

## Survey of TB knowledge in the workforce

Survey objective: To explore TB-related knowledge, attitudes, stigma and health-seeking practices among the workforce.

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- Baseline data collection
- Follow up data collection

Date:

### Important information for respondents

We wish to learn about your knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding tuberculosis (TB). We hope to use this information to help us improve the health of our workers.

Your answers will remain anonymous and will not be shared with your colleagues. Your name will not be written on the questionnaire or be kept in any records. Your participation is voluntary and you may choose to stop at any time.

Thank you for taking part.

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### For the interviewer

This survey can be filled out by the individual themselves (the worker), or by you reading the questions to them. If you are reading the questions, please be sure to not provide any assistance or give any indication of what you believe the correct answers to be.

## **PART 1: General and demographic questions**

1. How old are you?
  - Under 30
  - 31-40
  - 41-50
  - Over 50
  
2. What is your gender?
  - Male
  - Female
  - Prefer not to say
  
3. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?
  - No school
  - Primary school (until the age of 11)
  - Secondary school (until the age of 16)
  - College (until the age of 18)
  - University

- Religious schooling only
- Literacy classes only

4. How far do you live from the nearest health clinic or hospital?
- 0-10 kilometres
  - 11-20 kilometres
  - 21-30 kilometres
  - Don't know

## **PART 2: Health-seeking behaviour**

5. Where do you usually go if you are sick, or to treat a health problem?  
(Check all that are mentioned)
- Private clinic
  - Government clinic or hospital
  - Traditional healer
  - Clinic run by a charity or church
  - Other\_\_\_\_\_
6. What would you do if you thought you had symptoms of TB?
- Go directly to a clinic
  - Visit a traditional healer
  - Go to a pharmacy
  - Wait to be sure that you were ill
  - Do nothing
  - Other\_\_\_\_\_
7. If you did decide to go to the clinic, when would you decide to go?
- When treatment on my own doesn't work
  - When symptoms that are related to TB have lasted for 3-4 weeks
  - As soon as I thought my symptoms might be related to TB.
8. When you are ill and choose not to go to a medical facility, what is the main reason?  
(Please tick all that apply)
- Cost
  - Too far
  - Cannot leave work
  - Illness will get better on its own
  - Not sure where to go
  - Do not trust medical workers
  - Do not like attitude of medical workers
  - Don't want to tell people that you're sick
  - Other\_\_\_\_\_
9. Who would you talk to about your illness if you had TB?  
(Please tick all that apply)
- Friends
  - Partner
  - Parents
  - Children

- Colleagues
- Religious leader
- Community leader
- No one

### **PART 3: TB knowledge and awareness**

10. What are the sources of information that can reach people most effectively with information about health?

(Please check all that apply)

- Newspapers
- Radio
- TV
- Billboards
- Brochures
- Health workers
- Family, friends, neighbours (word of mouth)
- Religious leaders
- Community leaders
- Employers
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

11. What are the signs and symptoms of TB?

(Please check all that apply)

- Rash
- Cough
- Coughing up blood
- Headache
- Nausea
- Weight loss
- Fever
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Sweating at night
- Loss of smell
- Do not know
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

12. How can a person get TB?

(Please check all that apply)

- Through handshakes
- Through the air when a person with TB coughs or sneezes
- Through sharing dishes
- Through eating from the same plate
- Through touching items in public places (doorknobs, handles in transportation)
- Do not know
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

13. What reduces the chances of someone with TB passing it onto a colleague?

(Please check all that apply)

- Avoiding shaking hands
- Covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Avoiding sharing dishes
- Washing hands after touching items in public places
- Opening windows for more ventilation
- Taking sick leave/leaving the workplace
- Getting diagnosed and treated
- Do not know
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

14. Can almost all TB be cured?

- Yes
- No

15. What could a person do that would increase his or her chances of a cure?

(Please check all that apply)

- Eat well
- Continue to work
- Specific drugs given by the health centre
- Avoid getting tired
- Home rest without medicine
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

16. How much does TB treatment cost in this country?

- It is free
- It is reasonable priced
- It is somewhat/moderately expensive
- It is very expensive

17. How long does TB treatment usually last?

- 2 weeks
- 1 month
- 3 months
- 6 months
- Don't know

18. Are people sick with TB infectious?

- Yes
- No

19. How long are people sick with TB infectious for?

- Only until they start treatment
- Usually within two weeks of starting treatment
- For the full course of treatment

20. Can a person sick with TB return to work?

- Yes, straight away
- Yes, usually within two weeks of starting treatment
- No

#### **PART 4: TB attitudes**

21. In your opinion, how serious an issue is TB in this country?
- Very serious
  - Serious
  - It's a problem in some areas
  - It's not a problem at all
22. Do you know people who have had TB?
- Yes
  - No
23. Which statement is closest to your feeling about people with TB?  
(Please only pick one answer)
- I feel compassion and a desire to help
  - I feel compassion but I tend to stay away from these people
  - I am afraid they might infect me
  - I have no particular feelings
  - Other\_\_\_\_\_
24. If a colleague of yours had symptoms that you thought were like TB, what would you do?  
(Please check all that apply)
- Nothing, it's not my business
  - I would avoid them
  - I would avoid them and advise others to avoid them
  - I would encourage them to talk to a manager
  - I would encourage them to seek medical care
  - Other\_\_\_\_\_
25. In your community, how is a person with TB usually treated?
- Most people reject him or her
  - Most people are friendly, but try to avoid him or her
  - The community is mostly supportive and helps him or her
  - People do not talk about it
  - Other\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking part in the survey!