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Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND India), a group entity of FIND, Geneva, is dedicated to turning complex diagnostic challenges into simple solutions to overcome diseases of poverty and transform lives. FIND India is a long standing partner of RNTCP in TB lab strengthening activities including introduction of new diagnostic technologies, expansion of TB diagnostic capacity and sustenance of service delivery for improved access to TB care. Other areas of focus for FIND in India include Viral Hepatitis, Antimicrobial Resistance, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

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JOINT EFFORT FOR ELIMINATION OF TUBERCULOSIS(JEET)

Project JEET is being jointly implemented by William J. Clinton Foundation (WJCF), Centre for Health Research and Innovation (CHRI), a PATH affiliate and Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) under the guidance of Central Tuberculosis Division (CTD), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and funded by The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). The project will enable extension of quality TB care to patients seeking care in the private sector.

JEET BACKGROUND

India has the highest burden of Tuberculosis (TB) in the world, accounting for more than 27% of global TB incidence. It has now embarked on an ambitious journey of eliminating Tuberculosis by 2025.

To achieve this vision, it is essential to diagnose and treat the missing cases. The National Strategic Plan (NSP) for TB elimination (2017-25), advocates the strategy of 'going where the patients go' and highlights the importance of engaging private sector to improve the standards of TB care. There are significant gaps across the patient care cascade in the private sector on account of under reporting, diagnostic delays, and irrational and non-standardized regimens. Joint Effort for Elimination of Tuberculosis (JEET) aims to address these gaps through pan-India engagement with private sector. The project is being implemented under the guidance of the Central Tuberculosis Division (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) and in close collaboration with State TB Offices, WHO and other stakeholders.

The Problem -

- More than 70%² of TB patients in India seek care in the private sector. Often, their diagnosis is not notified to the government leading to the problem of missing cases
- Analysis of patient care cascade indicates following reasons for missing cases
- Under-diagnosis
- Under-reporting of detected cases
- Inadequate access to health services
- Health systems and surveillance gaps
- **Inadequate linkages** with private practitioners, hospitals, laboratories

 Thus, key to achieving the vision of TB elimination is to identify and provide optimum care to the missing cases

The Solution -

Engaging private sector effectively is crucial for achieving universal access to quality diagnosis and treatment for TB. Project JEET aims to ensure optimum standards of diagnosis and treatment as per Standards for TB Care in India (STCI) guidelines for patients initiating care in the private sector. RNTCP will provide drugs and diagnostics support to JEET in the form of FDCs & CBNAAT in public sector labs. The project will provide treatment adherence support measures and facilitate extension of RNTCP incentives to private sector patients.

JEET: A multipronged approach to engage private sector

Project will span accross 45 cities with intensive engagement activities through PPSA and in additional 361 cities through a light touch provider engagement model called PPSA Lite.

PPSA

Mapping of private practitioners and identification of TB Champions

Continuous engagement of private sector providers through in clinic visits and CMEs

Linkages to government provide CB NAAI testing and FDC's for all patients seeking care in the private sector

Treatment adherence support

PPSA Lite

Mapping of private practitioners and identification of TB Champions

Facilitate private sector provider engagement through CMEs

Capacity building of RNTCP staff to undertake PPM activities

Provide program monitoring support and facilitate reviews

JEET Service Offering



