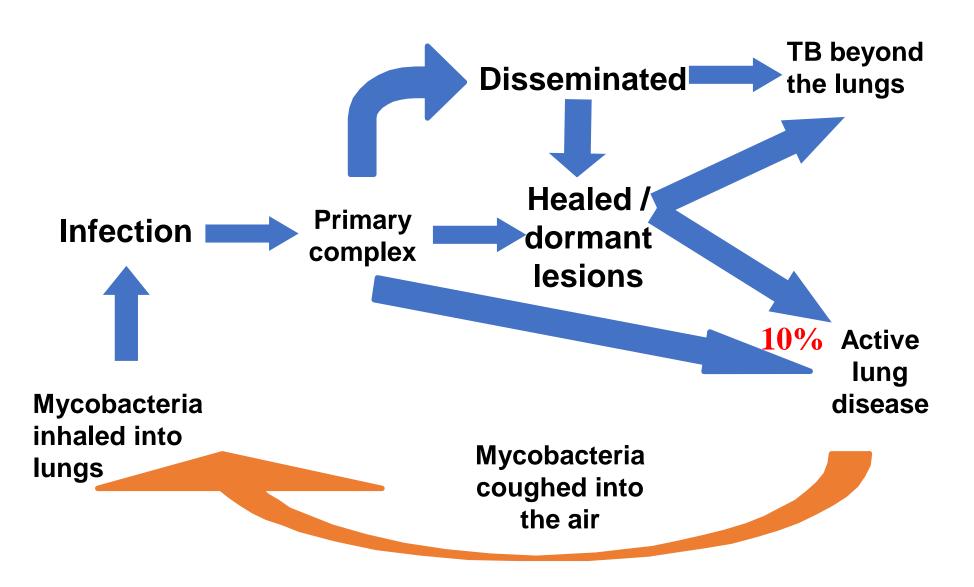
How models can contribute to UHC – TB

Epidemiological Perspective on ENDING TB

Infection-Disease-Transmission



Opportunities for prevention to END TB

- Find and effectively treat infectious TB cases
- Reduce risks of transmission from undiagnosed infectious cases
- Reduce risk that latent infection will become active

Find and effectively treat infectious cases

• Find

- Enhance passive case detection
- Targeted active case finding
- General community wide active case finding
- Effectively treat
 - DOTS
 - Adherence enhancement
 - Combination tablets

Reduce risks of transmission from undiagnosed infectious cases

- Improved social conditions
 - Less crowding
 - Better ventilation
- Increased social distancing
- Vaccine

Reduce risk that latent infection will become active

- Preventive therapy
 - Targeted
 - General community
- Vaccine
- Improved constitutional resistance to re-activation
 - General health
 - Treat or prevent specific risks: HIV, diabetes, renal failure, cancer, silicosis

Major success of DOTS

- Improved outcomes in patients who commence treatment for TB
 - Better treatment completion
 - Earlier conversion to non-infectious state
 - Reduced deaths (in patients on treatment)
 - Better data on treatment outcomes
 - Less emergence of drug resistance
- Some dramatic examples of success

Limitations of passive case finding

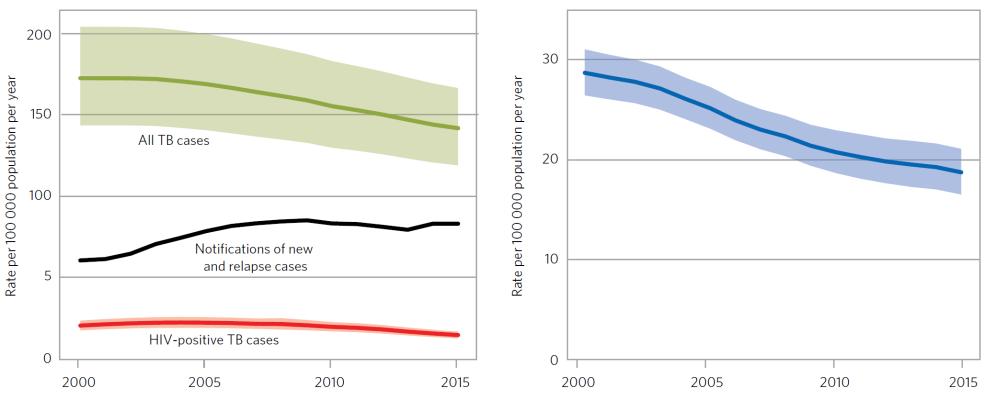
- Many patients with TB
 - Do not have "typical" symptoms of TB
 - Delay or do not seek health care
- Many health systems suffer from structural weakness
 - Difficult for patients with TB to navigate the cascade of care

