Is TB Control Affordable in the Absence of Major Donor Funding? Reflections from Indonesia

Indonesia’s Tuberculosis (TB) Financing Plan

- Indonesia is still one of the 22 high TB-burden countries in the world with 64,000 deaths/year. (WHO, 2011)
- In 2011, donor assistance covered ~ 80% of health care costs.
- Most donor funding is expected to end in 2015.
- Indonesia’s economy is growing and should be able to cover the costs of the TB program through:
  - Expanded insurance coverage,
  - Increased government health care budgets,
  - Improved efficiency.

Challenges to the TB Financing Plan

- Health insurance is currently provided through 4 government schemes.
- Each scheme has different procedures, premiums, and reimbursement rates.
- Not all services are adequately reimbursed.
- TB services are not covered under all the schemes.
- 27% of Indonesians do not have health insurance.

Government’s Planned Solutions

- Integrate the 4 health service schemes
- Expand coverage to reach the whole population in 2019
- Include TB services in the package and reimburse full costs

Roadmap to Universal Health Coverage

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Activities: Transformation, Integration, Extension

- Membership satisfaction level: 85%

Possible Implementation Challenges

- 530 local governments make most funding decisions. They believe donors will fund TB services so they do not fund these services themselves.
- Financing through insurance may result in fragmentation of the overall TB control program.
- Insurance revenues will take time to grow.
- TB is not the only priority — HIV/AIDS and malaria donor funding will also cease.

Recommended Solution

- Increased advocacy, technical support, and monitoring.
- The system must be well-designed and managed. Government funds must be used to fill gaps.
- The government and donors provide transition funding from 2015 to 2019.
- Develop plans to fund other health programs.

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