

# Chang-Hua TB Care Association Taiwan

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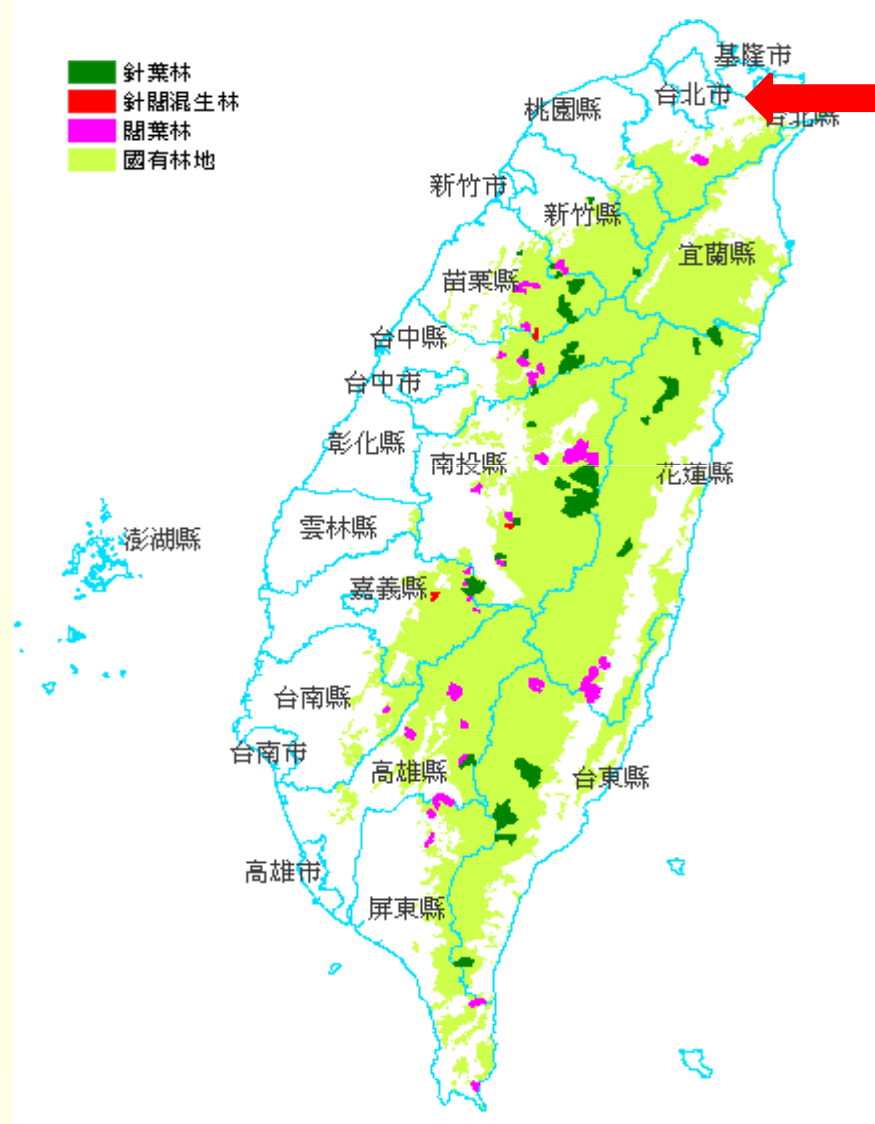
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# Geographic Position



