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Mapping Mine Workers in Nkwene, Swaziland to Improve Access to TB Diagnosis and Treatment Services

Mine workers in sub-Saharan Africa have the highest rates of tuberculosis (TB) in the world, with more than 760,000 new cases per year connected to the mining industry. Mine workers in Swaziland are at particular risk, given that the country has the highest incidence of TB in the world.

This brief outlines the work of the USAID Applying Science to Strengthen and Improve Systems (ASSIST) Project in mapping current and ex-miners within the Nkwene community in the Shiselweni Region of Swaziland. The goal of the mapping was to assess the health status of the community's current and former mine workers, including their need for TB diagnosis and treatment, and to identify the health facilities where these miners were most likely to seek treatment.

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