The integration of palliative care into mainstream DR-TB services is enhanced through increased community participation. Palliative care programmes are most effective when they are rooted in the communities they serve and people are more engaged in the care of seriously ill TB patients. How this can be achieved is through increased family support and through increased volunteerism and home-based care worker involvement. Examples of community-based organisations that have succeeded in doing this will be presented.

Managers of TB programmes, clinicians, community organisers, community-based organisations.

1. To identify strategies for increasing community involvement in TB care and relief of suffering
2. To understand how to modify existing TB programmes to better engage community members
3. To describe how palliative care can complement MDR-TB care
4. To understand how the use of home-based care workers and volunteers can be enhanced in DR-TB care

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