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- **Capital: Taipei**

- **The total area of Taiwan :36,193 km<sup>2</sup> (13,974 sq mi)**

- **Population: 23 million**



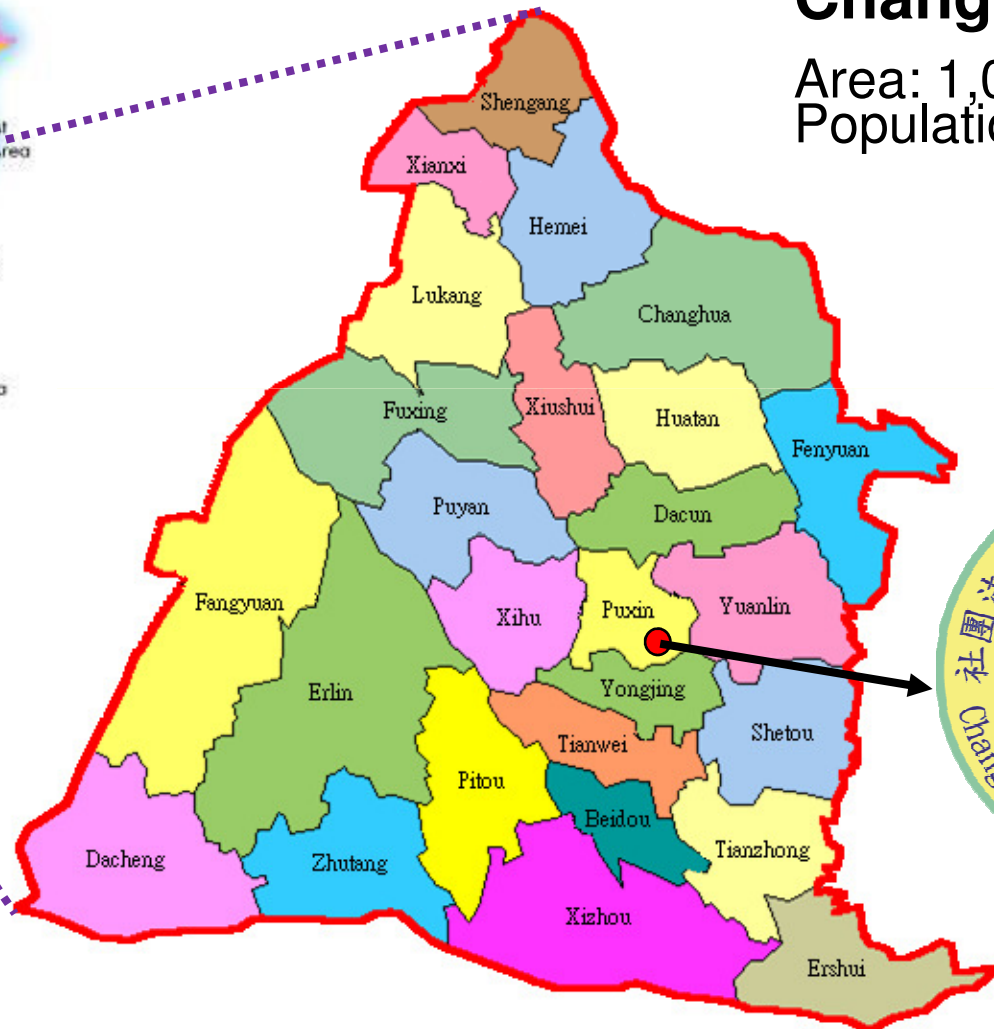
# Geographic Position



## Chang-Hua county

Area: 1,074 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 1.3 millions



# History

- \* The first non-governmental and non-profit making voluntary organization established in Chang-Hua County in March 2009 by Dr. Yi-Wen Huang (MD, Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Unit, Chang-Hua Hospital, Deputy commander of Central region communicable Disease Control Medical Network) with a view to raising public awareness against Tuberculosis (TB) and adopting preventive and curative measures towards the control of the diseases.



# The First Director 2009-2014

- \* Name: Yi-Wen, Huang
- \* MD, Kaohsiung Medical University 1975-1982
- \* Deputy commander of central region communicable medical network, CDC, Ministry and welfare since 2004
- \* Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Unit, Chang-Hua Hospital since 2010~now
- \* Chief of Emergency Department, Chang-Hua Hospital since 2008~now
- \* Chief of Tuberculosis Department, Chang-Hua Hospital since 2007~now
- \* Chief of Central Region MDR-TB team, since 2004~now





# First meeting in 2009



# Present Director 2015~



- \* Name: **Pei-Chun, Kuo**
- \* RN, Master of Health Care Administration, Central Taiwan University of Science and Technology
- \* Clinical Registered nurse since 1997
- \* Supervisor of Nursing Department , Chang-Hua Hospital since 2012~now





# Membership

- \* We pursue our mission in part through an open membership policy, any individual involved and interested in the objectives of the Association may apply for membership
- \* The Executive Committee shall decide as to the acceptance or not of any application and similarly decide into which category the applicant shall be placed.



