

# Making the 'Impossible-Possible' for people affected by Tuberculosis

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Stop TB Partnership 36 Board Meeting  
Varanasi- India

**India TB  
Innovators'  
Spectacle**

For the People  
Of the World

**YES!**  
WE CAN END TB

**25 March 2023**

# Making the 'Impossible - Possible' for people affected by TB

## **STP Board Session: Making the 'Impossible-Possible' for people affected by TB- 25th March 2023: 16.30 to 18.45**

This Session showcase TB innovations in the recent years from India that has potential to influence the TB care in the world. The session showcase the key roles private sector innovators and partnerships have played, the facilitators and other actors contributed to promote these innovations. The session ran as modified panel discussion with short presentations showing the innovation with additional comments from facilitators for these innovations in the country.



### **Disclaimer:**

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# Prevention New Latent TB Test

## Latent Tb Testing

Finding missing millions



- 40% of Indians live with latent Tb. Must be prevented from Tb.
- We need a test which is fast, accurate, and cost effective in detecting Latent TB
- Cy-Tb is the the perfect solutions to this problem



1/4<sup>TH</sup> OF THE WORLD'S POPULATIONS HAS LATENT TB.

	TST	IGRA	Mylab Serum C-Tb Test
Accuracy	Low Accuracy. Problem of False Positives	High Accuracy	High Accuracy
Cost	Low	Very High	Low
Ease of Use	Easy	Difficult	Easy
Patient Linkage	Not Available	Not Available	Available with Mylab SmartPatch
Field Use	Possible	Not Possible	Possible
LMIC Applicability	Yes	No	Yes



rdESAT-6 and rCFP-10 (Cy-Tb) Injection

Each dose of 0.1 ml, contains rdESAT-6, 0.05 µg rCFP-10, 0.05 µg Solution for intradermal injection by Merckous Technolabs, Spentamycin 4% w/v, HCL and Fresh Robert Hook Light. Read the package insert carefully before use.

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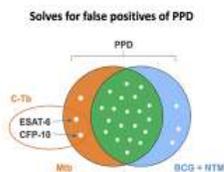
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WARNING: The drug should be sold by retail only under prescription of medical specialist.

## Latent Tb Testing Cy-Tb- A Unique Solution



Mylab and Serum have come together to create a unique CY-Tb solution which is **Fast, Accurate, and Cost Effective**



## CLINICAL TRIAL SUMMARY

- Cy-Tb test results correlate with exposure to M. tuberculosis
- Cy-Tb and QFT have similar positivity rates
- Safety profile of Cy-Tb is comparable to PPD
- Excellent diagnostic performance in children, adolescents and adults
- Cy-Tb deliver IGRA like performance in the field using a universal 5 mm cut off

## Latent Tb Testing

Tb-Connect App and Patch (Under Evaluation)

**STEP 1** Stick the Mylab C-Tb SmartPatch on arm of patient/subject

**STEP 2** Remove the circular transparent film to expose skin for injection

**STEP 3** Prepare the site for injection

**STEP 4** Inject C-Tb via intradermal loop

**STEP 4** Scan and take the second image after 24-48 hours to measure the induration



# Prevention New TB Vaccines

## rBCG

### rBCG: Why rBCG?



r-BCG is an excellent solution as it not only has more benefits compared to BCG but also a better safety profile and has lesser implementation challenges for the government.

#### Immunity in Revaccination

rBCG provides a more targeted immune response compared to BCG. Its mode of action facilitates CD8 T cell stimulation; a key feature for effective anti-TB responses. Also, CD4 T-cell mediated immunity is greatly improved. Combined, these features achieve a strong anti-TB response.

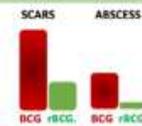
#### Comprehensive Immunity



#### Safety in Revaccination

rBCG causes significantly less scarring (**20.8% vs. 74%** in BCG), ulceration (**<0.1% vs. 14%** in BCG) and abscess formation (**1.6% vs. 22%** in BCG). Also, it has faster clearance which leads to much shorter persistence times and thus reduces risk for BCGosis.

#### Much Safer



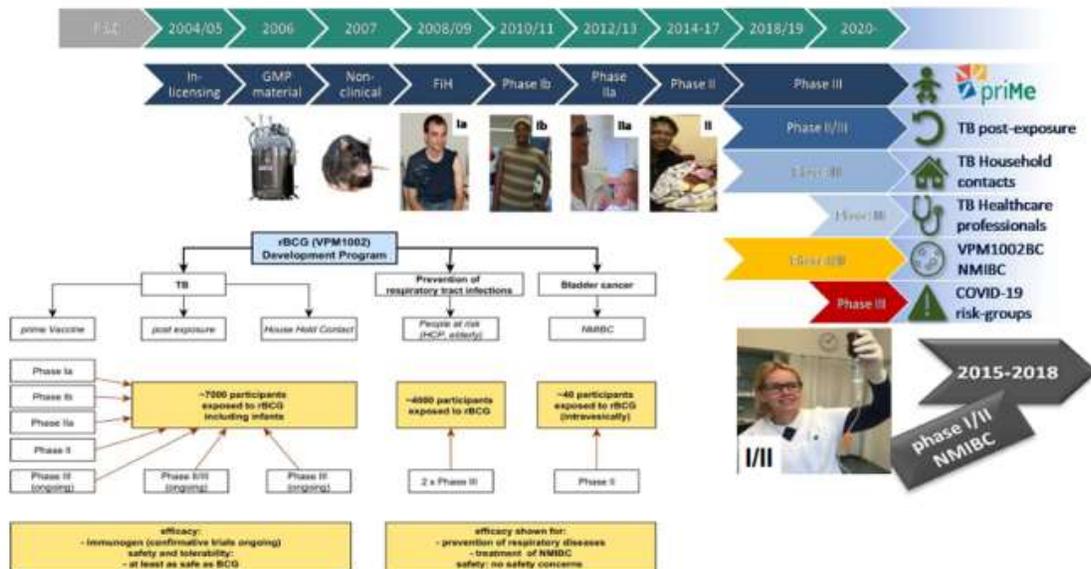
#### Use in special Populations

Phase II trial showed no difference in HIV-exposed or HIV-unexposed babies could be seen in terms of safety and tolerability when rBCG was administered.

#### HIV+ Children Suitable



### rBCG: Clinical Development Roadmap



# Prevention New TB Vaccines



## Mycobacterium W- MIP



**Fast growing , Non pathogenic mycobacteria**

### • Mycobacterium W

- Activates macrophage – TLR2 (BCG no role of TLR2)
- Shares antigens with M. Tb
- Provides protection against BCG sensitive as well as BCG resistant strains
- Adaptive immune response
  - Induces Th1 Type of response in Lungs
  - effector as well as memory T cell response
  - M.tb Antigen Specific Memory Recall Response
  - Upregulation of costimulatory molecules CD40,CD80 and CD86

### • Mycobacterium W

- Enhances Innate immune response
  - M1 macrophages through TLR2
  - Increases adaptive NK cells and reduces inhibitory NK cells
- Better protection by intranasal route of administration
- Enhances BCG induced immunity and confers higher protection

### **Mycobacterium W**

- Kills intracellular organisms
- Synergistic with chemotherapy

**Approved product - Killed Mycobacterium W (BCG-live)**

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## Mycobacterium W- MIP



- **Tuberculin conversion - Tuberculin negative in HIV+**
- **Protection against TB – Long lasting**
- **Improves CD4 count in HIV**
- **0.1 ml intradermal (Like BCG)**
- **Safe- No systemic side effects**
- **Protection against other viral/bacterial organisms also**

**• Faster sputum conversion – Pulmonary tuberculosis  
(Irrespective of drug sensitivity)**

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# Screening

## AI solution for elicited cough/ sounds to improve TB screening



### Cough Against TB

AI-POWERED PULMONARY TB SCREENING USING COUGH SOUNDS



#### THE PROBLEM

In India, 1.8 out of every 2.8 tuberculosis (TB) cases prevalent in the community are missed by the public health system.

Moreover, an estimated 63.6% cases do not seek care in spite of having TB symptoms, further widening the gap.



#### OUR AI-POWERED SOLUTION

The Central TB Division (CTD), in partnership with the USAID-supported TRACE-TB Project, led by Wadhvani AI, is developing an innovative AI-powered solution to identify presumptive pulmonary tuberculosis cases.

