

STEP 3: DESIGN THE FRAMEWORK FOR YOUR LTBI PROGRAM

The aim of an LTBI program is to provide the community with services that are strategically designed and delivered to meet local needs and priorities. With the information you have obtained through your situational analysis, community profile, and examination of LTBI guidelines, protocols, strategies, and resources, you can create a sound framework for your jurisdiction's program. Consider the process by which the principle elements of the program framework should be determined and who should be involved. It might be worthwhile to seek the participation of various stakeholders to benefit from their ideas and achieve their buy-in.

ACTIVITY 3-A

Determine who should be involved in the development of the program framework and invite their participation.

ACTIVITY 3-B

Set up a process for considering questions and issues, making decisions, and achieving consensus.

ACTIVITY 3-C

Develop the framework for your LTBI program. Key elements include:

- *Purpose or mission:* why the LTBI program is being established
Example: "The TB control program will reduce future cases and transmission by treating high-risk populations with LTBI."
- *Target populations:* the populations within the community that your program will focus on as its highest priorities
- *Goals or desired outcomes:* the results you want the program to achieve. These should be stated in specific enough terms that you can measure and evaluate the outcomes

Example: “The TB Control program will develop a program for targeted testing and treatment of LTBI among homeless persons within one year. The program will establish a baseline for targeted testing. Using national objectives, this jurisdiction will achieve the following objective: at least 75% of homeless persons infected with LTBI will complete treatment within one year.”

- *Program strategies:* how you intend to accomplish the desired results. Consider such aspects as:
 - Community partnerships and outreach
 - Patient outreach and retention
 - Program administration, organizational structure, and staffing
 - Funding and financial management

ACTIVITY 3-D

Document the agreed-upon program framework and key elements and distribute as appropriate.