Actual global trends

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Global trends in estimated TB incidence and mortality rates, 2000–2015. The **black** line show notifications of new and relapse cases, for comparison with estimates of the total incidence rate. Shaded areas represent uncertainty intervals.

TB incidence



TB mortality (HIV-negative)

Active case finding

- Now widely recognised value in both high and low burden settings
- Mainly targets high risk groups:
 - Contacts
 - PLHIV
 - Homeless, prisoners, other congregate settings
 - Medical high risk groups (diabetes, renal disease, cancer etc)
- Conventional approach
 - Symptoms and/or radiology as first stage screening tool

Limitations of current approaches to active case finding

- High risk groups
 - In high burden settings, most people with TB are not in "high risk" groups
 - Hence, little impact on prevention of transmission
- Symptom-based screening
 - Many people with TB do not have typical, or even any, symptoms
- X-ray screening
 - Accessibility
 - Radiation
 - Reliability and validity of interpretation



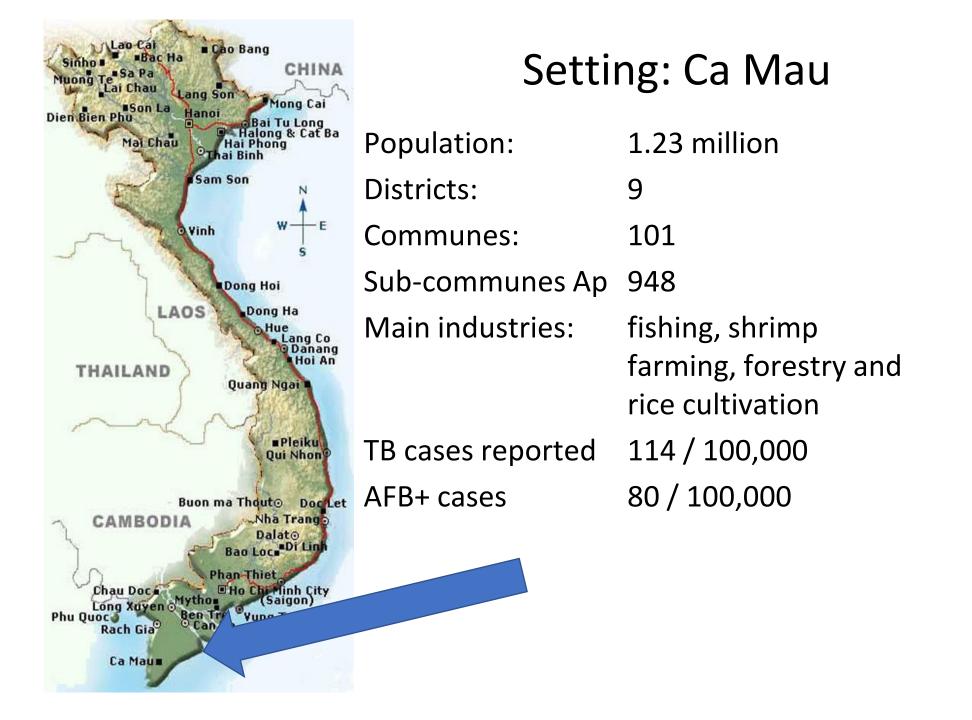
Active Case finding for Tuberculosis (ACT3)