The AI model that drives this screening tool utilises **cough sound data**, along with symptoms and comorbidities for pulmonary TB, to enable the early detection and treatment of TB in health facility settings.

- An easy-to-use, non-invasive, no cost, point-of-care screening test
- A **highly sensitive** screening test for pulmonary tuberculosis in high-burden health facilities.



Source: National Tuberculosis Prevalence Survey in India, 2021

COUGH AGAINST TB  
VALUE PROPOSITION FOR THE NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION PROGRAM (NTEP)

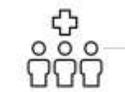


Identifying more presumptive individuals who are likely to have pulmonary TB.



Higher precision in identifying presumptive cases resulting in TB diagnosis.

### SOLUTION DEPLOYMENT SETTINGS: HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRES



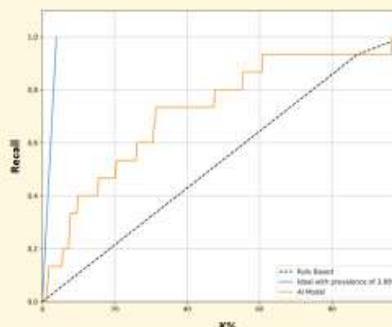
INDIVIDUALS VISITING HWC



INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED DURING HOME VISITS BY THE COMMUNITY



SYMPTOMS AND COUGH AUDIO SAMPLES COLLECTED USING THE COUGH AGAINST TB APP



### AI MODEL VS. RULE-BASED (7 SYMPTOMS) SCREENING

Our AI model detects more actual cases of TB than rule-based methods while accounting for variations in testing capacities of health infrastructure across geographies, serving to increase the efficiency of healthcare workers.

K = 20 (n = 386)					
YS	Pr +	Pr -	AI	Pr +	Pr -
Tr +	4	13	7	7	9
Tr -	13	298	30	301	
75: Sn 26.67%		AI: Sn 46.67%		Sp 81.18%	

K = 30 (n = 386)					
YS	Pr +	Pr -	AI	Pr +	Pr -
Tr +	5	10	9	9	6
Tr -	11	260	10	10	264
75: Sn 33.33%		AI: Sn 60.00%		Sp 73.16%	

K = 40 (n = 386)					
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Tr +	7	9	11	4	
Tr -	14	224	14	228	
75: Sn 46.67%		AI: Sn 73.33%		Sp 81.48%	

K = 50 (n = 386)					
YS	Pr +	Pr -	AI	Pr +	Pr -
Tr +	9	6	12	3	
Tr -	18	187	18	190	190
75: Sn 60.00%		AI: Sn 80.00%		Sp 83.21%	

Pulmonary tuberculosis prevalence in the test dataset = 3.89%

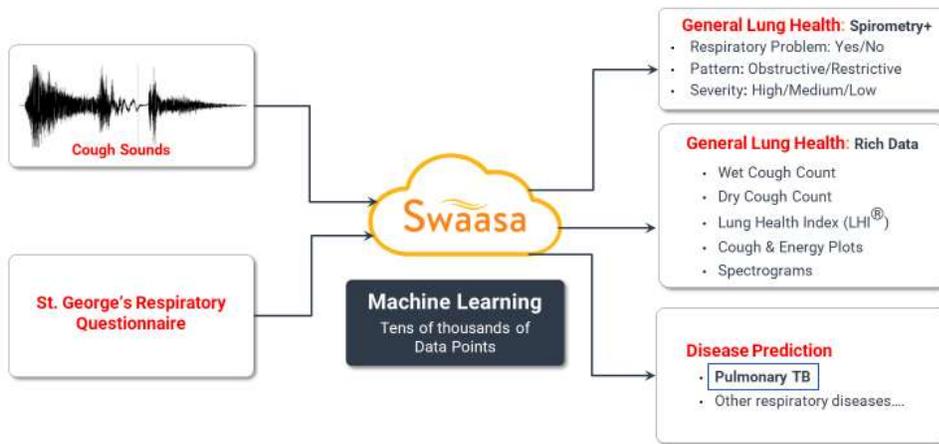


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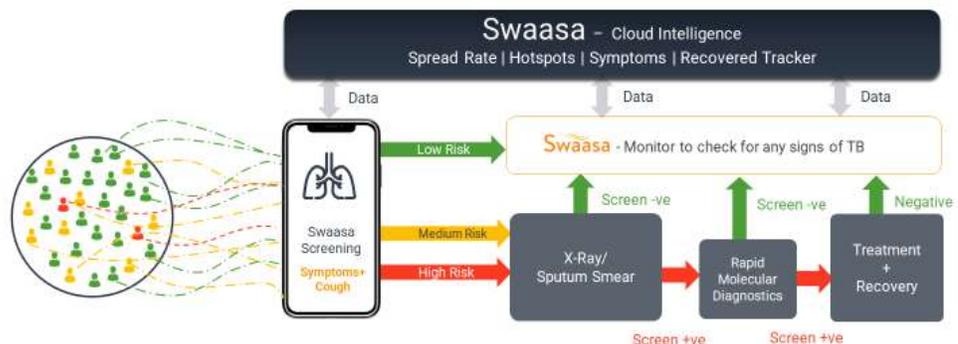
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Swaasa's vision is to serve as a critical and innovative catalyst in the battle against TB



## Screening Process



## Key Features

**Inexpensive**  
The end-to-end test system is extremely pocket friendly



**Real Time**  
The test is quick, and returns a result in a matter of seconds



**Ultra-Scalable**  
Easily scaled - very quickly and can be used to take millions of assessments in a day



**Resource Frugal**  
Easy to install and operate. Specialized equipment or technicians not needed.



**REMOTE & ASYNCHRONOUS**



**Offline Assessments**

Can be taken offline too in places with bad or low connectivity.



**Language Support**

Five languages already supported. More on the way.



**Self Operated**

Can be self-operated with any connected device.



**Easy and Quick Deployment**

Can be deployed quickly and can be integrated with existing systems, even in resource constrained settings.

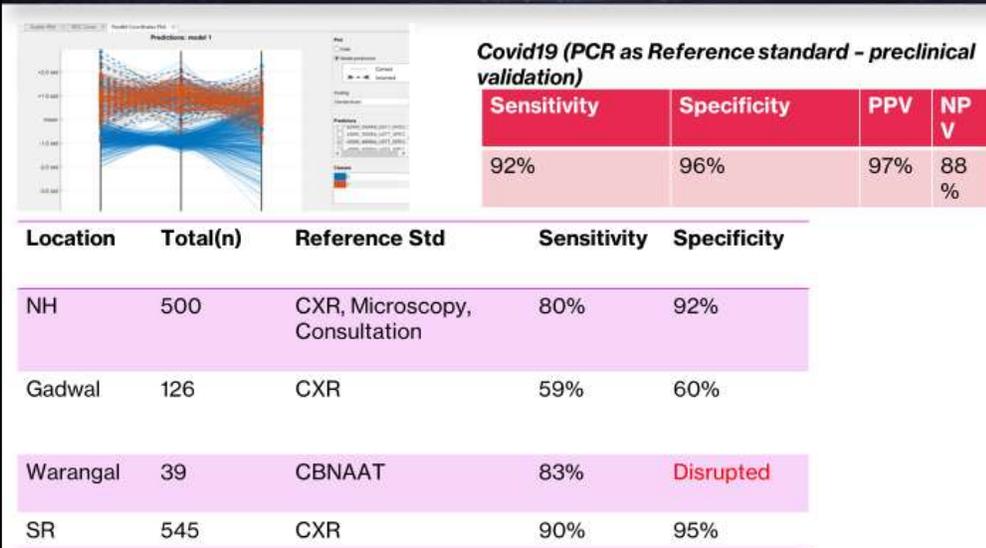


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## Clinical Trials: Tuberculosis - CTRI/2019/02/017672



Covid19 (PCR as Reference standard - preclinical validation)

Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
92%	96%	97%	88%

## AI/ML Workflow

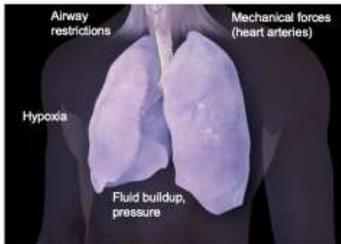


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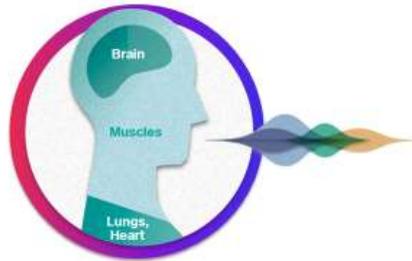
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Sonde is digital health company developing vocal biomarker technology with a foundation in **speech processing, clinical research, and machine learning**

Health Changes Lead to Changes in Physiology...



