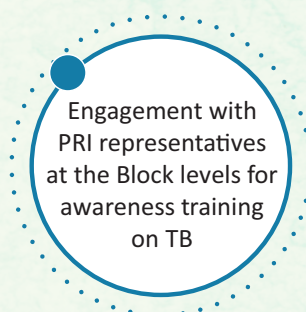


Training and capacity building of school teachers on signs and symptoms of TB and respiratory hygiene including preventive measures for TB to be ensured



Platforms like Parent Teacher Association (PTA) can be used to share messages on TB

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Government Line Departments	Department of Panchayati Raj https://rural.nic.in/gram-swaraj-abhiyan	



Designation	State	District level
Government Line Departments	Department of Public Distribution System	

Linkages between NI-KSHAY and e-PDS will ensure the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism for delivering benefits

Additional ration to People with TB and their family

Designation	State	District level
Government Line Departments	Department of Tribal Development	

Awareness of TB through inclusion in the Tribal Area Development Program, in Modified Area Development Approach (MADA), etc

Capacity building of Ashram school teachers and students on various aspects of TB

TB screening among Tribal Residential School inmates

Awareness Generation among inmates of Tribal Residential Schools and Community

Stigma reduction involving Faith-Based Organizations

Information Education and Communication through tribal haats/fairs

Expansion of TB-related services as included in existing health infrastructure under the Tribal Area Development Programme

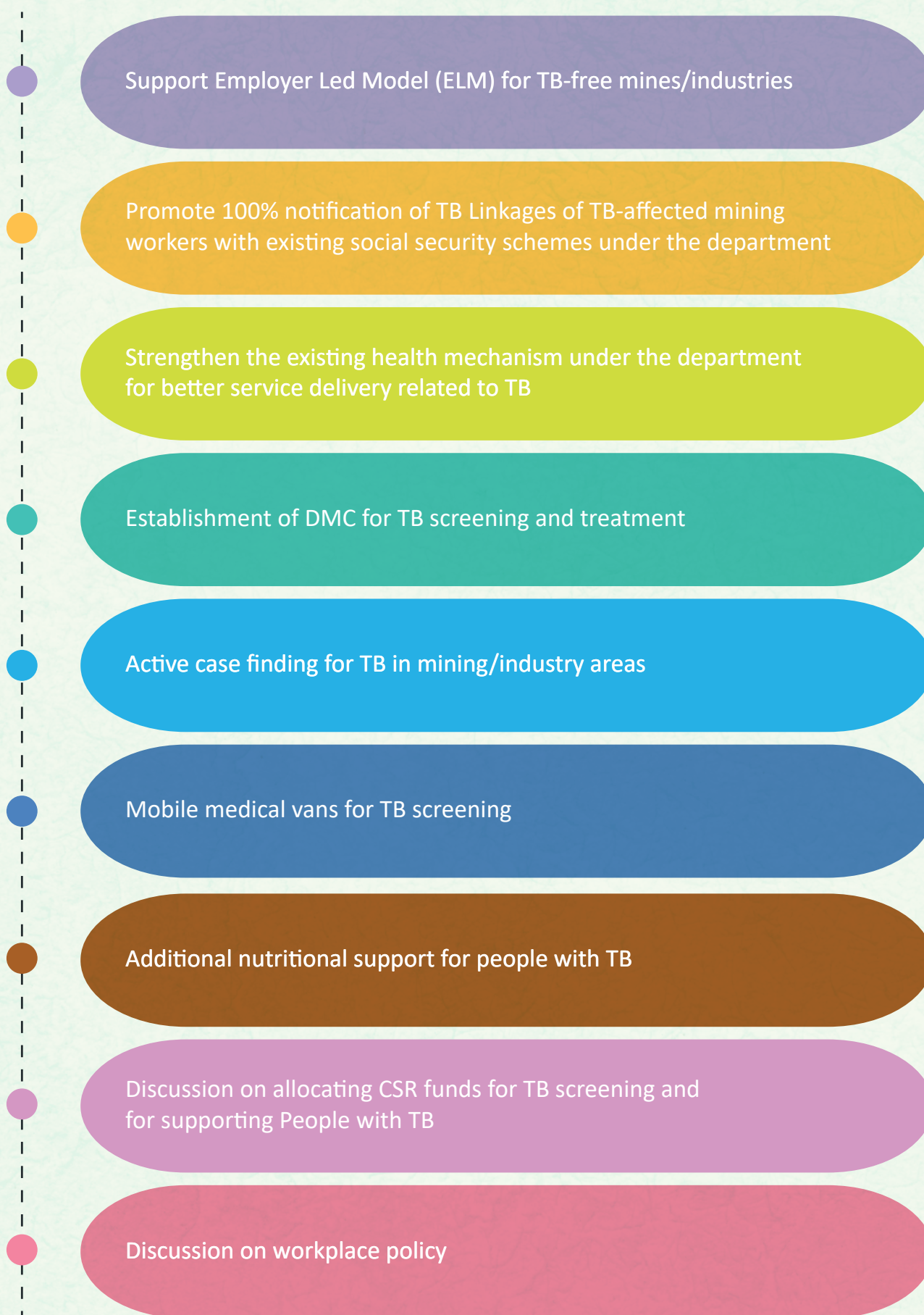
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Government Line Departments	Department of Tribal Development (Continued)	

Leverage resources for IEC and benefit on social protection to persons with TB and affected with TB.

Sensitization of Traditional healers

Designation	State	District level
Government Line Departments	Department of Railways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Linkages to integration of TB services in the health facilities under railways ◆ Awareness generation and air borne control infection ◆ Socio economic support to people with TB as required in Department of Railways ◆ Conduct awareness generation activities and display of TB prevention/ control messages Department of Posts To support NTEP in specimen transportation Department of Youth Affairs and Sports Conduct training and awareness generation on TB with Nehru Yuva Kendra, National Social service, National Cadet Corps, National Youth Corps, Youth Clubs	
Representatives of the health department DHS, PD SACS, NHM, NPCDCS, RCH, NUHM	Bi-directional screening for HIV and Tuberculosis, along with testing for Diabetes Mellitus Work collaboratively and increase presumptive TB screening Conduct Active Case Finding (ACF) in high-risk areas through NUHM's ongoing activities. Functionalization of Designated Microscopy Centre (DMC) at Health centers. Intersectoral collaborations and screening for TB in vulnerable populations Integration of comprehensive healthcare services including TB at Health and Wellness Centers	
Representative of TB Association, Professional Associations like IMA, PHFI, Medical Colleges, Indian Academy of Paediatrics, FOGSI	Conduct Continuing Medical Education (CMEs) on TB and support the Program in ACF activities and work on research Conducts CMEs on TB at State and District levels Highlight issues People With TB in the Private sector	
Local NGOs/ development partners/CSOs	Can support people with TB for education or livelihood support activities.	
Journalist/ Advocate	Highlight issues and work on TB from community representatives that can be replicated with reporting in the media Provide real-time feedback from geographies in which they cover stories Share a rights-based perspective on engaging communities to empower the person with TB	

Designation	State	District level
Representatives from industries		



The Roles of stakeholders are indicative. Departments can go beyond the suggested intervention/ideas

