

Purpose: To understand common attitudes and practices towards TB disease, TB treatment and TB preventive therapy among communities in the Karamoja sub region, North Eastern Uganda.

Target Audience: Community members who have i) been treated for TB or ii) been given TB preventive therapy or iii) had a family/household member treated for TB.

Introduction provided by the facilitator

- Organization(s) affiliated with activity
- Additional staff assisting or observing the discussion
- **Activity short term purpose:** Guided by grounded theory, this activity will gather information from community members on experiences with TB disease or preventive therapy.
- **Activity long term purpose:** Information gathered from this exercise will enable the USAID PACT Karamoja project and the NTLP to design appropriate interventions to increase uptake of TB curative and preventive services.

Ethical considerations

- Participation in this exercise will be voluntary and anonymous with no names recorded and individual level information not shared.
- Interviews will last no more than 90 minutes and participants will be free to stop participating at any time.
- To capture participants' comments more accurately, handwritten notes and audio recordings will be taken during the interviews. Participants' permission will be sought prior to audio recording
- In the event that photos are taken during the interviews, written permission will be sought from participants prior to taking the photos.

Introduction provided by the participants

- Each participant should describe their background as it relates to participation in the focus group discussion.



GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Please discuss the following issues as a group, with each member participating in the discussion. You may not reach a consensus on each issue, but all ideas are valuable.

- A. What health issues affect your community? Which of these is of the greatest concern to you? Where do these health issues fit in relation to other social concerns?
- B. What about TB? Is TB currently a health concern in your community? Who do you think is at highest risk for TB? Would you say TB is more or less important than other health and social concerns?
- C. Have you or anyone you know in your community been diagnosed with TB? Where did they go to get diagnosed with TB? Where do other community members usually go to get diagnosed with TB?
- D. How did you feel when you (or your family member) were diagnosed with TB? In your community, how is a person who has TB usually regarded/treated?
- E. Have you or anyone you know in your community been treated for TB? Did you complete treatment? If yes, what enabled you to complete treatment? If no, what were the barriers that stopped you from completing treatment? What are the other challenges that would prevent TB patients from your community from completing treatment?
- F. Have you ever been educated about TB control and prevention? If so, where did you get this education from? What were you told?
- G. Have you or anyone in your household been given TB preventive therapy? What do you think is the importance of taking TB preventive therapy?