... Which Alter Voice Acoustic Features & Their Temporal Coordination



Major Acoustic Feature Categories

- Prosody**  
(Intonation, tempo, dynamics)
- System**  
(Vocal Tract Movements and Coordination)
- Source**  
(Vocal Fold Dynamics)

### Disciplines involved:

Audio Signal Processing – Speech Production and Speech Pathology – Clinical Research – Machine Learning  
Presentation by: Dr. Manoj Jain MD MPH – Emory University, Atlanta USA

J Med Internet Res (<https://doi.org/10.2196/44410>)

## Respiratory-Responsive Vocal Biomarker (RRVB) as a “Vital Sign”

Discovery	Development	Validation																									
<p> <b>~3,000</b> research subjects across India with asthma diagnosis, 6 sec "ahh" recordings, multiple native languages</p> <p>Matched healthy subjects, no disease diagnosis</p> <p>Weighted sums of select voice acoustic features fed into logistic regression model perform robustly across training and validation data</p> <p>Preliminary asthma detection model, indication that &gt;70% sens/spec feasible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refine model to improve robustness and generalizability</li> <li>Test model with new/holdout asthma recordings and other respiratory disease recordings</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Disease</th> <th># Patients</th> <th>Sensitivity</th> <th>Specificity</th> <th>Odds Ratio</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Asthma</td> <td>576</td> <td>90%</td> <td>69%</td> <td>4.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COPD</td> <td>625</td> <td>77%</td> <td>73%</td> <td>9.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Persistent Cough</td> <td>814</td> <td>50%</td> <td>72%</td> <td>3.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interstitial Lung Disease</td> <td>98</td> <td>63%</td> <td>68%</td> <td>3.95</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Respiratory Responsive Vocal Biomarker (RRVB) model with broad utility</p>	Disease	# Patients	Sensitivity	Specificity	Odds Ratio	Asthma	576	90%	69%	4.32	COPD	625	77%	73%	9.05	Persistent Cough	814	50%	72%	3.14	Interstitial Lung Disease	98	63%	68%	3.95	<p>Registered clinical trial – COVID Detection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>155 COVID-19 positive</li> <li>147 COVID-19 negative, symptomatic patients</li> <li>187 healthy controls</li> </ul> <p>Montefiore   BRIGHAM HEALTH   UC San Diego</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No adjustments to RRVB model</li> <li>Achieved primary endpoint: 73% sensitivity, 63% specificity, p-value &lt;0.0001</li> <li>Also detected 2/3 of COVID+ subjects with no respiratory symptoms</li> </ul> <p>RRVB model can detect new disease in new setting and maintain performance</p>
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Sonde Health is building a new class of digital biomarker which require a **foundation of technology, data resources, collaborators, and commercial partners**

Mobile rapid & scalable R&D tools and products



+ API / web integrations

1,000,000+	80,000+	20
health-labeled voice samples	individual speakers speaking 10+ languages	health conditions with 1,000+ subjects

Select R&D partners



# AI based Chest X-Ray Interpretation

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## Qure.ai offers AI powered radiology interpretation solutions



At Qure.ai, our mission is to **make healthcare more affordable and accessible using the power of deep learning**



Multiple FDA and CE clearances. Cleared for clinical use in 85+ countries



Technology Recommended by WHO



Impact 10 million lives annually



1000+ sites, 10,000+ Clinician users



50+ publications



Large training data sets and repository of +1Bn images

Our vision: Impact **1 Billion+** lives through our solutions

## Analog CXR systems are still prevalent in Indian health system particularly in rural and resource constraint geographies

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### Product Innovation

### Collaboration with India Health Fund



Qure was awarded the **India Health Fund grant** in December 2019.

### Key Outcomes:

- Development of qXR software for processing CXR film images through training of the algorithm
- Development of qTrack smartphone application
- Scaling up of Analog AI deployments across the country



72 Hospitals

14 States

~ 53K individuals screened

~ 33K analog scans

~ 17K TB presumptive

Avg. time for sputum collection ~1 day

## Surveillance setting : AI enabled Incidental Screening of CXRs in the hospitals (MCGM)

### Deployment Innovation

### Collaboration with Stop TB



~ 100K individuals screened

9 MCGM Hospitals



PATIENT-ENTRY ON CONSOLE

X-RAY TAKEN

qXR FLAGS CXR as TB PRESUMPTIVE – NOTIFICATION TO THE TB STAFF

SPOT SPUTUM COLLECTION

Patient immediately contacted to provide sputum

CB-NAAT TESTING

REVIEW & FOLLOW-UP

All of this happens within a single day

35% of confirmed TB cases were detected incidentally i.e., were part of a non-TB pathway

# AI based Chest X-Ray Interpretation

rises.AI Solution for TB & Pulmonary Conditions

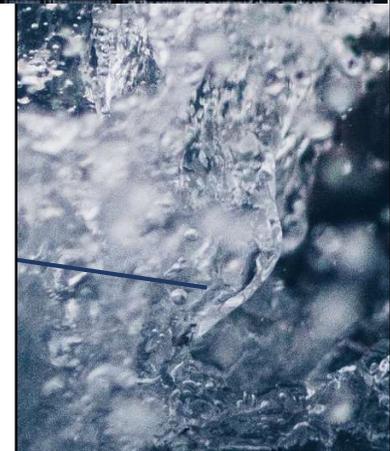
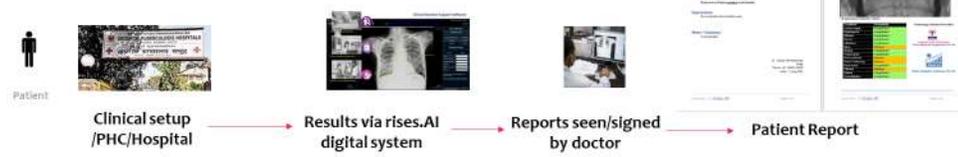
Automated Disease Detection

Disease Progression Assessment

Healthcare Prescriptive Analytics



High level deployment architecture for the solution, with indicative results generated by rises.AI



## Automatic Detection Benefits & Performance



Rises end to end solution has 3 major parts

- Xray machine (portable etc., if needed)
- Medical Software for remote care
- rises.AI platform-based algorithm

Feedback captured for various aspects, Sample of 10K patients

- including the clinicians sees the reports/digital, doctors using it,, Xray technicians & health care professionals.
- from 4 Hospitals - Govt & Private / PHCs, from different cohorts

Overall clinical accuracy seen is > 95% ie usable AI assistant.

**Insights**

- during TB treatment, better understanding and prediction of the disease spread

**Accuracies**

- predictions beforehand for reduce the side effects, better planning & optimization of treatment protocol

**Optimization**

- radiographs Xray CT based AI system solution, remote care, cost effective

Abnormalities	ROC AUC Latest Model	F1 Score Latest Model
Atelectasis	88.85	39.80
Cadiomegaly	88.46	45.16
Consolidation	84.35	42.35
Edema	94.91	48.00
Effusion	90.14	55.36
Emphysema	94.17	43.07
Fibrosis	83.15	25.90
Hernia	95.66	50.39
Infiltration	92.56	49.33
Mass	91.91	37.20
Nodule	88.17	29.67
Pleural Thickening	89.10	55.65
Pneumonia	90.94	43.50
Pneumothorax	91.67	36.84
Tuberculosis	97.6	94.0

# AI based Chest X-Ray Interpretation

## Genki -Solution for Xray Chest AI Based Public Health Screening



Public health screening solution designed for "Tuberculosis" screening and other chest conditions like pneumonia (covid 19 and other community acquired), cardiomegaly, pleural pathology, lung mass and lung nodules.

**Solution Design Objectives:** Designed to ensure active intervention and augmenting public health screening methodology to ensure faster TB elimination.

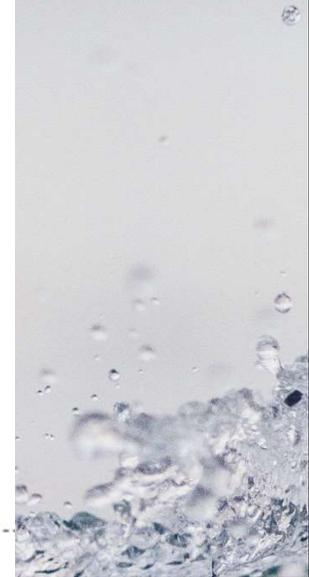
**Working Model:** "offline" called Genki Edge or "online" mode called Augmento Hub.

