

TB PHOTO-VOICES

TB Patients in Kazakhstan, the Philippines and Nigeria tell the story of their illness through their 'photovoice', producing a photodocumentary that makes them feel empowered.

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TB Photovoices guides patients and ex-patients through a personal transformation process using photography and other forms of media to understand and communicate the context and emotions surrounding TB as a disease within the safety and support of a self-help group. The methodology aims to rebuild and strengthen self-esteem through group coaching and by teaching people affected by TB how to use photodocumentary to express their emotions and feelings. Implementation of TB Photovoices in several countries has shown that the methodology provides an entry point for a TB stigma dialogue between affected patients, health care providers and decision makers.



Welcome Back

"I remember how fantastic it was when I could mingle again with my friends after my treatment."

TB Photo-voices
Uyo, Nigeria



Discomforted by Rules

"I always had to wear a mask when I went to hospital to avoid spreading the disease."



Success at Last, Back to School Again

"I dropped out of school, but went back after treatment to complete my education."

**TB Photo-voices
Lagos, Nigeria**



Ashamed of how I looked

"After my father's death due to TB, my whole family was tested for TB and I was confirmed of having TB. Gradually I lost weight and became very slim. I was so ashamed of the way I looked."

**TB Photo-voices
Kazakhstan**



"When I was in the hospital, I was not allowed to go out. But I ripped up the fence to be free."

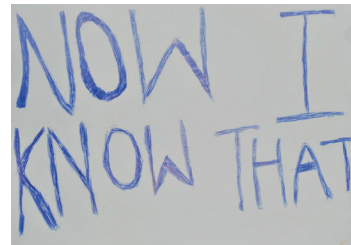
**TB Photo-voices
the Philippines**



My Friends

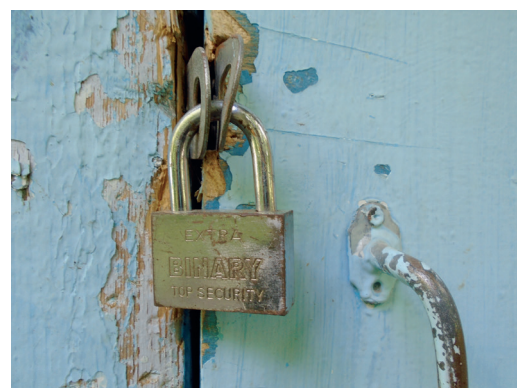
"My friends are always there whenever I need help. I am very grateful to have them as part of my life. Even after they knew about my diagnosis, they are still here to support me. Support is very important when we are on treatment."

Now I know that
"Now that I know TB is curable, I am so relieved and can help other to get cured."



Shattered life

"The shattered screen depicts 'devastation', because when the doctor told me that my case had got worse I was shattered."



"When I was treated for TB, all roads were closed. It was forbidden to go out."



Walang Pasubali ('Unconditional')

"This image reflects my love for my family. Because of them, I felt very determined to finish the 18 months of MDR-TB treatment. It was the most difficult task in my life. Every day I held on to the love they have for me so I could proceed with my daily treatment."