
Community Engagement - approaches and opportunities

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Outline of presentation

- **Definition**
- **What do we offer?**
- **Good practices**
- **Partnerships- Regional, National, local**
- **Barriers and Challenges**
- **Solutions**

Civil Society, Community and Community Systems

Civil Society- Any non profit non government organization

**National and International NGO's,
Community based Organisations,
Faith Based Organisations,
Patient led organisations**

- Infected and affected people**
- Support Groups**

Community systems are community - led structures and mechanisms used by communities through which community members and CBO's and groups interact, coordinate and deliver their responses to the challenges and needs affecting their communities.



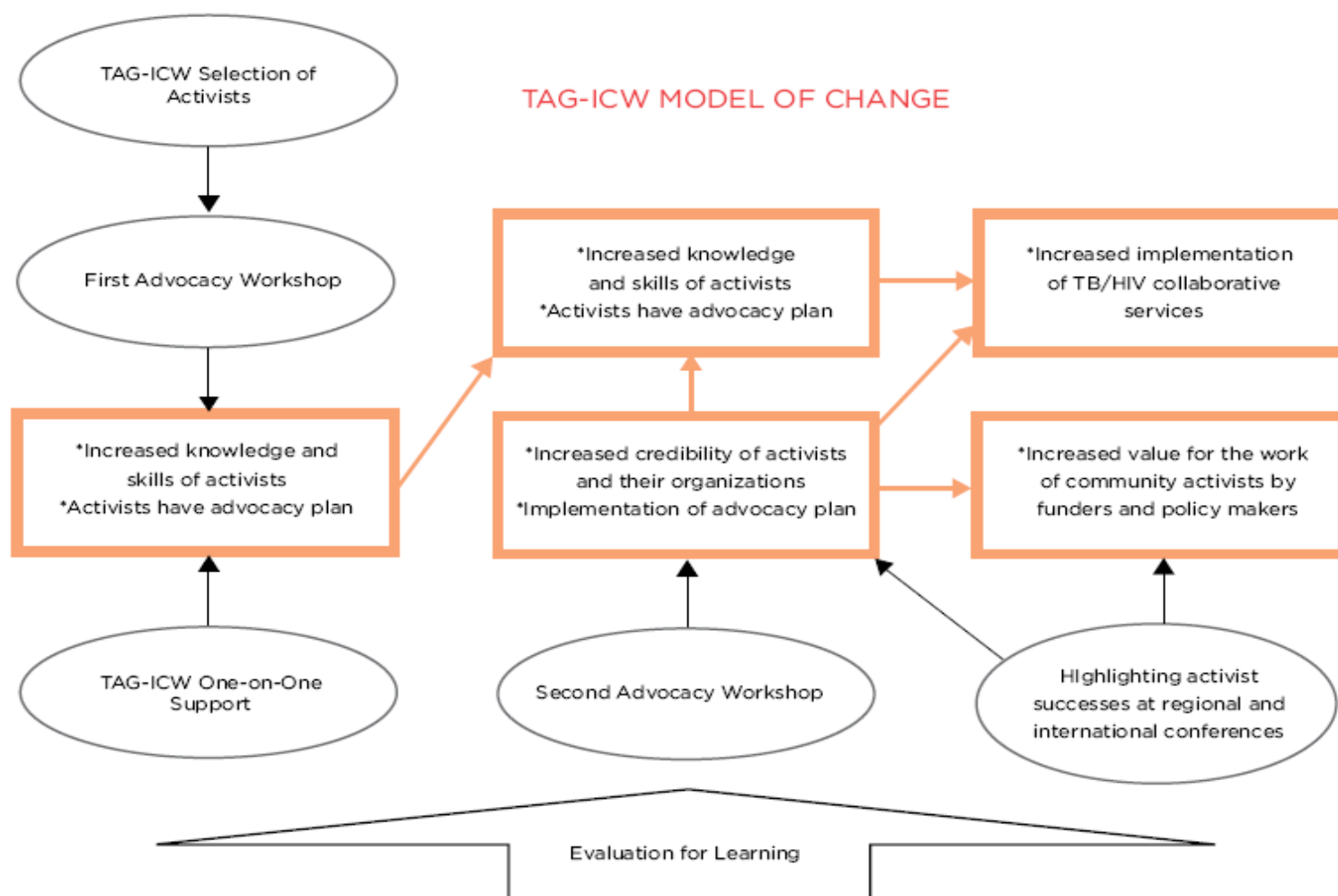
What do we offer?

- **bidirectional influence both on community and government institutions**
- **capacity to reach out to**
 - inaccessible and remote areas
 - conflict zones
 - home based care
- **knowledge and understanding of local circumstances,**
- **flexibility and adaptability to local situations**

What do we offer? Cont.....

- **protect the rights and health of civil society sectors through non-governmental interventions and programs;**
- **partner with governments to ensure effective and efficient programs (including research and policy) that reflect community priorities and concerns;**
- **hold international organizations, governmental and non-governmental programs accountable through measures of transparency and participation in monitoring and evaluation.**

Capacity Building- TAG /ICW model



Community Engagement- Best practices

- **Community Task Force-**
- **Capacity Building of activists to advocate for TB at different levels**
- **Activists – policy dialogue: international, regional, national, community levels**
- **Challenge Facility**
- **Mock TRP's R9 and R10**
- **WHO/CSO Consultation**

Community Engagement- Best practices

- **Community representation on Global health Initiatives- STBP, GF, UNITAID, MF etc.**
- **Civil Society/ affected communities engagement in the fight against the diseases**
- **Messaging**
- **CSO/ Community as PR's and SR's**

Partnerships –regional, national ,local

An inclusive platform for all stakeholders to come together and make their voices heard. An equitable process that seeks to empower the disempowered . An opportunity for those affected to have say in decisions that will affect us and our families.

•NTP, INGO's, NGO's, Donors, CBO's, Communities, Global bodies like WHO

Barriers and Challenges

(WHO/CSO Consultation)

- **Lack of clarity, understanding and implementation by NTP**
- **Lack of financial resources for community based and patient led TB initiatives**
- **Absence of consistent and targeted TB messaging and advocacy strategy both globally and nationally,**
- **Limited or no visibility of TB civil society organizations eg. GF, CCM, UNITAID, UNAIDS PCB, IHP etc**

Effective engagement – what is needed?

- **Political Will and Commitment**
- **Space to work with national programmes**
- **Clear and simplified guidance for national programmes**
- **Funds – For too long ‘the lack of funds’ has been used as excuse to keep the communities away. We are saying enough!!!**

Effective engagement – what is needed?

- **Greater visibility of TB CSO in GF functional bodies**
- **Recognition as equal and valuable partners**
- **There is a need for policies that provide openness and inclusiveness, an acceptance that TB requires more than just medicines, it requires social change which a doctor or a medical system cannot bring**

Only together we can

We are willing and ready!!!

Thank you