Advancing rights to quality TB prevention and treatment services to women affected by TB

LOCATION Sengerema district, Mwanza region

TARGET POPULATION(S) women affected/infected by TB

IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS Sengerema District Municipal

ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROBLEM STATEMENT — Gender has a critical impact on health seeking and treatment behavior, mainly determining how men, women, boys, and girls seek health services. In Tanzania, men, women, and children have different kinds of barriers to access comprehensive care and treatment of TB. Socio-cultural norms create different levels of stigma, discrimination, and gender inequities in TB responses. Gender inequalities, stigma and discrimination lead to delays in seeking diagnosis, poor treatment outcomes, creation of drug resistance, loss of employment, rejection of women from families.

AIM — To contribute in advancing the rights to quality TB prevention and treatment services to women infected/affected by TB in Sengerema district fishing communities through TB case management, health system strengthening and gender mainstreaming.

OBJECTIVES

1. To meaningfully engage women in the promotion of gender roles thereby contributing to reduction of gender based violence in Sengerema community by July 2021.

2. To meaningfully engage women in advocating and addressing emerging key challenges on TB response, gender and culturally sensitive issues in Sengerema district by July 2021.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS

CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022. Aligned with resolution No 38 of the United Nations Political Declaration on TB, which commits to providing special attention to the poor, those who are vulnerable, including infants, young children, adolescents, elderly people and communities especially at risk of and affected by TB in accordance with the principle of social inclusion, especially through ensuring strong and meaningful engagement of civil society and affected communities in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the TB response within and beyond health sector.

ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN. Our implementing project works to contributes for realization of National TB Response Community, Rights and Gender Operational Plan 2020 -2023 thus contributes for increased adoption of human rights, gender based, people, centered and community-driven approaches in TB response by 2022.

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Family Welfare Foundation works to realize a community where vulnerable women are meaningfully engaged in advancing women human rights and advocates for strengthening quality TB/HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights related services at the grass-root levels in Tanzania.