Population: all persons aged \geq 15 years

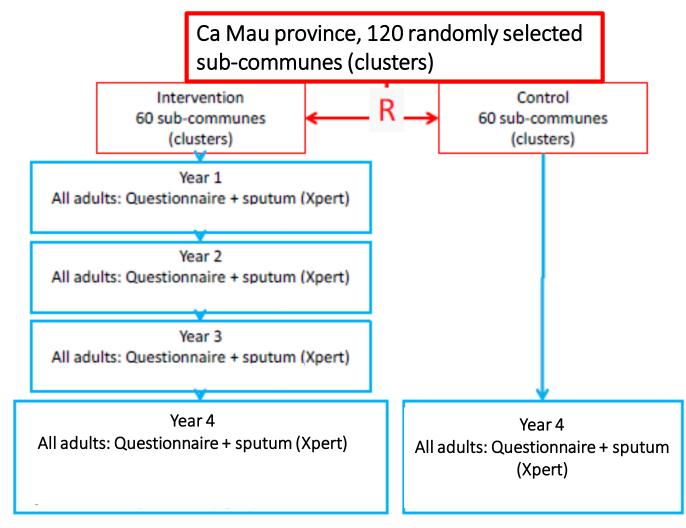
Intervention: annual screening for TB, regardless of symptoms, by testing a single spontaneously expectorated sputum using Xpert MTB/RIF

Comparison: usual care, that is, passive case finding

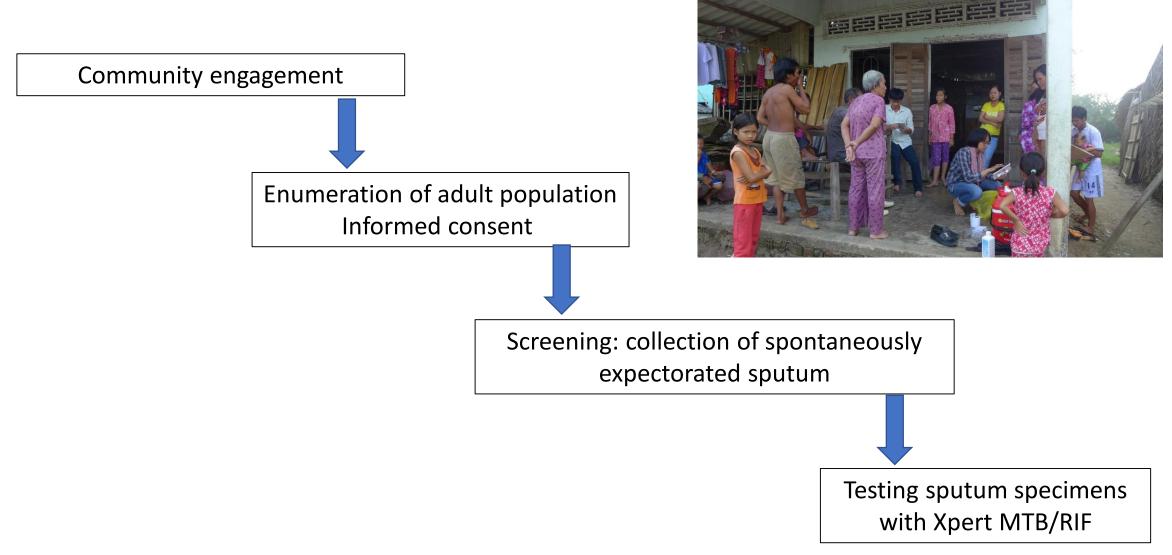
Outcome: prevalence of TB in fourth year



