

# ‘Reimagining Global Health: Decolonization of Global Health Governance’

Strengthening Myanmar’s TB response by investing in local ownership

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## BACKGROUND AND CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION



Figure 1: Geographic distribution of TB community network

In Myanmar, a tuberculosis (TB) high burden country, widening inequality due to persistent political instability and the unprecedented effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has hindered TB service access. Within this compromised national health system, grassroots leadership is required to revitalize TB elimination efforts, including TB active case finding, treatment support, and prevention.

## INTERVENTION TO RESPONSE



Completed participatory, contextualized Organizational Capacity Assessments (OCA), as a first step intentionally aimed at empowering a community network of people affected by TB including 90 civil society organizations (CSO) and self-help groups (SHG)



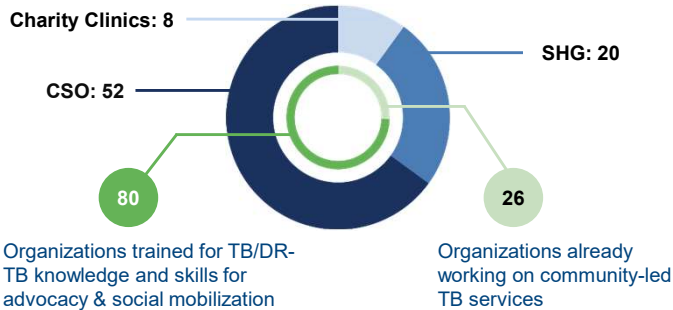
Built CSO and SHG shared awareness and momentum on self-reliance and the importance of collective action and networking to drive TB elimination locally.



Responded to these demand-driven capacity-strengthening needs by facilitating platforms for information sharing and tailored technical assistance on TB awareness, advocacy and communication.



## RESULTS/IMPACT



- Advocacy for TB services
- TB health education and raising awareness
- TB treatment support
- Referral for diagnosis
- TB screening and contact tracing

## CONCLUSION

A model resulting in empowered local grassroots organizations to lead and own elimination efforts through TB community networks.

A best practice enabling more proactive and coordinated ways of decolonizing global health via accelerating the transition from national and international initiatives to local civil society.



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