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CREATING A GENDER-TRANSFORMATIVE AGENDA TO ADDRESS CONTEXTUALISED TUBERCULOSIS RISK AND CARE ACCESS FOR MEN

Jeremiah Chikovore, Human Sciences Research Council: "Higher ambitions for a gender-transformative response to TB for improving health, social and economic outcomes" Symposium, 15 November 2023.

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OUTLINE

- Gender as a social construct, and determinant of TB
- II. TB and men
- III. TB and women
- IV. Some gaps and issues
 - a) Re research and policy focus on men
 - b) Lack of data on some key groups (including non-binary individuals)
 - c) Privileging of single-strand analyses
 - d) Limited attention to social issues for marginalised, at risk groups in lower burden settings.

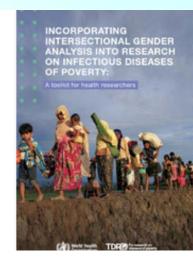
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CONCEPTUALISATION OF GENDER

Socially constructed roles, activities, attributes and opportunities considered appropriate for men/boys, women/girls, and non-binary people.

Is often relational, shaping how different categories interact with each other and the world around them Varies through spaces, contexts and time, as roles and identities are shaped by broader political, social and economic circumstance.

As a power relation, shapes vulnerability or risk of disease, access and utilization of health services and ultimate disease experience.



World Health Organization, 2020

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TUBERCULOSIS EPIDEMIOLOGY BY SEX (WHO 2022)

Deaths

HIV(+): 51% M; 38% W

HIV(-): 54% M; 32% W

TB prevalence surveys

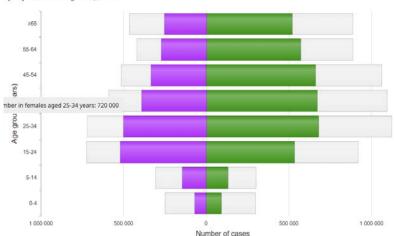
Higher gaps in case detection and notification in men (2007-2021)

Global TB cases

57% adult men; 33% adult women

TB is among the top 10 causes of death in women

Fig. 2.1.5 Global estimates of TB incidence numbers and case notifications disaggregated by age and sex (female in purple; male in green), 2021



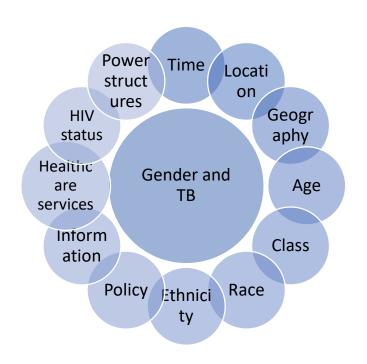
TB affects everyone

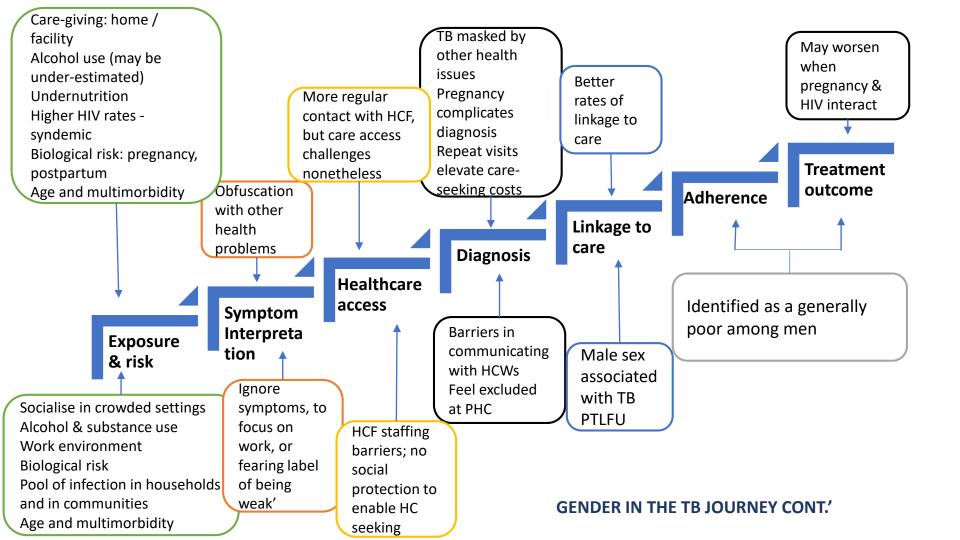


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GENDER IN THE TB JOURNEY FOR MEN AND WOMEN







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INTERSECTING SOCIAL AND STRUCTURAL DETERMINANTS OF TB

Apartheid, colonialism; labour migration; racism

High unemployment, rapid urbanisation breeds precarity

Low incomes,
financial
insecurity, affect
capacity to
engage with
healthcare

Economic shifts, HIV/AIDS, and gender roles Crowded living and socialising conditions

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BMJ Global Health Missing men with tuberculosis: the need to address structural influences and implement targeted and multidimensional interventions

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KEY ISSUES AND GAPS: RECAP

Gender affects men, women and non-binary individuals at all stages of the TB cascade, and differently

Factors heightening the vulnerability of younger people (women and men) are not well understood

Data on non-binary individuals are also largely not available

Reliance on single-strand analyses, whereas practices are predominantly shaped by intersecting factors

Attention to men in research and policy is growing, though within a context of ambivalence

TB public health efforts in low-burden settings centre around migrants, requiring concerted focus on rights and equity

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KEY ISSUES AND GAPS: RECAP

Hesitation to deal with amorphous/ polymorphous inputs and outcomes in interventions

Limited funding for social science research

Enduring global inequities

Public health approach in health promotion

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WHAT IS NEEDED FOR A GENDER-RESPONSIVE APPROACH

UHC as a basic precondition for care access

Be multi-sectoral and multi-level; and target 'distal' and 'proximal' determinants Address differential gendered needs in context

Pursue actions with broadest positive health and well-being intentions

Use diverse (mixed) research methodologies to capture nuanced experiences and perspectives of TB

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