

# **Narrative Report: Participation of TB Key and Vulnerable Population (KVP) Representatives at the CCM Meeting**

**Date:** 11th November 2025

**Venue:** Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Meeting

**Observers:** Matthew Kussi and Priscilla Oti

## **Background**

On 11th November 2025, two representatives of the TB Key and Vulnerable Population (KVP) constituency, Matthew Kussi and Priscilla Oti, participated as first-time observers in a Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) meeting. This engagement was intentionally designed as a capacity-building and exposure opportunity ahead of the anticipated approval of the KVP constituency as a formal CCM member.



## **Rationale**

The primary intention behind including the two representatives as observers was to expose them to the structure, expectations, and dynamics of CCM deliberations.. This preparatory

exposure was considered critical in building confidence, improving understanding of governance processes, and ensuring that when the TB KVP constituency is added to the CCM body, future TB KVP participation would be informed, strategic, and effective.

## **Reflections from the KVP Representatives**

To capture their immediate impressions, a short interview was conducted with both representatives following the meeting. Their reflections provide tangible insight into the value of the observation experience.

Ms. Priscilla Oti, reflecting on her experience, emphasized how the discussions deepened her understanding of real challenges faced by clients at the community level:

*“My experience today, I’ve learned a lot. They talked about HIV and TB issues. Some clients do not go for their ARVs because of stigma when they go to the facility. Others also say that when they take the drugs, they feel very hungry, so they stop going.”*

She also noted how operational and financial issues discussed at the meeting connected directly to service delivery gaps experienced in communities:

*“They talked about TB too. Some facilities do not have registration books and materials for testing. They also talked about the finances, that some districts receive funds and others don’t, and sometimes the funds do not reach the facilities.”*

These discussions helped her appreciate how policy, financing, and implementation challenges intersect and affect clients’ access to care.

Mr. Matthew Kussi highlighted how the meeting shifted his perception of government systems and strengthened his motivation to contribute more actively:

*“What I noticed today is that people in the community always think the government is not doing anything. But when you sit in this meeting, you realize that there are things happening, and different people are trying to help.”*

He further reflected on the importance of community involvement in bridging gaps between national decisions and local realities:

*“Since the funds are not always enough, everybody has to be willing to help. This meeting has encouraged me to do more for the community.”*

## **Benefits of the Observation Experience**

The inclusion of the KVP representatives as CCM observers yielded several key benefits:

- Improved understanding of CCM processes, including how agenda items are discussed, how financial and programmatic issues are reviewed, and how decisions are reached.
- Increased confidence and readiness to participate meaningfully once the KVP constituency is formally admitted to the CCM.
- Stronger appreciation of the link between national decision-making and community-level realities, particularly around stigma, treatment adherence, and funding flow.
- Motivation for deeper advocacy, as the representatives recognized their potential role in ensuring community concerns are better reflected in national dialogue.

## **Conclusion**

The participation of the KVP representatives was timely and strategic. It directly contributed to preparing Matthew and Priscilla for meaningful engagement in national health governance. Their observation experience will greatly support the readiness of the KVP constituency once its membership on the CCM is formalized, ensuring that the voices of key and vulnerable populations are effectively represented in decisions that impact their health and wellbeing.

More Photos:

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