**Deployment Types:** Embedded within x-ray machine, hand held x-ray devices or can work on a standard configuration laptop assigned to an x-ray machine.

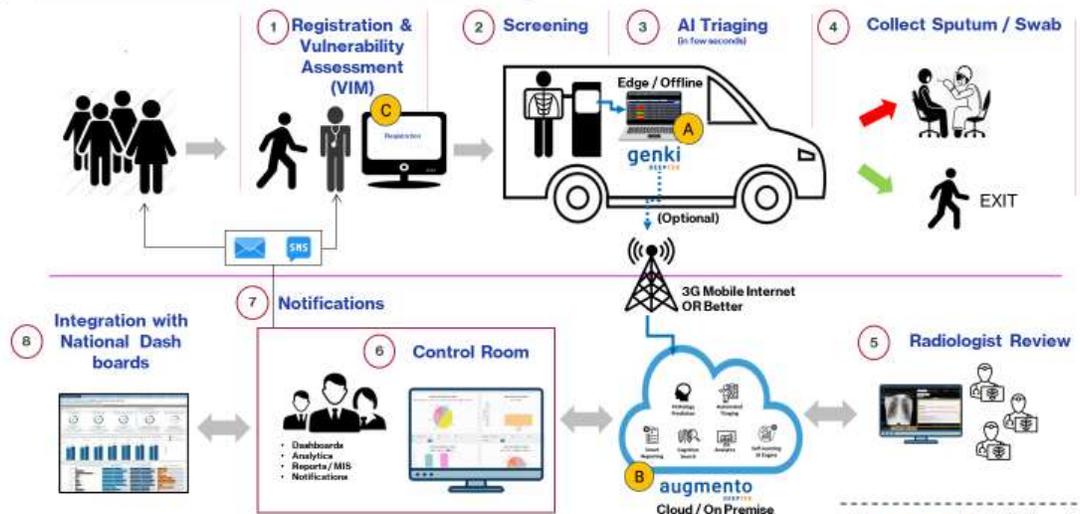
**Image Type:** AI assisted reading for Computed radiography (CR) and Digital Radiography (DR) images of any make and manufacture following Dicom standards. Available as adult only or pediatric module.

**Solution Design :** Designed to be 1. embedded in Xray machine or stand alone offline, 2. supported with a scalable cloud solution 3. Patient Registration Platform and an 4. AI Bot for Mobile.

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## Genki: End to End Solution for Public Health Screening



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## Genki Edge: The Offline Embedded or stand alone Solution for Chest X Rays

Automatic Sync



**Modality + AI Solution = Intelligent Machine**

AI Models	Color
TB Suspect	Red
Potential COVID Suspect pneumonia, Consolidated	Orange
Other pathologies	Green
Normal	Blue

### What is Genki Edge?

- Offline Solution with AI
- Instant triaging (<1 Min)
- Portable + Battery backup
- Auto backup when online

### Features of Genki Edge:

- Smart and Easy Worklist
- Smart Triaging
- Smart Pathology Prediction
- Smart Notifications
- 20+ pathologies

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# Screening

## Hand-held X-Ray machines

X-Ray Screening can reach every part of the country now.  
Camps / Remote villages / At home / In Ambulances / In PHC / In District Hospitals

### MINE 2 Handheld Xray system

- Generator weighs **only 1.8 Kg**
- Can be carried to remote areas in a backpack
  - Total weight **<8KG vs 30+KG** of conventional machines
- **Over 100 Images can be taken on one charge**
  - not dependent on electricity.



- **AI can help to triage TB symptomatics** / Other respiratory ailments.
- **At least 50X – 1000X less radiation** than conventional X-Ray – Safe for subjects – especially infants and operator.
- Very high image quality – **comparable to Gold Standard in ICMR comparison.**



### Mine 2 X-Ray system deployed in remote villages for TB screening Feasibility study done by ICMR & Labindia / Lipomic.

ICMR guidance and efforts were instrumental in proving the efficacy and utility of the system.

Double Blinded comparison study with Gold Standard X-Ray systems.

System efficacy validated.

Effective planning and execution of feasibility study in Sheopur district – highest TB prevalence in India.

Units travelled several miles to remote villages every day from 3 base stations - Extreme weather conditions

~10000 subjects screened

Mine 2IN is now made in India under tech transfer agreement with OTOM.



### Who is using this?

ICMR has done the comparison of this handheld Xray with Gold Standard machines.

ICMR has deployed multiple units of this Handheld Xray at Sheopur District in MP for feasibility study.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences will be using it for Trauma cases.

State TB units are now deploying this unit for community screening.

TB Research project underway at a government hospital.

South Korea for Covid screening, StopTB, for TB screening in other countries

NGOs & ICMR associates have deployed these Handheld X-Rays for TB diagnosis in India.

Knee clinics for in camp screening and diagnosis.

Private Doctors are using this Handheld Xray for taking the images of all anatomies.



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## Hand-held X-Ray machines

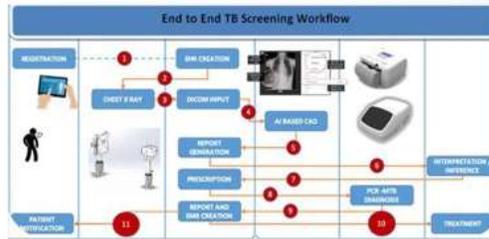
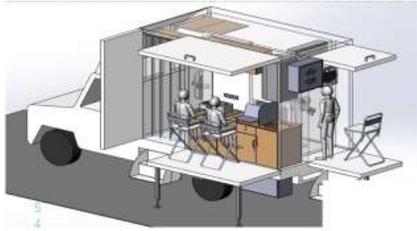
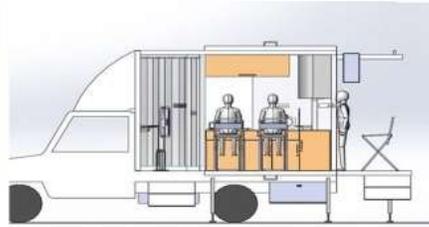
### ULTRAMOBILE TB SCREENING

 Prognosys

MOBILED DIAGNOSTICS



Model	PRORAD ATLAS*
W	140 W
kV	70 kV
mA	2.2 mA
mAs	0.5 – 6.5 mAs
Weight	3.0 kgs



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### Portable High frequency X Ray Solution

#### Salient Features:

- 2.4 KW HF Generator
- Easy to carry 13.5 Kg weight
- 16 -35 mA
- 40-100 KV
- Compact and Light weight
- Battery operated(Optional)
- Ideal for Home care/Camps