# Membership

- \* For individuals: more than 20 years old and working in health care settings at Chang-Hua county or people living in Chang-Hua county
- \* For organizations: any associations or groups who agree objectives of the Association
- \* For sponsorships : people or groups who agree objectives of the Association





# Membership

- \* 76 members
- \* Clinical staffs from hospital setting 、community setting and DOTS.
- \* TB cases who completed treatments



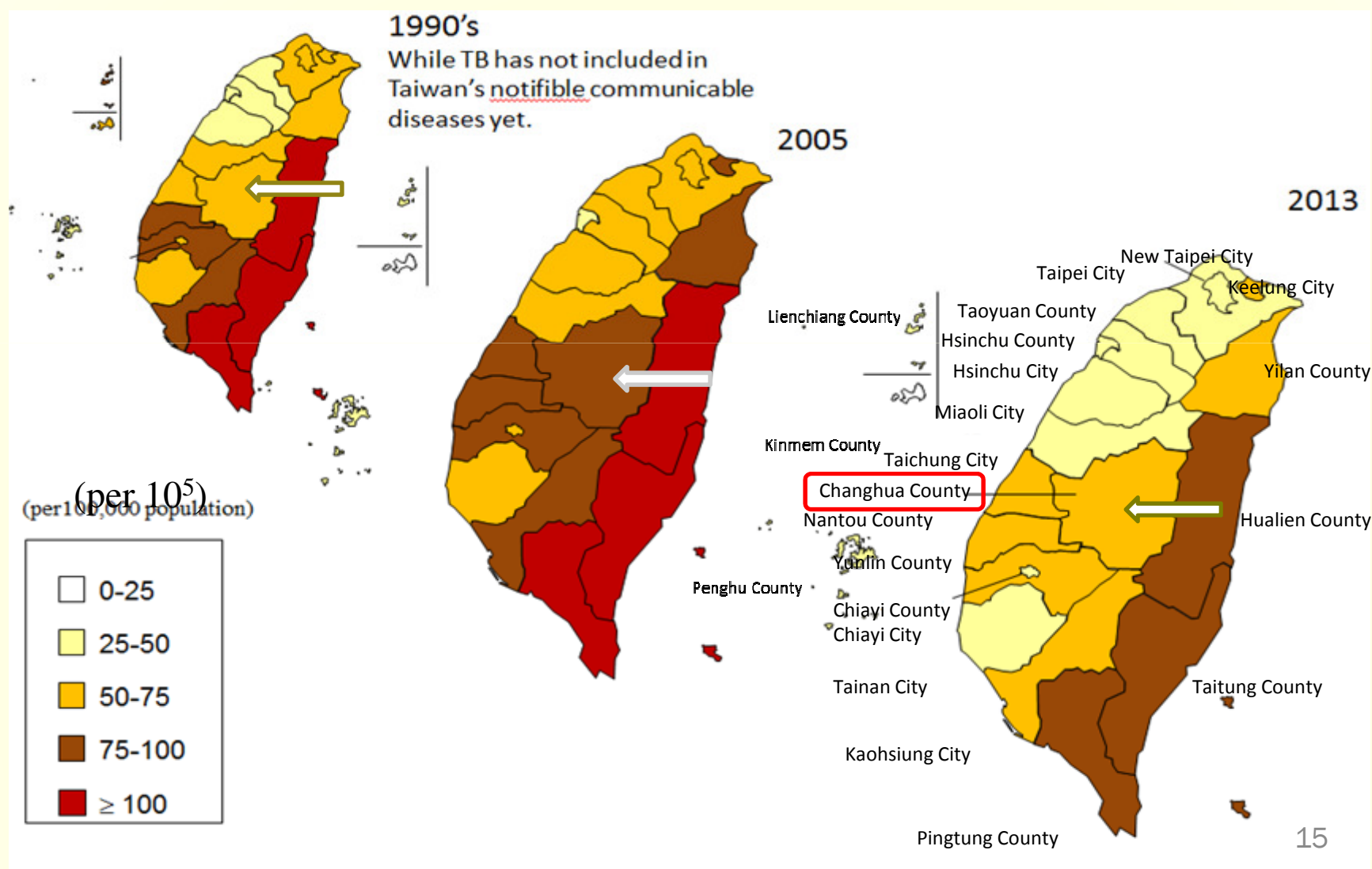
# Aim/Purpose

- \* Support disadvantage and special groups to complete TB treatment thus reduce the chance to progress to MDR-TB
- \* We are a collaborative network of policy makers, health workers, researchers, people affected by TB and advocates.

