

## Government and Private Sector Collaboration in the PH TB Elimination Program:

Perspectives and Best Practices

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## Why NGOs?

- Innovation (less restrictions)
- Flexibility and speed of implementation (less red tape)
- Our (PTSI) role: model an effective, practical and implementable TB care delivery system for replication by government and other TB organizations

## Critical Questions

- Do we truly know what "patient centered care" for TB means
- What are the critical challenges
  - Does Mohamad go to the mountain or does the mountain go to Mohamad
  - How can the political system facilitate the business of healthcare and not be a hindrance
  - Identifying and providing the proper presence and availability of critical skills and competencies where the patient is