DR ▶ C-Arm ▶ X-Ray ▶ OPG ▶ LED View Box

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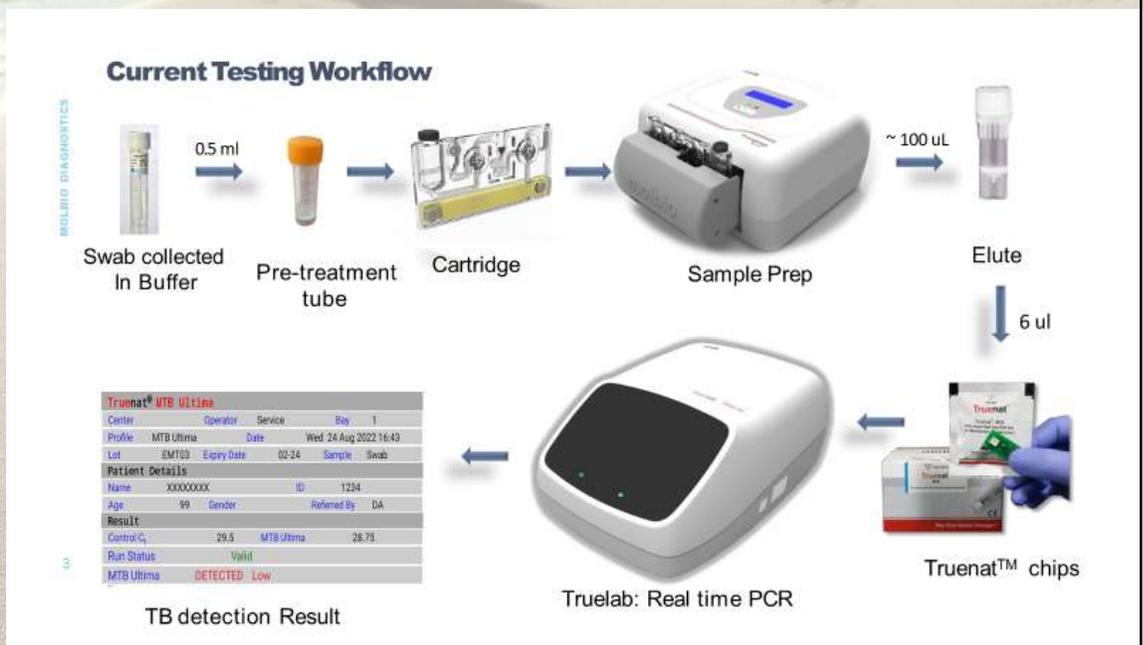
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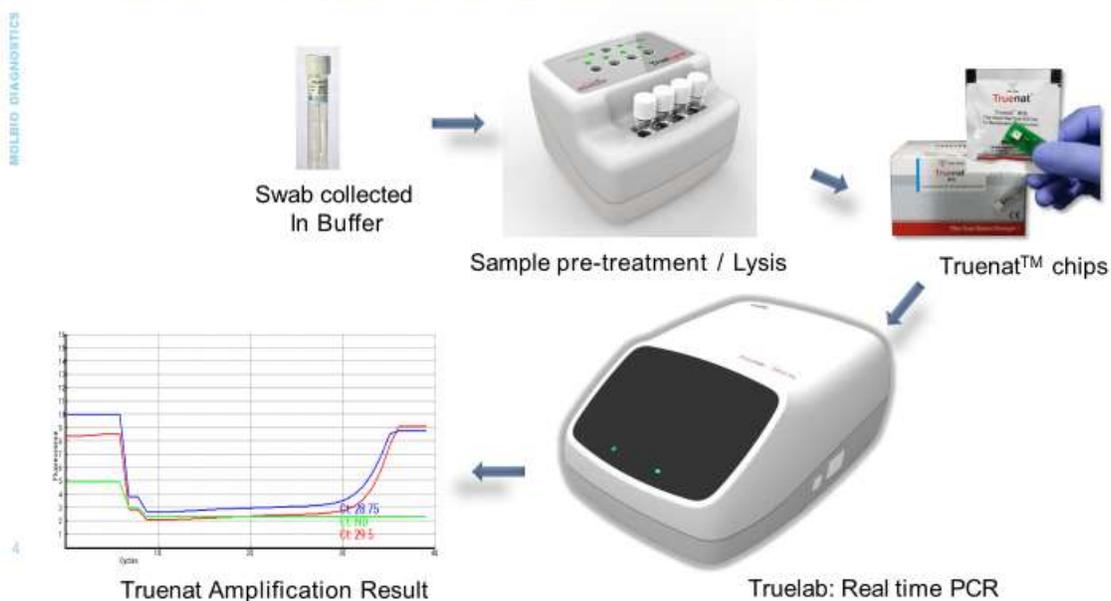
# Screening / Testing / SMART COMBO

## TONGUE SWAB + ULTRA SENSITIVE TB DETECTION

- Molbio's Truenat platform
  - rapid, portable, battery operated, fully automated point-of-care Real-Time Polymerase PCR
  - extensively deployed in Point of Care and resource limited settings.
- Improved sensitivity MTB test - Truenat MTB Ultima, which use two multicopy genes
- Early evaluation results combining Truenat MTB Ultima with Tongue swab as sample type has shown promising results.
- We are currently working on standardizing protocols for direct detection of TB with minimal sample processing to achieve faster sample to result for mass screening.



## Proposed Tongue Swab direct PCR workflow



# Screening/Testing / SMART COMBO

## Integrated solution for TB Mukt Bharat

Molecular real-time PCR for TB with simultaneous confirmatory detection of Rifampicin and INH resistant TB.

Best suited for India's needs



India's fastest  
TB test  
(40 minutes)



Validated by ICMR  
with high sensitivity  
and specificity



Mobile diagnostics  
No AC required  
No calibration required

## Comprehensive TB Testing

A portable molecular diagnostics device capable of accurate testing in POC and remote setting; up to 8 samples in a single run

1

Also available in a quadruple version for higher volume testing; up to 32 samples in a single run

2

Both version use chip-based Tata MD Check KshayANTH MDR TB (RIF+INH) Kit and KshayANTH MTB Kit that provides rapid, test for TB confirmation and management

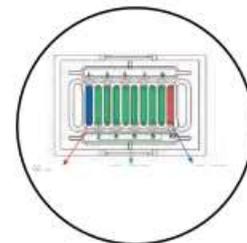
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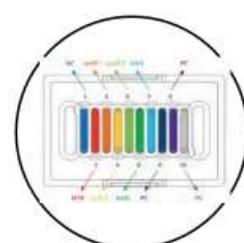
Battery operated POC Device



Quadruple version



Tata MD Check  
KshayANTH MTB Kit



Tata MD Check KshayANTH  
MDR TB (RIF+INH) Kit

## Approved by CDSCO Validated at India's premier research institutes



### Laboratory Evaluation at NIRT, Chennai

500 well-characterized MTB samples evaluated comprising of:

- 195 MTB negative samples
- 305 MTB positive samples: 129 positive for Rifampicin resistance and 173 positive for INH resistance

#### Result:

TATA MD KshayANTH MTB : Sensitivity 100% and Specificity 100%.

TATA MD KshayANTH MDR TB (Rif+INH) :

- Rifampicin Sensitivity 91.47%, Rifampicin Specificity 90.85%
- INH Sensitivity 87.35%, INH Specificity 85%



### Field Validation at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Hospital, Thane

Prospective clinical trial comprising of 313 patients

- 65 MTB negative patients
- 248 MTB positive patients: 26 positive for Rifampicin resistance and 27 positive for INH resistance

#### Result:

TATA MD KshayANTH MTB : Sensitivity 98.5% and Specificity 100%.

TATA MD KshayANTH MDR TB (Rif+INH) :

- Rifampicin Sensitivity 96%, Rifampicin Specificity 100%
- INH Sensitivity 96.30%, INH Specificity 100%



# Precision Medicine in TB Genomic Sequencing

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Towards a TB free world



## TGS for Complete Profiling of Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis Genome Sequencing

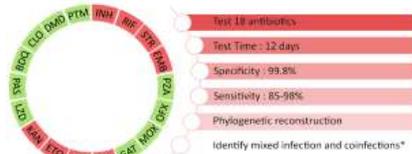
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Powered by  
**ThyrosAnalytics**

### TGS: All-in-one genomic analysis<sup>1,2,3</sup>

- TGS has been optimized by analyzing >10,000 TB genomes and >300 clinical isolates.
- Antibiogram profile of TGS is far superior than combination of all tuberculosis diagnostics methods (Individualized or combined).
- It gives simple and precise results with the advantage of a rapid turn-around-time.
- Being an evidence-based profiling, the analysis gives results based on the latest available information that is regularly updated.

