

Discussion Questions

1. What does the Bangladesh tuberculosis case reveal about the risks and rewards of developing nations relying heavily on foreign aid for public health initiatives?
2. Should international health programs like USAID be subject to the political priorities of changing administrations, or should they operate with greater independence? Why?
3. How did Bangladesh's community-based approaches—such as mobile clinics and AI diagnostics—contribute to its TB success, and what lessons can be drawn for other global health programs facing funding instability?
4. As Bangladesh transitions from “less developed” to “lower-middle-income” status, what challenges emerge in maintaining external funding while promoting national ownership of health programs?
5. **Global Implications:**
What are the potential worldwide consequences of halting disease control efforts like the TB program in Bangladesh, and how does this reflect the interconnected nature of global health security?