

Interview Guide- *TB Treatment Experiences, Adherence, and Support*

Introduction and Consent

We are conducting interviews to better understand your experiences with TB treatment, including challenges, what helps you continue treatment, and how support can be improved.

Your responses will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes.

This discussion will take about 20–30 minutes.

Do you agree to participate in this interview? ☐ Yes → Continue ☐ No → End interview

Name of interviewee:		Signature:		Interview Date:	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tel contact:												

1. Can you briefly tell me about yourself and your TB care?
 - Age, Sex, occupation,
 - where you receive TB care (Health Facility)
2. What type of TB treatment are you currently receiving?
3. Can you describe your experience since starting TB treatment?

Probes:

- When did you start treatment?
 - What has the process been like for you?
4. What has your experience been like with the TB medicines?

Probes:

- How do you find taking the medication (e.g., number, size, taste)?
 - Any side effects?,
 - How did they affect you?
 - Did they change over time?
5. Have you ever missed taking your TB medication?

Probes:

- Can you describe what happened?
 - What were the reasons?
6. Tell me about your clinic appointments

Probes:

- Have you ever missed a clinic visit? Why?
 - What made it difficult to attend?
7. What challenges have you faced while following your TB treatment?

Probes:

- Personal challenges (e.g., motivation, forgetfulness)
 - Medication-related issues (side effects, pill burden)
 - Financial challenges (transport, food)
 - Work or family responsibilities
 - Health facility challenges (waiting time, staff attitude)
 - Stigma or community-related concerns
8. What has helped you to continue taking your TB treatment?

9. What kind of support have you received during your TB treatment?

Probes:

- Has anyone followed up on your treatment? (calls, SMS, home visits)
- Support from health workers
- Support from family or community
- How helpful has this support been?
- What support did you need but did not receive?

10. Do you have someone supporting you during your treatment?

Probes:

- Who is this person?
- What do they do to help you?
- How important is their role?

11. What do you understand about TB treatment?

Probes:

- How long is treatment supposed to take?
- Why is it important to complete treatment?
- What do you think happens if treatment is interrupted?

12. Are you dealing with any other health conditions?

Probes:

- How do these affect your TB treatment?
- Any challenges managing multiple conditions?

13. Have you been treated for TB before?

Probes:

- What was your experience then?
- Did you complete treatment? Why or why not?
- How does it compare to your current experience?

14. In your opinion, what could help patients avoid missing TB treatment?

15. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with TB treatment?

Thank you for your time.