### TGS assessment profile



- 18 antibiotics
- Test Time: 12 days
- Specificity: 99.8%
- Sensitivity: 85-98%
- Phylogenetic reconstruction
- Identify mixed infection and coinfections\*

\*Coinfections detected on samples where direct from sputum processing is undertaken

	TGS test	Culture DST	CBNAAT	LPA
<b>Antibiotic coverage</b>	18 antibiotics	13-15 antibiotics	1 antibiotic	Targeted mutations for 1 <sup>st</sup> line or 2 <sup>nd</sup> line group of antibiotics under LPA
<b>TAT</b>	As early as 12 days	2-8 weeks	24 hrs	3-4 days
<b>Cost</b>	INR 6000/-	INR 10,000 -15,000/-	INR 2000/- *	INR 4000/- *
<b>Other information</b>	Strain identification Mixed infection Coinfection			

TAT: Turn-around time; DST: Drug sensitivity test; CBNAAT: Cartridge-based nucleic acid amplification test; LPA: Line probe assay; \* - INR2000/-

### What do guidelines say?

Global as well as Indian authorities such as the World Health Organization and the National TB Elimination Programme have evaluated and indicated the promise of NGS-based approaches<sup>4</sup>

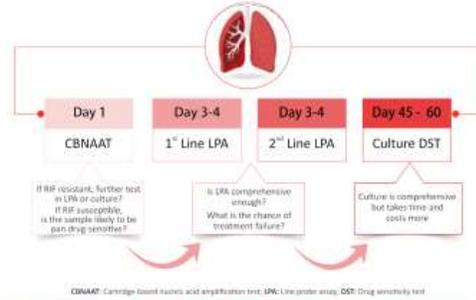
*Whole Genome Sequencing is a widely recommended assessment method for tuberculosis with the potential to be implemented for general patient use even in high burden countries such as India. TGS is a complete spectrum of existing antibiotics, (which can cover newly introduced too) solution that produces an accurate and clinically relevant report as early as 12 days.*

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### Challenge of Tuberculosis

- > A rising proportion of new tuberculosis (TB) cases are already resistant to rifampicin and isoniazid, the key first-line drugs.<sup>1</sup>
- > **Universal drug susceptibility testing (DST)** is required to identify drug resistant (DR) TB patients in endemic areas, rather than screening only previously-treated individuals.<sup>2</sup>
- > The current path to diagnosis and treatment of TB patients carries a burden of time and cost leading to patients suffering from treatment delays and side effects of empirical therapy.<sup>3,4</sup>



CBNAAT: Cartridge based nucleic acid amplification test; LPA: Line probe assay; DST: Drug sensitivity test

*Without TGS 60 days of vague outcome: the mean duration for treatment initiation in TB care takes an average of 65 days for new and retreatment cases,<sup>5</sup> shortening this time with TGS for diagnosis can help put patients on the right treatment path early.*

### TGS as a comprehensive single-test solution for TB<sup>5,6</sup>

TB Whole genome sequencing is proving complete comprehensive single test solution of tuberculosis. TGS provides an opportunity to treat with ideal antibiotics without wasting time.

#### Where can TGS fit in the diagnostic pathway?



14-day cumulated time to diagnosis of DR-TB



18-day cumulated time to diagnosis of DR-TB



12-day cumulated time to diagnosis of TB in critical re-treatment and HIV comorbid cases

TGS is based on the same Whole Genome Sequencing technology.

#### TGS-based comprehensive screening

- Complete DST profile
- Mixed infections and heteroresistance
- Individualized treatment
- Rapid results

TGS can help guide individualized treatment as well as inform public health measures. Such approaches have already been successfully implemented for clinical diagnosis in general patients across several countries.<sup>7,8</sup>

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**NAME:** HR CHIMNEY  
**REFERRED BY:** DR. ABC  
**TEST ASKED:** TB WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING

**CLINICAL SUMMARY**  
*Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is detected : Detected  
**Lineage:** 1 (SAS)  
**Genomic DST Profile:** Drug-Resistant tuberculosis (DR-TB)

**DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY PROFILE**

Drug	Interpretation	Drug	Interpretation
Isoniazid (INH)	Resistant**	Clarithromycin (CLA)	Resistant**
Rifampicin (RIF)	Sensitive**	Clasfloxacin (CLO)	Resistant**
Ethambutol (EMB)	Sensitive**	Linezolid (LZO)	Sensitive**
		Bedaquiline (BEO)	Resistant**

**OTHERS**

Drug	Interpretation	Drug	Interpretation
Capreomycin (CAP)	Sensitive**	Pyrazinamide (PZA)	Sensitive**
Bismimamide (BIM)	Resistant**	Amikacin (AMK)	Sensitive**
Kanamycin (KAN)	Sensitive**	Delamanid (DMN)	Sensitive**
Para-aminosalicylic acid (PAS)	Sensitive**		
Pretomanid (PTM)	Sensitive**		

\*\* Refer to mutation table for mutation details, expert consultation advised

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**PROPORTION:** 385/54  
**Coverage of Genome covered:** 1.00

**MUTATION TABLE**

Position	Ref. Amino Acid	Alternate Amino Acid	Type	Frequency	Coverage	Substitution	Gene Symbol	Gene Name	Drug	PMID	High Incubation
7361	G	T	SNP	57.86	436	Asp>Thr (GAT>GTT)	Rv0200	INH	IQ	2162232	yes
77991	T	C	SNP	33.18	428	Val>Leu (GTG>CTG)	Rv0278	-	R002CF2	24050431	no
847443	T	G	SNP	53.22	342	Ser>Ala (TCC>GCC)	Rv1384	EMB	WH07H	24051765	yes

**GENOME SEQUENCING SUMMARY**

Library Type	Library Date	Library QC
150x2 paired end	13-10-2022	Pass
Genome Sequencer	Run Date	Machine/ Flow cell ID
NovaSeq6000	13-10-2022	AO1580HW279D5X3
Application	Application Run By	QC Check
OmniPac V2.0.1	HAPL	Pass

# SMART Logistic networks with Drones

## Advanced Logistics Network of DRONES



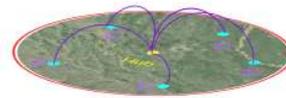
## TechEagle Innovations Private Limited

On-Demand Drone Logistics Airline



### Tuberculosis

### The SOLUTION



Current

For Patient Not Going to the Facility

Solution

The facility coming to the Patient

TechEagle

AIIMS Rishikesh

Feb'23



Narendra Modi @narendramodi · 1h  
India government official  
India attaches great importance to leveraging technology to further 'Ease of Living' for people.

1 Ministry of Health @MoHFW\_INDIA · Feb 16  
Revolutionizing healthcare through technology.  
In a significant move, AIIMS Rishikesh conducted a trial run today-  
drones used to transport 2 kg load of TB medicines from @aimsrishi's  
to District Hospital, Tehri Garwal covering approx. 40 km aerial  
distance (one side) in 30 min.



# SMART Logistic networks with Drones



## Introduction

Skye Air is Asia's largest leading SaaS based drone logistics company with widespread operations delivering for leading Health care, e-commerce, quick-commerce, tech and agri-commodity players.

**FLIGHTS** 4500+      **Clients** 20+      **Delivery** 1.3 Mn Packets      **Skye Tunnel** 150+

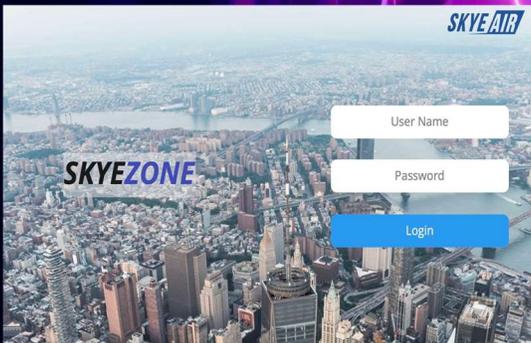
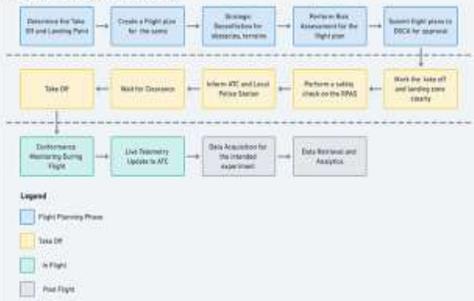
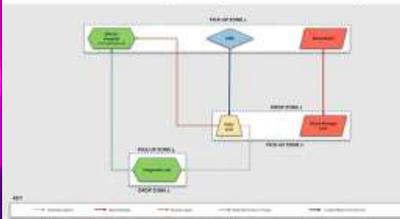
The overall vision of Skye Air Mobility is to **Transform, build and operate** a futuristic solution to help mankind. To create a faster, smarter environment friendly air mobility solution.



