



CEPT-II

Campaign for Education, Prevention and Treatment for TB (Phase II)

Each year 2.2 million Indians develop TB in India, and everyday 850 Indians will die from TB. Free diagnostics and treatment regimen are available, yet millions continue to suffer because of lack of knowledge and patient support.

Since 2009, Blossom has implemented the Campaign for Education, Prevention & Treatment for TB (CEPT) to provide WHO-recommended community-based prevention and care of TB in Virudhunagar and Kanchipuram districts in Tamil Nadu.



Every year nine million
people develop TB.



Three million do not
receive the care they
need.

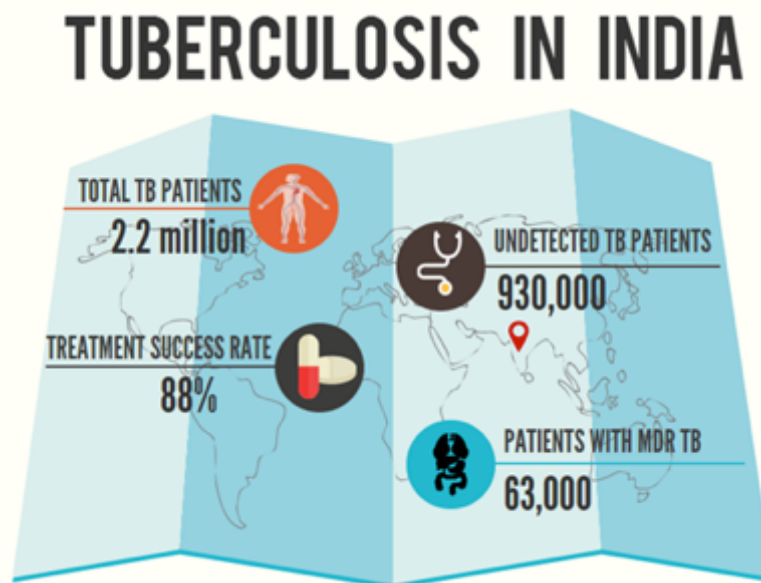
CEPT aims to: (1) increase the knowledge level on TB among the general public and build capacity for community support, and (2) actively identify, treat and cure TB, especially among the vulnerable population groups.

We operate in all 11 blocks of Virudhunagar and 3 blocks of Kanchipuram district.

Project particulars	2014-2015
No of participants in the health education/awareness activities	6169
No of TB symptomatic people referred to for testing	1394
No of people tested	1283
No of cases identified for TB	497
No of cases identified for co-infection with HIV	41
No of patients registered as RTBF members	231

The CEPT team actively identifies TB suspects in the community and refers them for free testing and treatment. The team also has a dedicated HIV-TB co-screening coordinator at the local ART centre to ensure every HIV patient is tested for TB. The team works tirelessly to ensure patients do not miss testing and treatment schedule, and also provides support for patients who are at risk of developing drug-resistant tuberculosis.

This year marked the second full year partnership with Target TB, UK, and the half-way milestone of a four year venture of CEPT-II.



Target TB believes in holistic approach of addressing the health, social and economic impact of the disease as well as challenges in TB-HIV co-infection and the emerging drug resistance.

Target TB and Blossom are committed to strengthening the existing health systems and working with the community to develop locally appropriate responses to improving TB control.

CEPT-II aims for three key outcomes. Firstly, to improve community knowledge of TB and how to access TB diagnostics and treatment. Secondly, increased access to government facilities that offer treatment abiding by the RNTCP (Revised National TB Control Programme). Lastly, to improve community capacity for more sustainable TB management in the two districts.



RTBF

The Rainbow TB forum is unique among India's TB activist networks in that it is comprised exclusively of past and present TB patients.

The RTBF uses the distinct knowledge that comes with fighting TB to foster conversation and further societal acceptance of those afflicted with TB.

RTBF grew out of CEPT-II After a group of young students helped by the programme staff experienced discrimination at a government health facility while being tested for TB, they decided to take a stand.

They mobilized members of key affected population to join them in their fight against the stigma attached to TB.

Over the past years, RTBF has evolved into an independent network with its own legal identity and over 600 members. Blossom maintains a close working relationship with the Forum, sharing strategies and programme development.

Regular monthly meetings are conducted in each district to raise TB awareness and to reduce self-stigmatization and isolation. Members monitor TB testing centres to prevent discrimination and provide their phone numbers for report of discrimination.

RTBF represents PLWD (People Living With Disease) in the Board meetings of PTCC (Partnership for Tuberculosis Care and Control), New Delhi.

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