**Additional file 2: Outcome definitions**

* **TREATMENT SUCCESS: ‘**A patient who was cured or who completed treatment’ (WHO 2009)
* **CURED: ‘**A patient who was initially smear-positive and who was smear negative in the last month of treatment and on at least one previous occasion’ (WHO 2009)
* **COMPLETED TREATMENT: ‘**A patient who completed treatment but did not meet the criteria for cure or failure. This definition applies to pulmonary smear-positive and smear-negative patients and to patients with extra-pulmonary disease (WHO 2009)
* ‘**TREATMENT INTERRUPTION:** ‘Cessation of treatment for less than two months’ (WHO 2007)
* **TREATMENT FAILURE: ‘**A patient who was initially smear-positive and who remained smear-positive at month 5 or later during treatment’ (WHO 2009)
* **DEFAULTED: ‘**A patient whose treatment was interrupted for 2 consecutive months or more’ (WHO 2009)
* **DIED: ‘**A patient who died from any cause during treatment’ (WHO 2009)
* **TRANSFERRED OUT: ‘**A patient who transferred to another reporting unit and for whom the treatment outcome is not known’ (WHO 2009)
* **MDR TB:** Infection with bacilli resistant to at least rifampicin and isonizid treatment (WHO 2007b).

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