



PLANNING AND ESTABLISHING A SAMPLE REFERRAL NETWORK FOR TB DIAGNOSIS

Worksheets (W1 & W2: PM3)

EXERCISE 1: CREATING YOUR IST TWG

Time: 55 minutes

Instructions:

- Form groups of 4
- Set terms of reference (TOR) for a national integrated specimen transport technical working group (IST TWG), including:
 - Frequency of meeting
 - Lead person
 - Possible partners/ stakeholders to include
 - Standardized metrics/ indicators for each partner to report
 - Other topics to be covered?
- Rapporteurs to report back to the whole group on outputs from individual groups
- Group discussion and debrief the exercise

References:

- General laboratory TWG guidance from the country (if it exists)

EXERCISE 2: UNDERSTANDING TAT

Time: 55 minutes

Instructions:

- Form groups of 4
- Based on the current national algorithm, draw out every step in the process from the patient deciding to come to the clinic, through to treatment initiation, if necessary. Be sure to include multiple visits to the clinic by the patient, if it is part of the algorithm (i.e. spot-morning-spot requires 2 visits).
- Examine the overall process and make notes where improvements could be made to benefit the patient.

References and resources:

- National TB testing algorithm