Time Economics

Challenge: Build a TB CEA tool

- Limited economic evaluation data for TB interventions; TB cost data focused on financial costs and budgeting
- Needs to be flexible, but link to impact analysis
- Variety of use cases
 - Investment cases
 - Prioritization and cost effectiveness analyses for NSPs
 - Feed into WHO/CHOICE analyses

TIME Econ

Strong links to TIME Impact

Flexible and user friendly interface

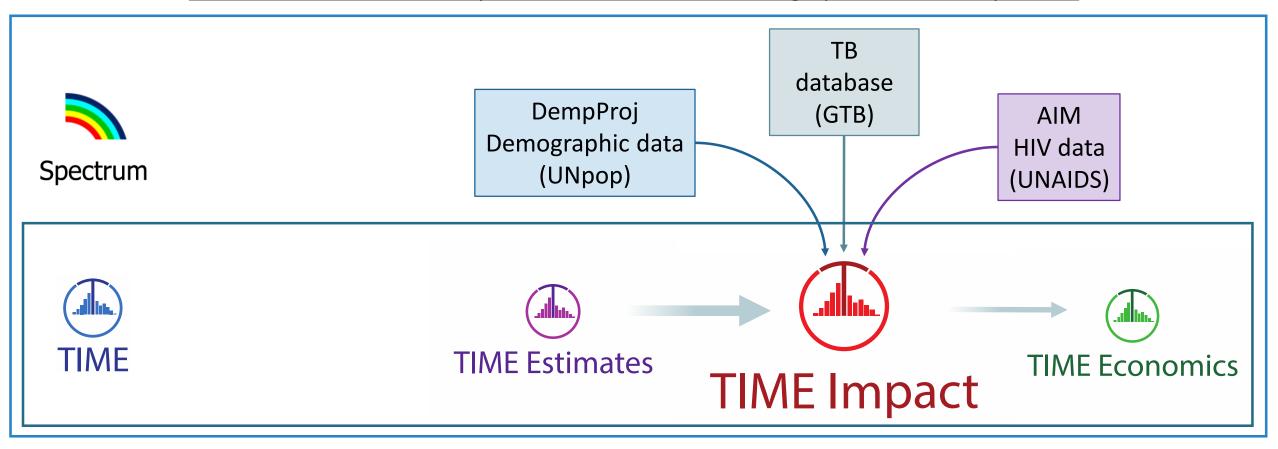
Goal: fill gap in TB CEA and strategic planning

Build on existing cost databases

Implementable at different levels of customization

Spectrum software

Automatic links with UNPop and UNAIDS data for demographics and HIV dynamics



Builds on existing cost databases

- Incorporates
 - OHT intervention costing databases
 - WHO CHOICE estimates of cost per outpatient visit and inpatient day
- Flexibility to incorporate GHCC and Value TB data as they become available
 - Review of GHCC database during development to ensure capacity to incorporate them
 - Coordination with Value TB to incorporate results as available

Flexible and user friendly interface

- Similar interface as rest of spectrum suite allows for easy familiarization
- Nearly every input is editable for full country customization
- Strong user support from the Avenir and LSHTM teams
- Users can rely on defaults for a quick set of ballpark results, or invest more time for precision

Cost structure and data requirements

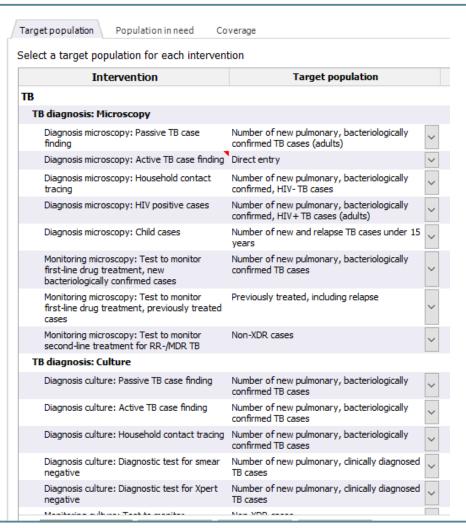
Intervention costing

- Costs = Price per unit * Quantities
- Inputs for TIME Econ to calculate costs
 - 1. Target population
 - 2. Population in need
 - 3. Delivery channel
 - 4. Intervention coverage
 - 5. Treatment inputs e.g. medicines, health personnel



