Engaging community in TB research and development

Conducting TB community based and led research to inform TB policy

December 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2024
Chișinău, Republic of Moldova

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Three-days training focused on research and development

Participants

Representatives of TB CSOs STP CFCS implementers from EECA region, Moldova TB CAB members, development partners

Context

Representatives of TB community and CSOs who are STP CFCS implementers from EECA region, Moldova TB CAB are invited to participate in a three-days training focused on research and development, the Center for Policies and Studies (PAS Center) is convening in CHIȘINĂU, Republic of Moldova December 2-4, 2024 as part of the regional project „EECA post UNHLM community watch to leave no one behind" funded by STOP TB Partnership (STP) and with the support of COST Action ADVANCE-TB (CA21164).

Why?

- To increase TB community and CSOs research literacy by enhancing the mobilization, coordination and research capacity.
- To inform and educate TB community and CSOs representatives about TB research globally, as well as share cases of the high-impact CLR/CBR in policy dialogue.

What are our objectives?

- Bring together key TB community and CSOs to learn about research and trials, methods of data collection.

- Learn what steps and data is required to conduct meaningful community led and (or) based research (CLR/ and CBR).

- Discuss what data is required to support country scale up of people centered models of care, including updating diagnostic algorithms, WHO recommended treatments as well as prevention.

- Discuss how and where to use CLR/CBR results to leverage the impact these may have on policy translation

- Draft action plans for CLR research for the country in the next year or 2-3 years

Outputs

Training module to guide TB community and CSOs on research methodology to support the use of standardised approaches and tools in conducting CLR/CBR.

Countries action plans on CLR implementation.

How will we do this?

Presentations; Group work; pre- and post evaluation.

Acknowledgements

December 2nd 2024

08.30h
Registration

09.00h
1. Welcome & introduction (15 min each)

   Sergiu Gherman (PAS), **Valentina Vilc** (NTP), **Liliana Caraulan** (STP) **and Alicia Lacoma** (ADVANCE-TB)
   Moderator: Oxana Rucsineanu

2. Orientation: goals of the course and announcing Day 1 agenda
3. Informal introduction of participants
4. Pre-test
   Moderator: Cristina Celan

Session I. Overview of the TB research

10.00h
Presentations of the regional institutional partners and their work in research - COST, PAS, SMIT
Q&A (10 min)

11.10h
Coffee break

Session I. Types and stages of research

11.40h
1. Overview of the TB research
   Andrii Dudnik

2. Scientific/academic research: Types of research and trials: Differences and commonalties

Eka Kokhreidze & Andrii Dudnik

Moderators: Oxana Rucsineanu & Cristina Celan

Q&A (10 min)

3. Stages of research:
   · Conceptual phase: How to identify the topic for your research. Theory and practice
   · Empirical phase: Creating an initial hypothesis. Theory and practice

Eka Kokhreidze & Andrii Dudnik

Each presentation should be followed by a short practical exercise to apply the newly got knowledge

Q&A (10 min)

14.00h
Lunch

Session II. Types and stages of research (continuation)

15.00h

1. Design and planning: How to design the research approach and submit process for review (IRB/Ethical committees). Theory and practice
2. Analytic phase: Gathering data, analyzing the results and compiling a report. Theory and practice

Eka Kokhreidze & Andrii Dudnik

Moderators: Oxana Rucsineanu & Cristina Celan

16.45h
Coffee break

Q&A (10 min)

17.55h
Concluding Day 1

18.00h
Dinner

December 3rd 2024

09.00h
Key notes from Day 1 and announcing Day 2 agenda (10 min)

Moderators: Oxana Rucsineanu & Cristina Celan

Session III. Skills and knowledge to develop an abstract

09.10h
1. Dissemination phase: Proofread and submit for a publication and/or organizing a dissemination event. Theory and practice.
2. Orientation: Writing a research summary/abstract: Key steps (50 min). Examples of successful abstracts.

Eka Kokhreidze & Andrii Dudnik

Q&A (10 min)

10.10h

Group work. From theory to practice: Develop an abstract e.g. for the Conference

1. Breaking into groups (5 min)
2. Groups work (65 min)

11.20h

Group photo

11.30h

Coffee break

11.50h

1. Presentations from the groups (25 min, 5 min each)
2. Concluding the exercise and its results (5 min)

Eka Kokhreidze & Andrii Dudnik

Session IV. From scientific to community research

12.25h

1. Community based and led researches: What is this and why it is important.

Eka Kokhreidze

Q&A (10 min)

14.00h

Lunch

Session V. Theory and practice – Using statistics for measuring impact

15.00h

Orientation on Knowledge, skills and tools
- Group work on preset study cases
- Presenting results

Eka Kokhreidze

Q&A (10 min)

16.00h

Coffee break

Session VI. Practical examples from countries challenges by country implementers. Regional and Local Perspectives

16.20h

1. Community, Rights, and Gender Assessments based on STP tools - Insights and Best Practices from the EECA Region

   Liliana Caraulan

2. What Can We Learn When Data Is Scarce? - lessons from Qualitative and Ethnographic CLR/CBR in TB and HIV Research

   Daniel Kashnitsky

Q&A (10 min)

17.55h
Concluding Day 2 (5 min)

Cristina Celan

18.00h

Dinner

December 4th 2024

09.00h
Key notes from Day 2 and announcing Day 3 agenda (10 min)

Session VII. Engaging in policy dialogue. Skills, knowledge and platforms for efficient advocacy

09.10h

Orientation.

1. Advocacy skills
2. Setting advocacy priorities
3. Aligning research to advocacy priorities
4. Finding allies

Oxana Rucsineanu

Q&A (10 min)

11.10h
Coffee break

Session VII (continuation)

11.30h
1. Community-led monitoring (CLM): Current Status and Tools (50 min)
2. Translating CLM, CLR and CBR results on access to TB diagnostics and treatment into advocacy priorities for TB policy translation (50 min)

   Cristina Celan

   Q&A (20 min)

14.00h
Lunch

15.00h

Group work. Developing a CLR/CBR agenda Practical examples

What are the community priorities for community based and led researches?
- Breaking into groups (5 min)
- Group work (30 min)
- Presentations from the groups (25 min, 5 min each)

Q&A (10 min)
Concluding the exercise (10 min)

16.00h

Coffee break

16.20h

1. Q&A (10 min)
2. Post-test
3. Concluding Day 3 (5 min)
4. Final remarks and farewell

17.00h

End of the course

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