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The Impact of Tuberculosis On People With Disabilities In The West Rand District

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TB Remains a **Major** Public Health problem

In SOUTH AFRICA

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES EXPERIENCE:



Social Exclusion



Stigma



Poverty



Health care
Access Barriers



LIMITED EVIDENCE EXISTS ON
THEIR TB EXPERIENCES IN THE
WEST RAND DISTRICT.



OBJECTIVES

To explore the impact of tuberculosis on people with disabilities in the West Rand District, focusing on experiences related to diagnosis, treatment, and support services.

Methods

Qualitative study

In-depth interviews and focus groups

Participants recruited from:

- TB clinics
- Disability organisations

Thematic data analysis

Main Findings



Delayed diagnosis



Access barrier



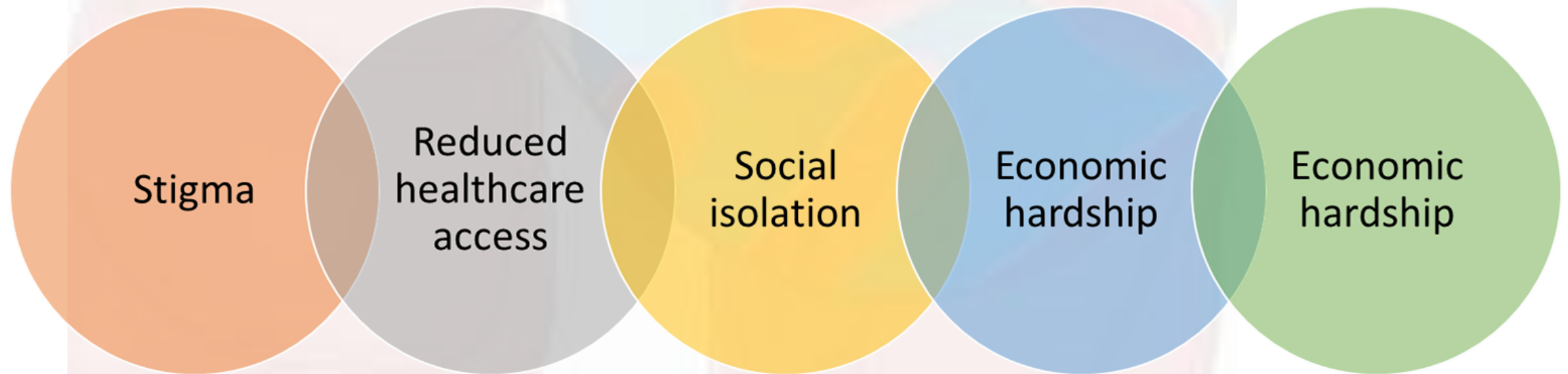
Facility issue



Poor outcomes

Key Results (Social Impact)

Participant Experiences



Conclusion

Disability-related barriers worsen TB outcomes.
Limited disability inclusion weakens TB control efforts.

Programmatic Implications

Disability-awareness training for healthcare workers
Accessible infrastructure and communication
Inclusive TB policies and support systems

Final Take-Home Message

Inclusive TB services are essential to reducing health inequities among people with disabilities.

THANK YOU!!

