

project: Population Based TB Case Finding Data Collection Training for Health workers and Health Extensions

Summary

Data collection training was given on October, 7-8/2016 at Yirgalem town. More than 120 participants were trained; and they all are directly involved in data and sample collection procedure.

Participants of training: data collectors 76 HEWs, 38 health professionals from 36 kebeles and 1 district TB focal, 1 district office head, Reach Ethiopia staff (facilitator) and supervisors were involved. The training was well organized, participatory, learning and received well by audiences.



Mr. Lamala Sombala Head of Dale district Health office during official opening of training.

Mr. Lamala Sombala head of Dale district health office has opened the training session officially. During his speech he warmly appreciated and acknowledged REACH Ethiopia for choosing Dale district as it will benefit most of community through this project in creating demand for health care and utilization through active case finding by identifying TB cases door to door. Further; he expressed the current situation of TB case finding as it is below the target needs great energy to achieve the national target; and further highlighted on the epidemiological situation of tuberculosis, threat of emerging drug resistance TB. He briefly spoke on the need for integration with the project staffs; because the planned action which achieved during project implementation is important in terms of increasing performance of the health office activities. Finally, he expressed the commitment of HEWs and Health professionals had previously and believed they do the same in this project.



Dr Daniel ED of REACH Ethiopia giving opening remark session.

Dr Daniel ED of REACH Ethiopia has mentioned the relationship of REACH Ethiopia and Dale district as well as Health Extension Workers. He briefly described and highlighted on the project implementation and; further explained the energy and the commitment health workers and HEWs have to fight against TB and the need for collaboration in addressing the issue of TB in impressing way.

Objectives of the data collection training

- To develop informed action plan and share role and responsibilities of each data collectors
- To introduce the health workers and Health Extension workers with different types of tools;
- To create a common understanding in all segment of clusters;
- To take informed consent during visit of each household in the district and register presumptive TB cases;
- To create understanding on criteria of presumptive TB case identification in children and adults;
- To how collect sputum sample from identified presumptive TB cases at Kebele level;
- To ensure quality of data and sputum sample during collection, preparation, storage and transportation;
- To create understanding on how sample transportation across the district to hospital and AHRI will be cascaded;