Cluster randomised controlled trial



Procedure for screening intervention in sub-communes

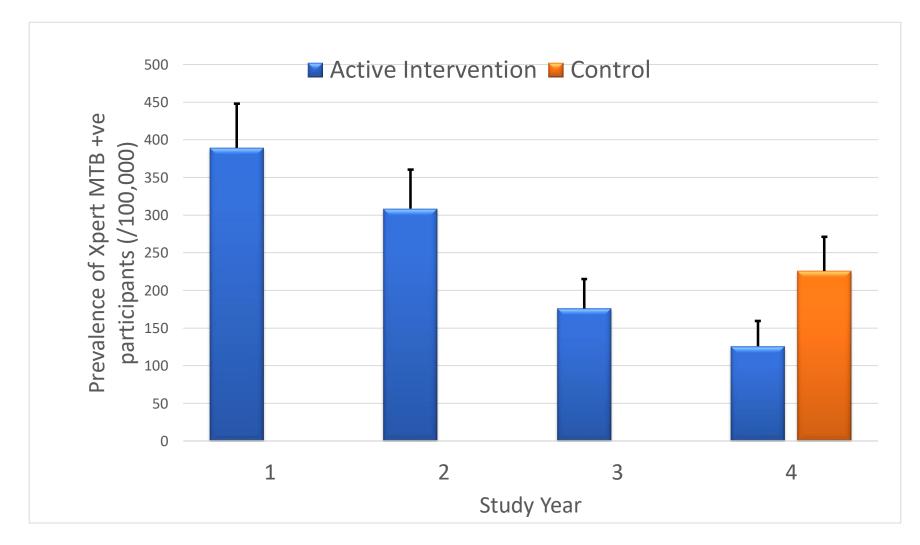


Sputum Collection



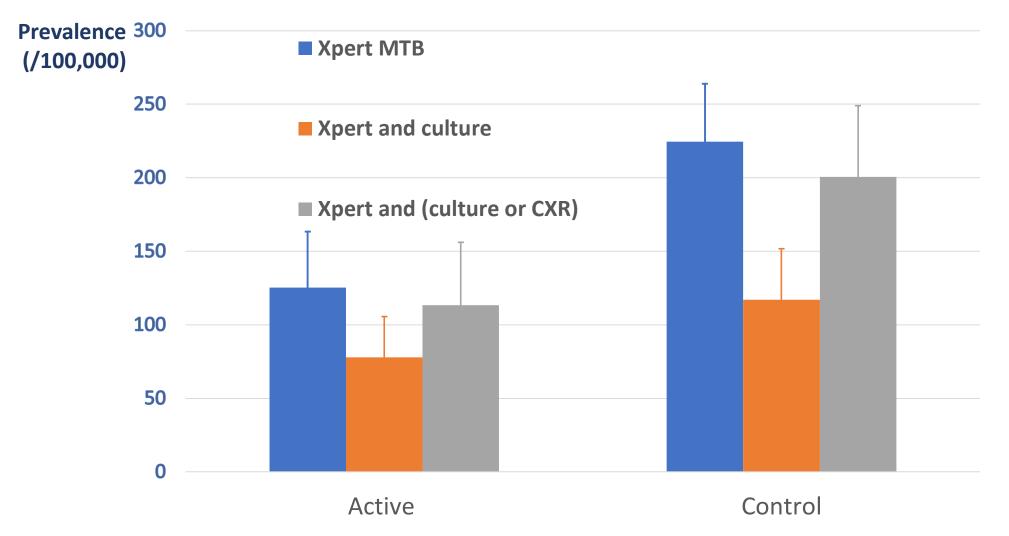


Prevalence of Xpert MTB positive by year and group



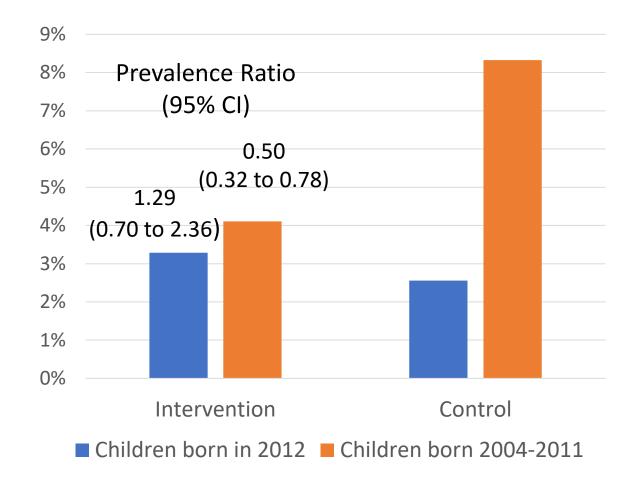
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Prevalence of TB by group, year 4



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Prevalence of +ve IGRA in children, by intervention status





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Conclusion

- Community-wide active case finding may play a role in strategies for the elimination of TB
- The appropriate methods and timing require further assessment
- The long term impact of active case finding is not known
 - How long do we need to continue?
 - How much would this cost?
 - When does it become cost saving?



