

The importance of the civil society perspective

**Action on the social determinants of tuberculosis:
are social protection interventions the way forward?**

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The global context

- Health de-prioritised post-2015
- A focus on sustainable development and increasing community self-reliance
- \$23.7bn cost to India annually, largely through lost productivity



Service user/community involvement in England

- “The principle will be *no decisions about me without me.*”
- “...services are more responsive to patients and designed around them, rather than patients having to fit around services.”



The social complexity of TB

- TB affects some of the most marginalised people
- “People aren’t ‘hard to reach’. It just requires a bit more thought and effort to make sure their needs are taken into account.”
- The choice
 - Conceptually sound
 - Reflecting people’s needs and experiences



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