

CLOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION GAP BETWEEN POLICY AND SERVICE DELIVERY FOR CHILDHOOD TB

Service delivery lags behind the policy development process



- National childhood TB guidelines, job aids, and algorithms have been developed

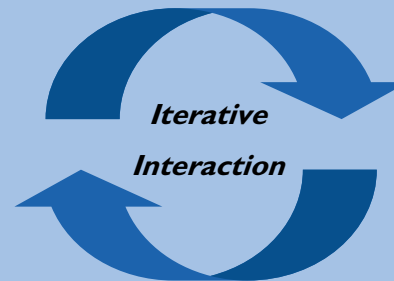


- Facilities and providers lack the capacity to identify children suspected of having TB and manage them appropriately
- Roles and responsibilities of health workers are not clearly defined

Progress requires focus on both policy and practical implementation support

Policy Recommendations

- Adjust national guidelines to define roles and responsibilities for each level of health worker and facility
- Adjust algorithms to reflect decentralized service provision



Implementation Solutions

- Facilitate training of health workers, including wide-scale distribution of guidelines and job aids
- Ensure availability of diagnostic tools, supplies, and pediatric formulations

Improved status of childhood TB service delivery