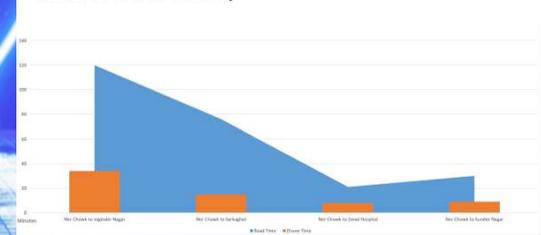
## Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand - NHM TB Drugs Delivery

Skye Air Mobility has an immersive drone delivery model to optimize the current healthcare logistics within Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand. Skye Air started the immersive delivery plan to enable deliveries from District CMS & Blood Banks to PHCs, CHCs, Blood Storage Units and further from PHCs/CHCs to Distribution Central & Diagnostic laboratories. Delivery model divides the entire healthcare logistic within a district in 4 zones namely:

- **Zone 1** - Pickup Zone 1 (CMS/DH/Blood Bank/VCS)
- **Zone 2** - Drop Zone 1 (PHC/CHC/BSU)
- **Zone 3** - Pickup Zone 2 (PHC/CHC)
- **Zone 4** - Drop Zone (Distribution Center)



Road Vs Drone Delivery



## Pros of Drone Delivery

- At Scale, Drones can **save up to 20% of cost** compared to current hectic and non efficient way of logistics.
- This would result in **70% increase in efficiency**, Minimum that to no involvement of man, in turn reducing human error.
- TAT can be **reduced by 30%** and above
- No restrictions on working hours.
- Significant reduction in cost per delivery at scale
- Direct connectivity
- 100% Customer satisfaction
- Enabling same day and instant delivery on time for time sensitive and emergency TB Drugs and vaccines.



# Taking TB Care to Community

## **BD SANKALP- A Pledge to Fight TB Together**

A catalytic effort to support National TB Elimination Program (NTEP) to further strengthen TB detection and management



### Key Interventions of the Project

#### Active Case Finding (ACF)

Covering every household in the project area to identify presumptive TB cases.

#### Capacity Building

Building community volunteers and outreach workers' capacity on TB identification, treatment initiation and adherence.

#### Provider Engagement

Engage with pharmacists and registered medical practitioners

#### Bringing TB Diagnostics Closer

A Mobile Medical Van, equipped with X-ray, CBNAAT, and AI assisted teleradiology capabilities

#### Treatment and Adherence for TB positive patients

Follow-up with TB positive patients and their contacts through the entire care cascade

#### Information, Education and Communication

Community awareness programs about early detection, seeking timely help, and reducing stigma.

### Active Case Finding

- Intensified door to door ACF through a digital mobile app
- Geo-spatial mapping
- QR code-based identification of every house

### Diagnosis through Chest X ray and NAAT

- Presumptive TB cases undergo Chest X ray & CBNAAT as per NTEP guidelines
- AI assisted Teleradiology innovation including Radiologist's review
- TAT ~20-25 minutes

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## **BD SANKALP- A Pledge to Fight TB Together**



### Sustainable



- Deep stakeholder engagement & regular feedback
- Integration with local community
- Local resources leveraged, employed & digital upskilling
- Standardized awareness /training for best practice adoption and reduced stigma
- Robust M/E framework
- Facilitating timely management, adherence & arresting further transmission

### Scalable



- Digitized ACF questionnaire
- Customized Mobile van
- Robust M/E framework
- Digital innovations
- IEC materials including an animation video
- Replicable and effective project model!

### Innovative



- Digitized ACF questionnaire
- Real Time Tracking Dashboard
- AI assisted Teleradiology
- Assured and Integrated data confidentiality
- Geo-spatial mapping

### Equitable



- Holistic coverage with special focus on vulnerable populations
- Diagnostics access through a mobile van closer to the homes

A senior citizen being assisted for CXR



## **BD SANKALP- A Pledge to Fight TB Together**



Key Impact Metrics (4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022-10<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

Last Updated: 10 March 2023



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# Taking TB Care to Community

## Indo-Japan Private Sector Collaboration for Mobile Diagnostic Van with Onboard X-Ray AI and RMDs (FujiFilm India/Molbio/Qure AI)

**FUJIFILM** Value from Innovation **NEVER STOP**  
 Enabling Tuberculosis Screening in Every Corner of the country

**World Health Organization** **New Guideline: Screening with Chest X-Ray Images + AI Assist**

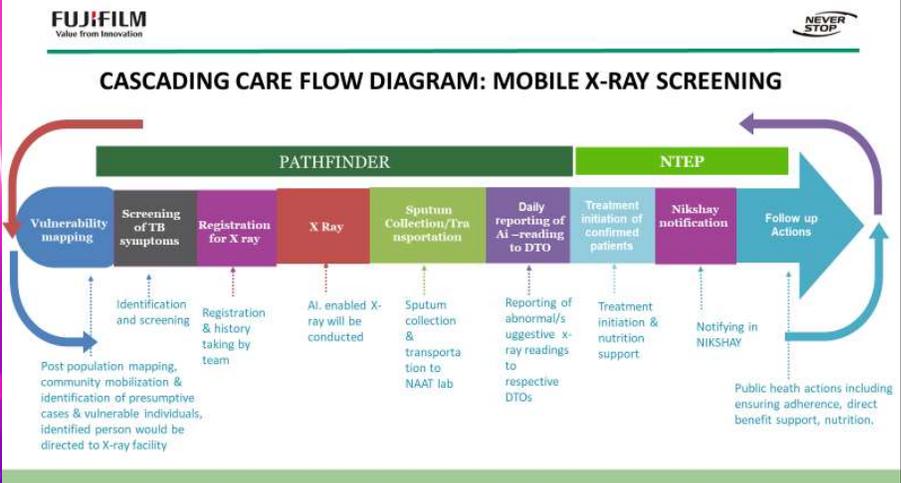
**FDR Xair**  
 Compact and lightweight Portable X-ray system (Weight 3.5kg)  
**3.5kg**

#1 global market share\* **High Sensitivity Detector technology** **Mobile console** **QURE AI-powered diagnostic support**

Digital X-ray diagnostic imaging equipment

Check the images as they are taken

\*Signify data



**FUJIFILM** Value from Innovation **NEVER STOP**

### MOBILE SCREENING INITIATIVE FOR TB (Phase I)

Covered **27 locations** in **190 days**

People Reach on ground - **1.2 M**

Screening **12,000** (1500 AI presumptive cases)

**LOCATION**  
 Covered selected pockets in 27 district in 9 months

**117 new TB patients were identified !!**

**FUJIFILM** Value from Innovation **NEVER STOP**

### MOBILE SCREENING INITIATIVE FOR TB (Phase II)

**Project Geography**  
 The program will be implemented in high priority pockets in six districts of Assam and one each in Gujrat and Kerala.

- Tea Tribe of Assam (Symptomatic Screening 1,50,000)
- Industrial Workers of Kutch (Symptomatic Screening 1,00,000)
- Tribal Population of Wayanad (Symptomatic Screening 1,00,000)

**Nutrition Support**

- Three districts namely Sivasagar (Assam), Wayanad (Kerala) & Kutch (Gujrat) will be adopted for nutrition support (in addition to screening exercise) for six months under the program.
- More than 5800 packets of food basics such ground almonds, kidney beans, green lentils, skinned chickpeas, and mustard/coconut oil will be distributed.

# Community led TB Response

## Empowering women

as community health mentors through an IVRS-based platform



INNOVATIONS  
to engage TB Champions

## Communications training:

Skill development for TB Champions to become effective communicators



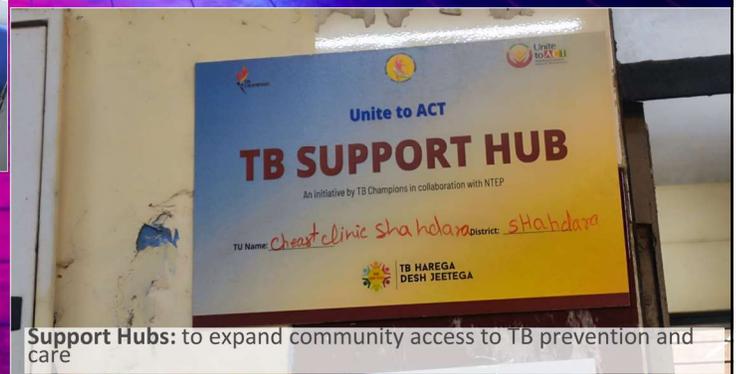
Providing person-centred support: through tele counselling to people with TB in Bihar during the COVID-19 pandemic



Community Accountability Framework-to identify any gaps in quality of care and services provided to PwTB



Support Hubs: to expand community access to TB prevention and care



# Community led TB Response

## TB Mitra CLM platform for TB communities

TB Mitra, a unique mobile-based application for TB-affected communities supported by USAID and National TB Program of India as the key CLM intervention.

The platform was fully adopted and rolled out nationally by India with complete integration with the national TB surveillance system NIKSHAY.



