National surveys of the prevalence of TB disease in African countries

Second meeting of WHO Global Task Force on TB Impact Measurement "global focus countries"

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From late stage survey preparations to implementation
Objectives

1. To **share information among countries about current status of survey design, preparation and implementation**
   - particular attention to progress made since October 2009
   - identification of remaining bottlenecks and how to overcome them

2. To **learn about recent successful experience with implementing nationwide surveys in Asia and subnational surveys in Africa**

3. To **present main content and recommendations included in the second edition of the handbook on TB prevalence surveys**
   - particular attention to new/updated guidance + recommendations, and
   - updated protocol checklist, ethical review, data management, training

4. To **observe field operations in practice, and to discuss how the technical, organizational and managerial challenges associated with field operations can be addressed**

5. To **discuss survey plans and survey operations, including financing and technical assistance requirements**
Expected Outcomes

1. We are all aware of the latest status of survey preparations and implementation in African countries, and solutions for remaining bottlenecks identified.

2. We are all aware of recent successes in implementing national surveys in Asian countries and subnational surveys in African countries, and the main lessons learned during these surveys.

3. We are all fully informed about the second edition of the handbook on prevalence surveys, in particular recommendations and guidance material on ethical reviews, data management, and training.

4. We have all observed field operations in practice, and have first-hand understanding of the main challenges associated with field operations and how they can be addressed.

5. All countries have updated plans (with timelines) for survey implementation up to the expected date of survey completion.