







**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	Supervise and monitor the overall functioning and proceeding of the TB Forum		
Collector	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	



Sensitization of CDPO, ICDS supervisors, and AWW to incorporate TB care and prevention in general and respiratory hygiene in AWC by issuing a letter of direction.

Department of Women and Child Development

Referral of people with symptoms of TB and malnourished children for TB screening

TB screening amongst inmates of homes /orphanages for women and children and adolescents

Train Village-based SHGs on TB care and prevention and also enhance support for outreach activities

Focusing on Nutrition Mission
"POSHAN ABHIYAAN" and ICDS which
can be leveraged to ensure feeding the
person women affected with or
children whose either of parents
is on TB treatment

Designation	State	District level
Government Line Departments	Department of Rural Development	

Provision of widow pension benefits to all widows of people of TB who died due to TB under the Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGWPS) Prioritization for cured people with TB who lost their job due to the disease under the employment program (MNREGA) without stigma and discrimination

Include people with TB under Participatory Identification of Poor (PIP) under National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) Facilitate access of people with TB to decent housing under the Indira Awas Yojana

Build capacity of rural development functionaries through state and district-level training centers Train Self Help Groups on TB care and prevention measures and services. Take the support of SHG and existing distinct chapters of survivors -led-networks for outreach activities, and establish linkage of services Involving Rural livelihood promotion societies (as they have vibrant women-based organizations and families) where women have TB can be financially empowered through skills and livelihood promotion

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

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

Engagement with
PRI representatives
at the Block levels for
awareness training
on TB

Working with PRI representatives and TB Champions towards stigma redressal at the community level Activating the Gaon Kalyan Samiti (GKS) to adopt TB as a priority issue at the village level Facilitating linkages of people with TB and families to existing social welfare schemes under the department

Roll out of 'TB Free panchayat' initiatives

Integration with 'Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan' in Aspirational districts

Integrate activities with Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat Abhiyan

Facilitating Direct
Benefit Transfer
(DBT) for Nutritional
Support under
'Ni-kshay
Poshan'

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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	<b>Department of Tribal Development</b>	
Departments		

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

Designation	State	District level
Government Line	Department of Tribal Development (Continued)	
Departments		

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  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,		
Representatives of the health department DHS, PD SACS, NHM, NPCDCS, RCH, NUHM	National Social service, National Cadet C Bi-directional screening for HIV and Tu Diabetes Mellitus Work collaboratively and increase pre Conduct Active Case Finding (ACF) in h ongoing activities. Functionalization of Designated Micros Intersectoral collaborations and scree Integration of comprehensive healthco	Corps, National Youth Corps, Youth Clubs aberculosis, along with testing for sumptive TB screening nigh-risk areas through NUHM's scopy Centre (DMC) at Health centers. ning for TB in vulnerable populations	
Representative of TB Association, Professional Associations like IMA, PHFI, Medical Colleges, Indian Academy of Paediatrics, FOGSI  Conduct Continuing Medical Education (CMEs) Program in ACF activities and work on research Conducts CMEs on TB at State and District level Conducts CMEs on TB at State and District level Conducts CMEs on TB at State and District level Conducts CMEs on TB at State and District level Conducts CMEs on TB at State and District level Conducts CMEs on TB at State and District level Conducts CMEs on TB at State and District level CONDUCTOR CONDUCT		research trict levels	
Local NGOs/ development partners/CSOs Journalist/ Advocate	Can support people with TB for educa  Highlight issues and work on TB from be replicated with reporting in the me Provide real-time feedback from geog Share a rights-based perspective on experson with TB	community representatives that can edia raphies in which they cover stories	

	Designation	State	District level
Representa	atives from industries		
	Support Employer I	.ed Model (ELM) for TB-free min	es/industries
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		ting health mechanism under th elivery related to TB	e department
	Establishment of DI	MC for TB screening and treatme	ent
	Active case finding	for TB in mining/industry areas	
	Mobile medical var	s for TB screening	
•	Additional nutrition	al support for people with TB	

Discussion on workplace policy

