

Contribution of community based tuberculosis care by international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) in Myanmar

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Abstract

Since 2011, the Myanmar National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) has increasingly engaged in partnerships with international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) to scale-up CBTC. With the ultimate aim to report on contribution of the INGOs to the NTP, this secondary data review research was carried out. It was a cross-sectional study using routine data from each INGO doing CBTC in 2013-2014. Generally, INGOs are supporting NTP using different strategies including (1) improving and expanding the quality of DOTS, (2) raising community TB awareness, (3) detection, diagnosis and treatment in the specific migrant populations, (4) addressing integrated and collaborative services, (5) ensuring community participation, (6) strengthening and supporting community health network at village level, and (7) social marketing and social franchising. The

proportions of their contribution in TB cases are in the wide range between different INGOs (10% to 60%) in their respected implemented townships. Further studies are needed to carry out to understand the impact of their contribution to NTP.