

## 39. Engaging communities of special risk groups in conflict affected communities

Saturday, 01 November 2014, 09:15 - 11:15



**Type** Sponsored Core Symposium

**Track** Tuberculosis

**Topic** TB in special populations and institutions

**Organised by** HLSP (Mott MacDonald Group) and KIT (Amsterdam) acting as the independent M&E agency for TBREACH

**Description** During conflict situations such as war or extensive social turmoil, essential survival resources are lacking, basic services are disrupted and social and community networks are affected by fear and hatred. Specific TB affected groups, either pre-existing or created by the conflict, such as minorities, displaced, refugees or people in congregate settings, including armed personnel and factories, are even more affected. Opportunities to engage communities in TB control present specific challenges and adopt specific forms in time of conflict or immediately after.

**Target audience** Clinicians, NTP staff and managers, voluntary workers with experience (or interest) in TB control in conflict zones, international officials and media staff covering conflicts

**Objectives**

1. To present results of programmes focused on engaging key TB affected populations under conflict.
2. To identify lessons learned from TB activities in conflict zones while engaging high risk population.
3. To enhance the understanding of how conflict and its aftermath affects the deployment of services.

**Keywords** Conflict zones; Fragile states; war; social conflict; deployment of TB activities.

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**Chair(s)**

**Presentations**

09:15 - 09:30 How could TB control be organised within an open conflict?

09:35 - 09:50 When the problems explode. How to continue TB control?

09:55 - 10:10 Beliefs within armed forces during open conflict affecting TB control. The case of DRC

10:15 - 10:30 Challenges and opportunities of building tuberculosis control in a newly defined health system after over 20 years of civil war

10:35 - 10:50 A Step towards universal access to TB services in a tribal area

10:55 - 11:15 TB control in conflict affected communities: The case of Sierra Leone and Ivory Coast