

Track:	C1. TB infection (LTBI)
Title:	High treatment completion rates using a 3-month isoniazid-rifampicin regimen during a community-wide latent TB screening and treatment campaign on Cu Lao Cham island, Viet Nam
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Text:	Background and challenges to implementation: Viet Nam's UNGA HLM commitment includes a target for treating 291,500 people for latent TB infection (LTBI) between 2018-2022. The current LTBI treatment regimen in Viet Nam is nine months of isoniazid for adults (≥ 15 years), posing a major challenge for LTBI treatment adherence and completion. Intervention or response: As part of the TB REACH-funded SWEEP-TB project, a population-level TB screening campaign was conducted on the island of Cu Lao Cham in January 2019. Over 90% of the island's 2,026 residents were screened for LTBI (tuberculin skin test ≥ 10mm). After ruling out TB disease by chest X-ray screening and Xpert testing, 435 adults had normal liver enzymes and were considered eligible for treatment with daily rifampicin and isoniazid for 3 months (3HR). 377 (86.7%) of these people started on the shorter regimen. Four local commune health officers and two community health workers supported the provision of LTBI treatment, which included weekly adverse event monitoring. Results and lessons learnt: Among the 377 adults started on 3HR, 337 (89.4%) have successfully completed treatment or are in the final month of treatment and are expected to complete the full regimen. 13 individuals (3.7%) experienced adverse events (AEs); no episodes of hepatotoxicity were recorded. The most common side effects were itching (61.5%), fatigue (38.4%), numbness (23.1%) and muscle pain (15.4%). Of the people who discontinued 3HR treatment early, 29 (7.7%) were elective discontinuations, 10 (2.7%) were due to side effects, and 1 (0.2%) person moved away from Cu Lao Cham island. Conclusions and key recommendations: People with LTBI who were treated with 3HR had high treatment completion rates and low rates of AEs. These data suggest that 3HR can be safely administered at the population-level and that follow-up care can be managed by the existing health system.
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Outcome	Number	(%)
Initiating treatment with 3HR	377	
Treatment Completed	337	(89.4%)
Stopped early: adverse effect	10	(2.7%)
Stopped early: patient decision	29	(7.7%)
Stopped early: moved	1	(0.2%)