Dure Technologies

REACH  
Leading the fight against TB

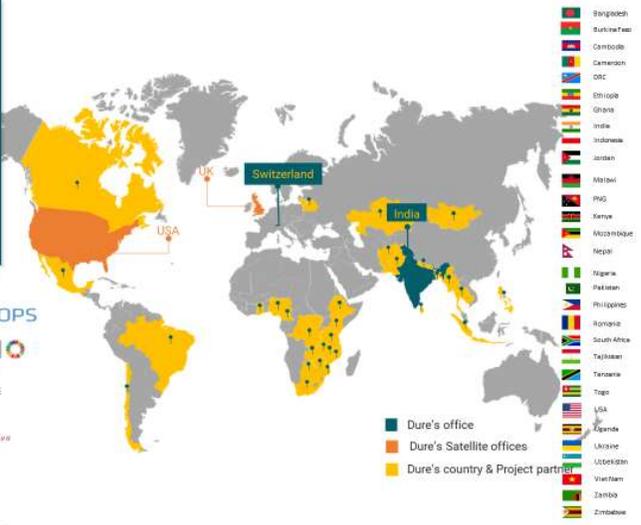
USAID  
U.S. Agency for International Development

## OneImpact Framework



## Dure' Global Partnerships and Footprint

Dure's is working with more than 50 global partners spread across 40+ countries with over 200+ project experience



# Data Driven Actions to End TB

## AI solution for predicting lost to follow up and death



### THE PROBLEM

Despite an increase in efforts to curb non-adherence to TB treatment regimens, the number of TB patients who were lost to follow-up (LFU) in 2021 was over 4% of the total incidence.

Besides facing a higher risk of developing and amplifying drug-resistant TB, LFU patients may face outcomes such as mortality (5% of total) due to inadequate care at the onset of treatment.



### OUR AI-POWERED SOLUTION

We are developing a solution for the early identification of TB patients at risk of LFU, and adverse outcomes such as mortality, at the onset of treatment initiation, to facilitate timely and effective care measures for high-risk patients.

The AI model employs an ensemble of models trained using Ni-kshay data, corresponding to treatment outcomes for half a million TB patients across India.

- Transforming the nature of the adherence system **from reactive to proactive.**
- Empowering health staff with effective decision for differentiated care.



Source: National Tuberculosis Prevalence Survey in India, 2021

### LFU AND MORTALITY PREDICTION VALUE PROPOSITION FOR THE NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION PROGRAM (NTEP)



Predicting the risk of non-adherence and mortality at the very beginning of the TB cascade of care.

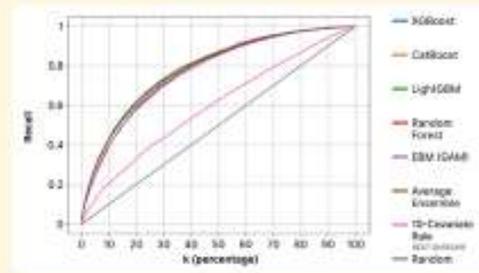


Enabling effective field interventions that work towards reducing adverse outcomes for TB patients.

### SOLUTION OVERVIEW: LFU AND MORTALITY PREDICTION



### AI MODEL VS. RULE-BASED (10 COVARIATES) PREDICTION



K = 10 (n = 428,604)						K = 20 (n = 428,604)					
10C	Pr +	Pr -	AI	Pr +	Pr -	10C	Pr +	Pr -	AI	Pr +	Pr -
Tr +	6	37	Tr +	12	21	Tr +	11	22	Tr +	16	14
Tr -	34	300	Tr -	34	388	Tr -	74	321	Tr -	61	329
10C: Sn 18.74% Sp 90.92%			AI: Sn 22.06% Sp 92.45%			10C: Sn 32.56% Sp 81.24%			AI: Sn 36.59% Sp 83.20%		

K = 30 (n = 428,604)						K = 40 (n = 428,604)					
10C	Pr +	Pr -	AI	Pr +	Pr -	10C	Pr +	Pr -	AI	Pr +	Pr -
Tr +	19	18	Tr +	23	10	Tr +	18	16	Tr +	26	7
Tr -	153	282	Tr -	106	281	Tr -	152	243	Tr -	144	281
10C: Sn 44.38% Sp 71.39%			AI: Sn 68.01% Sp 73.52%			10C: Sn 54.88% Sp 61.43%			AI: Sn 70.22% Sp 63.47%		

LFU + mortality prevalence in the test dataset = 7.7%

Scale: 1:1000



# The Facilitators

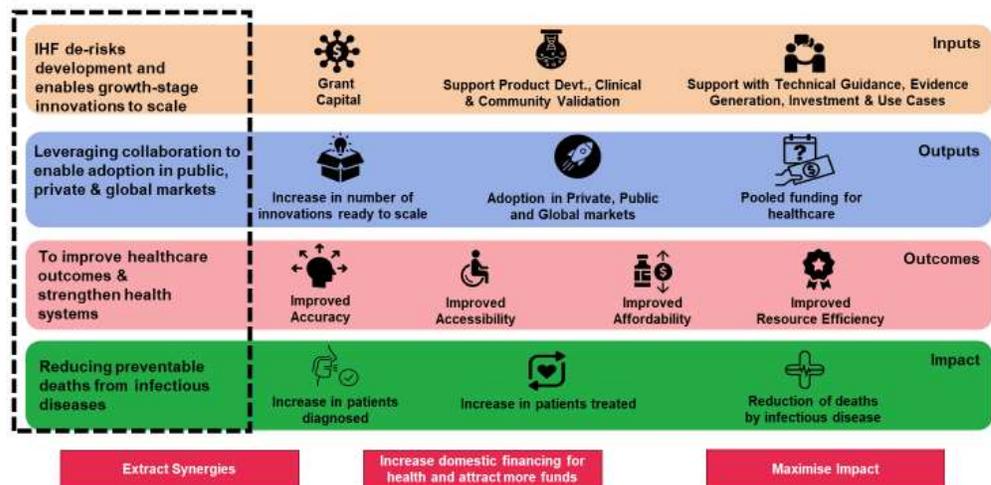
## India Health Fund : Design and Purpose

### TATA TRUSTS

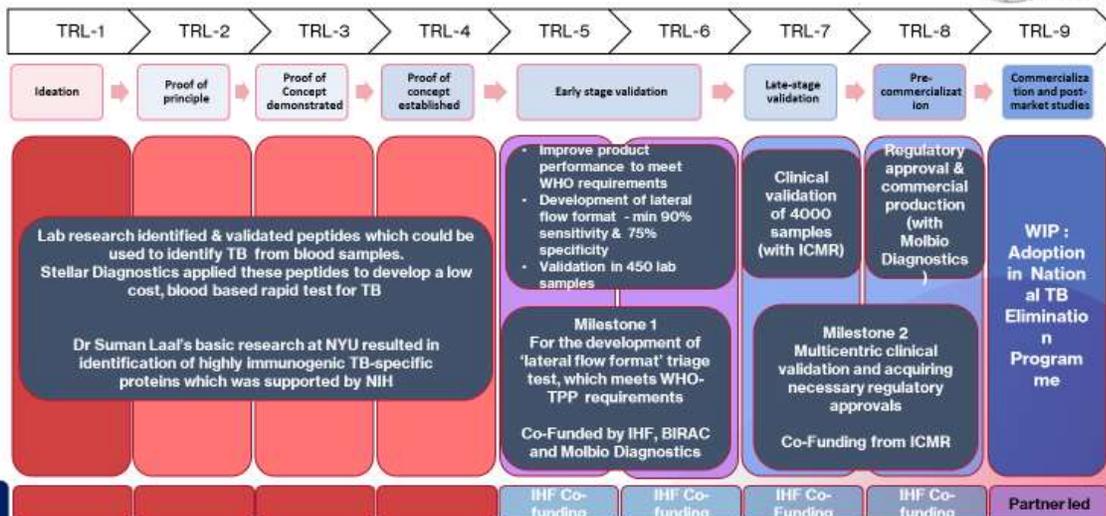


- Designed by Tata Trusts in collaboration with The Global Fund to Fight TB and malaria
- Create a pooled mechanism for health financing in India to end infectious diseases & other public health threats
- Enable agility & innovation by supporting programmes & projects which develop:
  - New products or strategies to address infectious diseases
  - Innovative business models, partnerships or financing mechanisms to significantly scale up solutions

## IHF's theory of change links de-risking innovation development with strengthening health systems



## Diagnostics: Stellar Diagnostics – a first-of-its-kind rapid test for TB



# Making the 'Impossible- Possible' for people affected by Tuberculosis