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TB Service Needs in Afghanistan
- Afghanistan’s tuberculosis (TB) treatment standard operating procedures (SOPs) had not been revised since 2004. Health facility staff were not trained in TB service delivery. This caused delayed TB case detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

TB CARE I Responds (2010 – 2012)
- TB CARE I, a USAID-funded project, helped the National TB Program (NTP) revise and print SOPs for TB case detection.
- TB CARE I and NTP then distributed the following materials to 1,500 clinics:
  - The revised TB care SOPs and guidelines
  - Diagnostic materials
  - TB treatment packages
- TB CARE I and NTP also trained 2,072 health facility staff to use these new tools and materials.

Assessing SOP Impact (2012)
- TB CARE I and NTP conducted an assessment to determine the impact of SOP implementation on TB screening and case detection.

Results: SOPs Increase Screening and Case Detection
- Assessment revealed a steady increase in the number of people with TB symptoms screened for TB from 2008 – 2011.
- Increases in the number of people screened for TB led to a 7% increase in TB case detection and notification in 2010, which sustained in 2011.
- Total TB cases notified:
  - 2009: 26,258
  - 2010: 28,238
  - 2011: 28,138

Conclusion
- The SOP implementation resulted in a significant increase in the number of people screened for TB and, in turn, TB case detection also increased.
- SOP implementation should be scaled up in similar settings.

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