FROM TB SURVIVORS TO TB CHAMPIONS







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TB survivors and affected communities are playing a vital role in India's response to TB. TB survivors are best placed to understand the struggles of people with TB and their families and can play a significant role in complementing the interventions of the health system. In this issue, we are proud to feature profiles of TB survivor-Champions, from different backgrounds, with one thing in common - their courage to defeat TB and their determination to now play an active role in ending TB in India.

These stories have been shared by REACH (Resource Group for Education and Advocacy for Community Health), an organisation working with TB Champions across India and building their capacity through workshops and mentorship programmes. REACH is committed to providing these TB survivors with the skills necessary to become effective advocates and play a role in raising awareness about TB and addressing stigma. In short, they are transformed into TB Champions.

The training of the TB Champions featured here was a highlight of the TB Call to Action Project (2016-2020) supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In addition, REACH continues to work closely with TB Champions in Jharkhand, Odisha and Tamilnadu through the ALLIES Project, also supported by USAID, and in Bihar through the Challenge Facility for Civil Society initiative of the Stop TB Partnership.