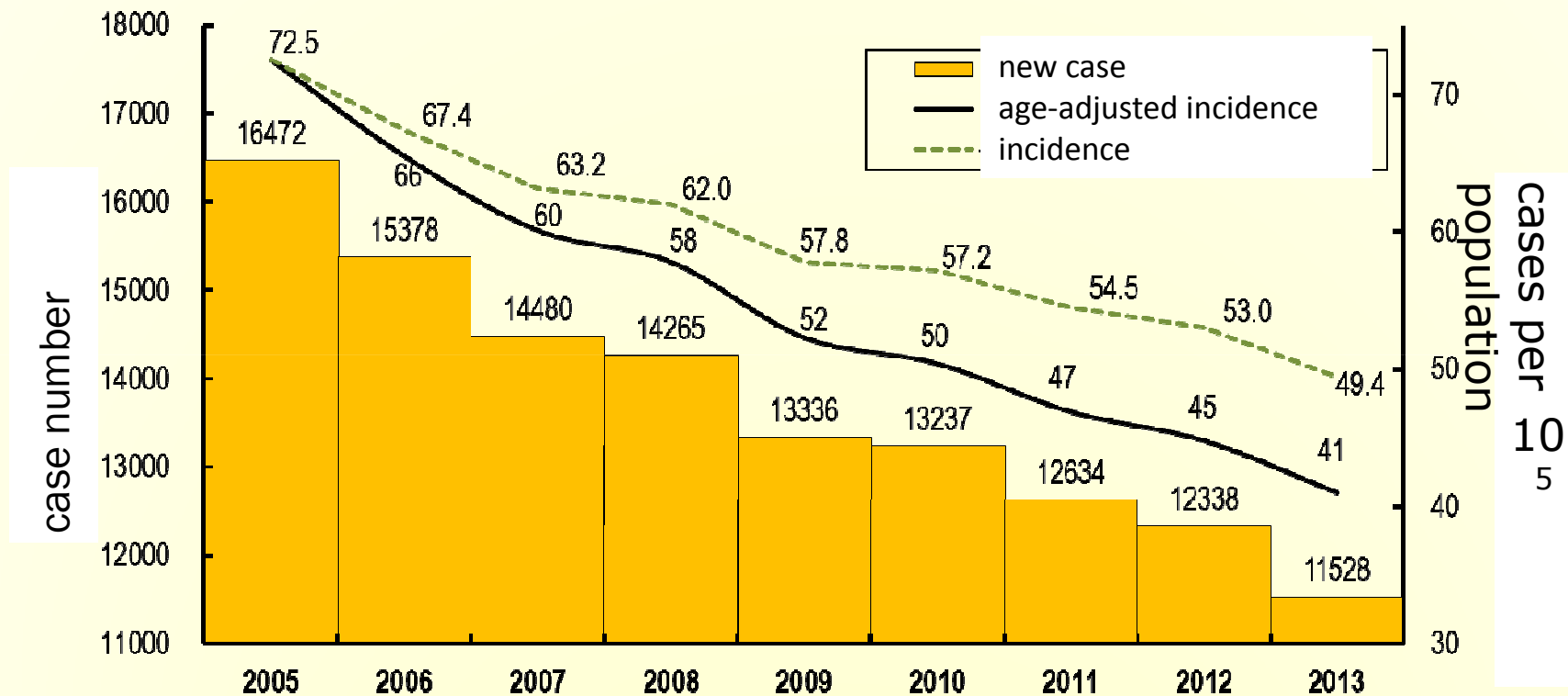


# TB epidemics in Taiwan

## TB Incidence by County, 1990-2013



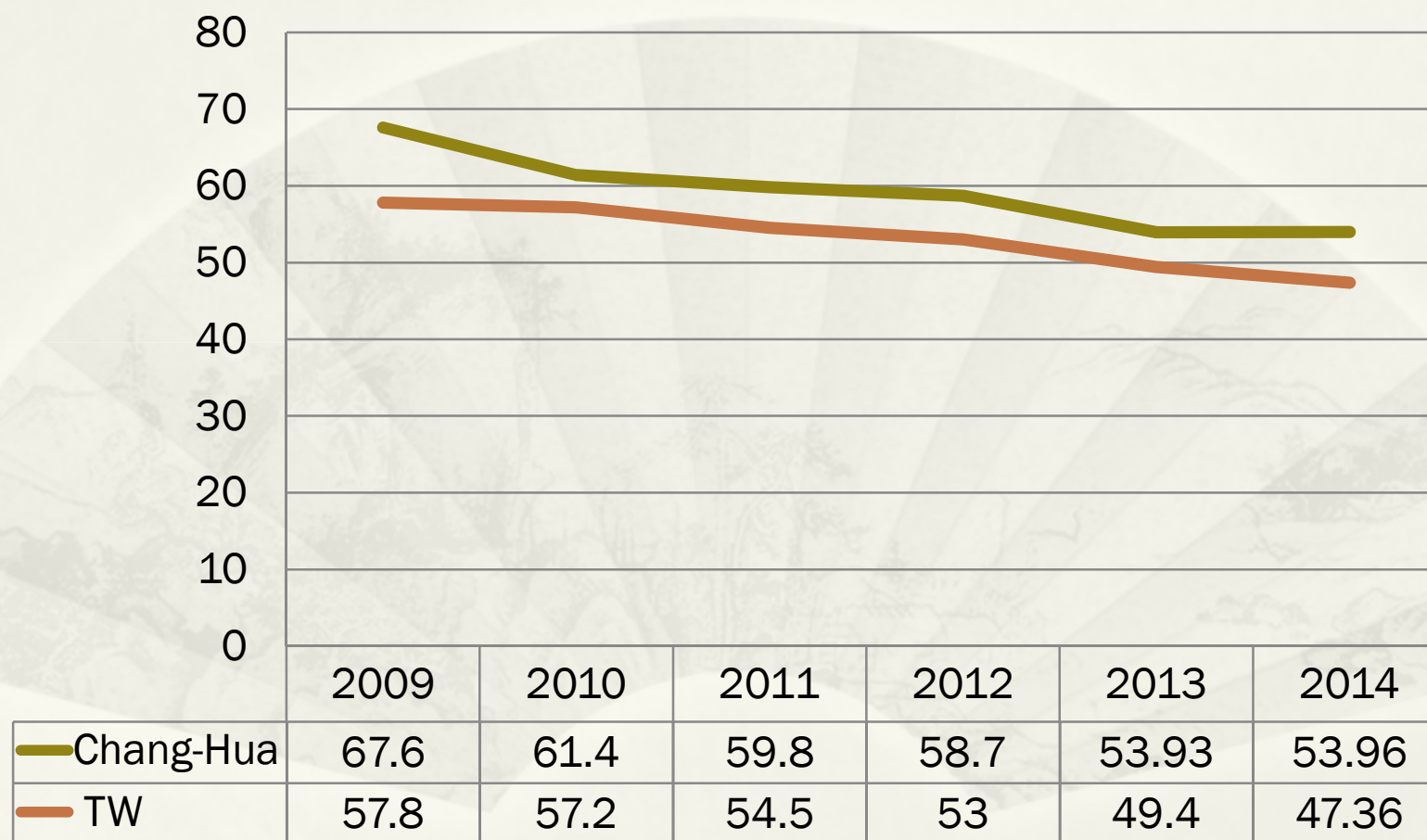
# TB Case Number and Incidence, 2005-2013



The case number and age-adjusted incidence in 2013 declined with a rate of 30.0% and 43.4% compared with 2005.



# TB incidence rate in Chang-Hua 2009 -2014



# Mission

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- \* Assist with disadvantage and special groups(eg. homeless, HIV, drug abused, psychiatrics, alcoholics, people living alone) who has suffering with TB (MDR & pre XDR TB) : improve their lives through financial support, education, and encouragement.



# Mission

- \* Home visits by clinical staff or volunteers
- \* Strengthening clinical education for clinical TB staff









# Mission

- \* Fundraising for patients who is at low economical status or unqualified to retrieve governmental support, increase patients' motivations and adherence to complete treatment.
- \* The undertaking of the Research and Investigation on subjects concerning tuberculosis.
- \* Import & monitor new TB drug



# Activities

- \* Regular medical allowance or food subsidies
- \* Provide toiletries for homeless cases



# Fundraising



# Challenges

- \* Chang-Hua county is mainly rely on urban agricultures
  - Lack of TB information and knowledge
  - Unable to recognized TB symptoms
  - TB = Sin
- \* Delay hospitalization
- \* Short of funding

