CSO/CBO at the center of TB responses

- Dr. Ramya Ananthakrishnan
  Director, REACH, India
WHAT WE DO

- Partnering with the private sector
- Advocacy for tuberculosis
- Providing holistic care and support
- Empowering TB survivors
- Strengthening communities
- Engaging with the media

Public Health Practise to Policy
REACH Footprint

- Unite to ACT - Technical Assistance
- Unite to ACT - Direct Implementation
- ALLIES
- Linking to Care initiative
- CFCS Project
- Mentors for Community Health
THE TB CHAMPION & AFFECTED COMMUNITIES MOVEMENT

-Leveraging for the future
NATIONAL CRG ASSESSMENTS

Data for Action for Tuberculosis Key and Vulnerable Populations
RAPID ASSESSMENT REPORT
India (2018)

LEGAL ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT FOR TB IN INDIA
2018

A Rapid Assessment of GENDER AND TUBERCULOSIS in India (2018)
WOMEN TB LEADERS - COMMUNITY MENTORS FOR HEALTH
TB SURVIVORS TO TB CHAMPIONS – THE JOURNEY
2017-18: TB SURVIVOR TO TB CHAMPION JOURNEY BEGAN WITH THE FIRST CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP
2018-19: TB CHAMPIONS CAME TOGETHER TO FORM THE FIRST SURVIVOR-LED NETWORKS
Role of TB Champions

- Raise awareness of TB in their communities
- Reduce stigma in the community
- Carry out advocacy
- Provide real-time feedback to health system
- Provide emotional and social support to people affected by TB
SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH TB
EDUCATING COMMUNITIES ABOUT TB

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ADDRESSING STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION
WORKING TO STRENGTHEN TB SURVIVOR NETWORKS
IMPLEMENTING THE COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY NETWORK
ENGAGING ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKING AT VARIOUS PLATFORMS
SPEAKING UP VIA SHORT FILMS & SOCIAL MEDIA

"TAKING TB CARE TO THE COMMUNITY"

I heard from a colleague that some women employed as part of the government’s employment guarantee scheme had symptoms of TB. In order to reach them, I organised a community meeting after discussing with the NTP Senior Treatment Supervisor and the Panchayat leader. I explained all about TB, its symptoms and that free diagnosis and treatment were available. After the meeting, I identified five people with symptoms of TB and am following up with them to ensure they get tested.

S Sharmila, Woman TB Leader
Salem district, Tamil Nadu

"My dream is that no one else experiences the suffering that I have experienced."

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TODAY, THERE ARE 1000s OF TB CHAMPIONS ACROSS INDIA

Who are committing to working with the National TB Elimination Programme to achieve our dream of a TB-free India.