

# Does distance to health facility influence seeking help?

## NO

Findings from a national survey in Tanzania.

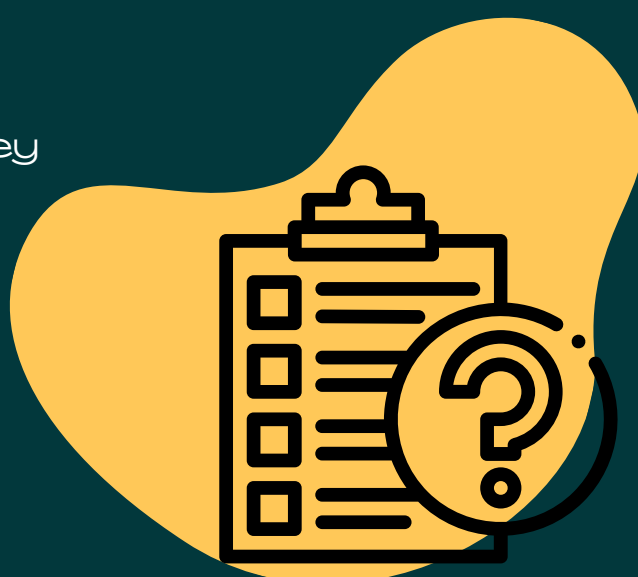


### 01. Why the study?

- People do often not seek help for their medical problems
- Will this improve if they can find healthcare closer to home?

### 02. What we did

- door-to-door national survey (52,000 people)
- 3,500 people with tuberculosis symptoms
- Did you seek help?
- Where did you seek help?
- Where do you live?



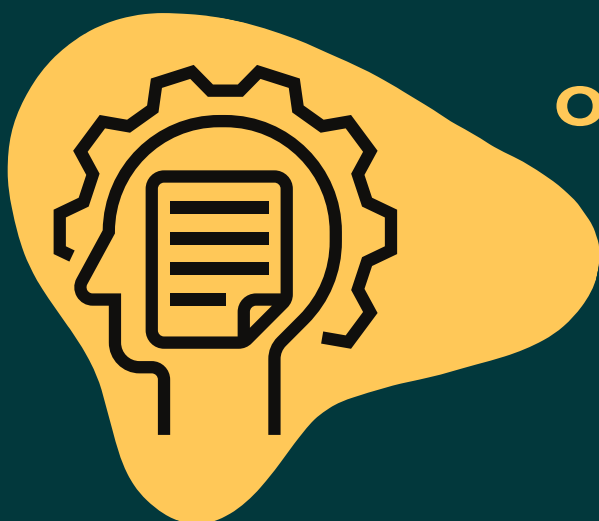
### 03. How we analyzed

- Measure distance house and health facility
- Shortest route or through roads
- Compare those who did seek help with those who did not



### 04. What did we find?

- People living close to health facility did not seek more often medical help
- People who did seek help choose both small and large health facilities, even if distance between small and large facility was small



### 05. What does it mean?

- Do not only focus on building new health facilities to make distance to villages shorter
- Make sure that people receive good care in any facility that they visit for help

### 06. Where is it published?

- S. B. Vergeer et al. (2022); scan QR-code
- International Journal of tuberculosis and Lung disease.