Intervention costing: target populations from TIME

- Drop down lists allow TIME Econ users to select outputs from TIME Impact to use as target populations for costing calculations
- Ensures consistency between costing and impact assumptions
- Adaptations and custom populations also available



Coverage

- Diagnostics: Reflects distribution of diagnostic methods by risk group
- Treatment: Reflects linkage to care of notified cases
- Monitoring: Reflects coverage of monitoring tests among population



Intervention costing: cost per service

- Ingredients approach
- Default treatment inputs supplied based on WHO/GTB Excel based TB planning & budgeting tool
 - Drugs and supplies
 - Unit costs
 - Personnel time
 - Outpatient visits and inpatient days
- User adaptable to fit with country norms

Program costing: percentage or direct entry

Challenge: manage data gaps in above service delivery costs

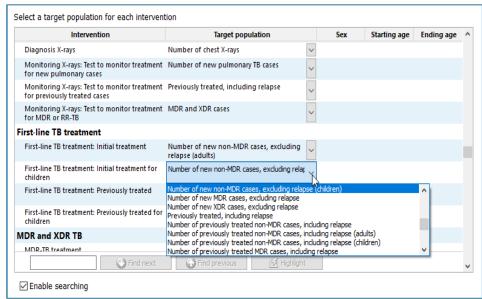
- Programme specific HR
- Training
- Supervision
- M and E
- Infrastructure and equipment
- Transport
- Communications, media, outreach, advocacy
- General programme management

- Collaborative TB/HIV activities
- High risk groups
- Infection control
- Childhood TB (excluding treatment)
- PPM/ISTC
- Community involvement
- Partnership initiatives
- TB Research

TIME Econ: data requirements

Model includes default data but should be reviewed and replaced where possible:

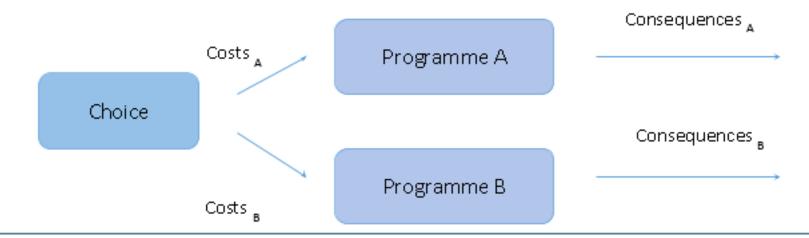
- Staffing baseline
- Target populations
- Population in Need
- Coverage estimates
- Treatment inputs
- Cost for inpatient and outpatients days
- Above service delivery costs



Results

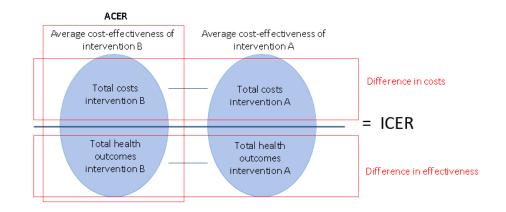
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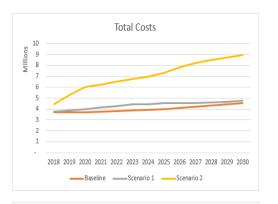
- Cost-effectiveness of different packages of interventions
- Comparative analysis (i.e. compares two or more different options) in terms of costs and consequences
- Works best with a calibrated TIME Impact file
 - Number of tests by type using Diagnostic Algorithm Tool
 - Coverage of screening
 - Changes in background epidemiology

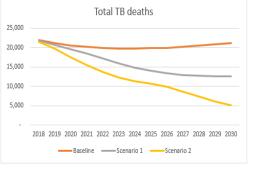


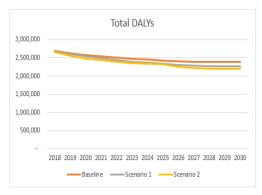
TIME Economics: outputs

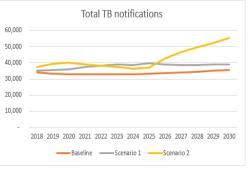
 With TIME Econ we can compare interventions, or sets of interventions, and calculate standard metrics of health economics, such as ICER and ACER











Way forward

- Better data on above service delivery costs
 - PEPFAR Expenditure data
 - WHO TB reporting mechanism
 - Global Fund budgets
 - Activity based NSP budgets
- Refinement of links between cost and impact for DST, child diagnosis, treatment
- Country feedback to add features and develop common scenarios
- Feedback from TB MAC group?