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# TUBERCULOSIS

And its relation  
to human rights

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and  
sanitation

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## Intro

- Tuberculosis killed 1.7 million people in 2016
- 95% of TB related deaths occur in low to middle income countries.

**BURDEN**

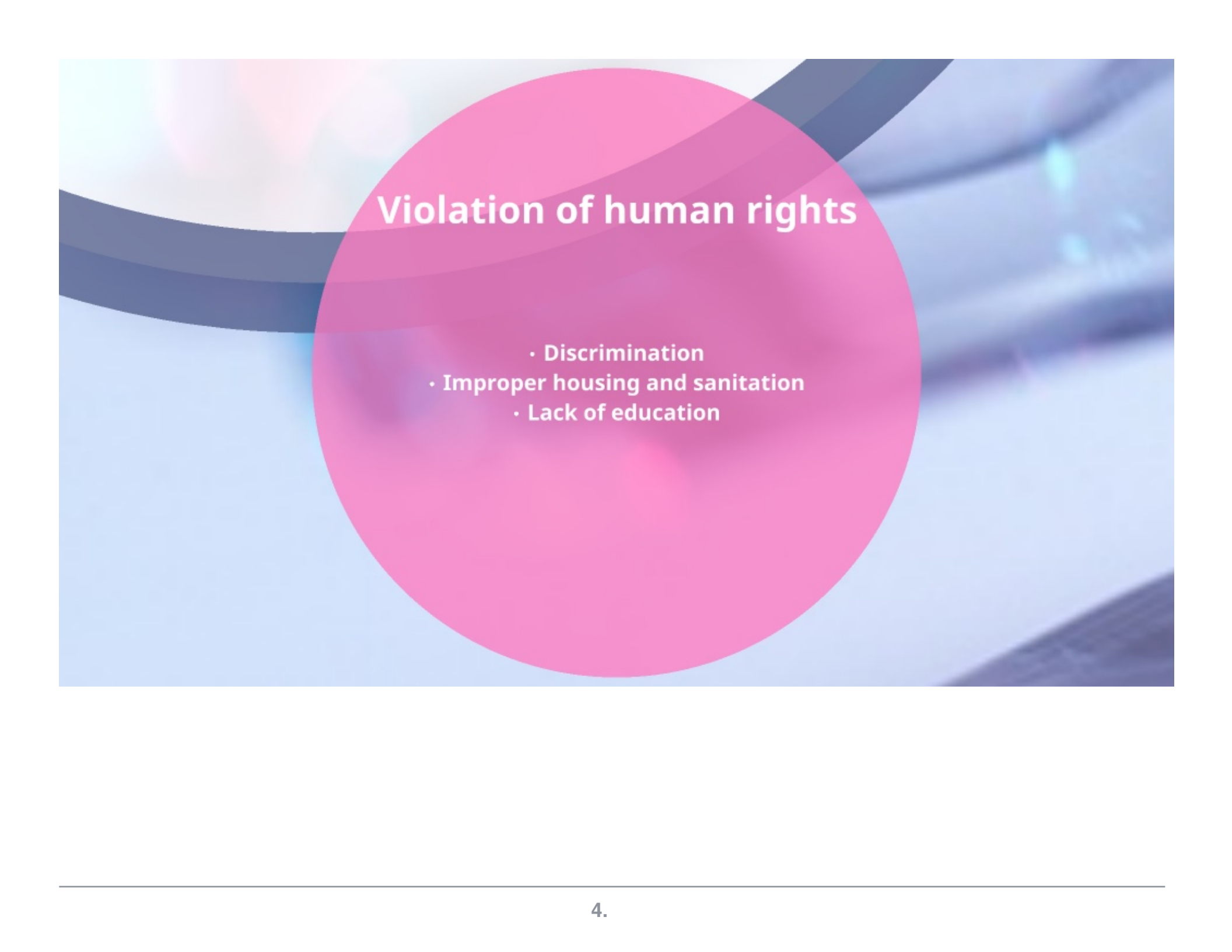
**Violations**



## **HIGH BURDEN COUNTRIES**

64% of all TB related deaths

**INDIA**  
**INDONESIA**  
**CHINA**  
**PHILIPPINES**  
**PAKISTAN**  
**NIGERIA**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**

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## Violation of human rights

- Discrimination
- Improper housing and sanitation
- Lack of education



# Discrimination

- The right to nondiscrimination is integrated in numerous Universal Instruments

**Retrenchment**  
**Unfair dismissal**  
**Avoidance**  
**Rumors**

**Groups**

**Women**

**Workplace**

# Workplace discrimination

- Right to work
- TB impacts bones, joints and nervous system
- Can have terrible impact on labor workers, therefore time off to recover is necessary.
- No time off can lead to spread of TB in others.
- Unfair dismissal and loss of money during time off

**"A workplace would just find it easier to fire the person infected and hire someone who can still carry a heavier workload."**

Dr. Shakeel Ahmed

## Discrimination against women

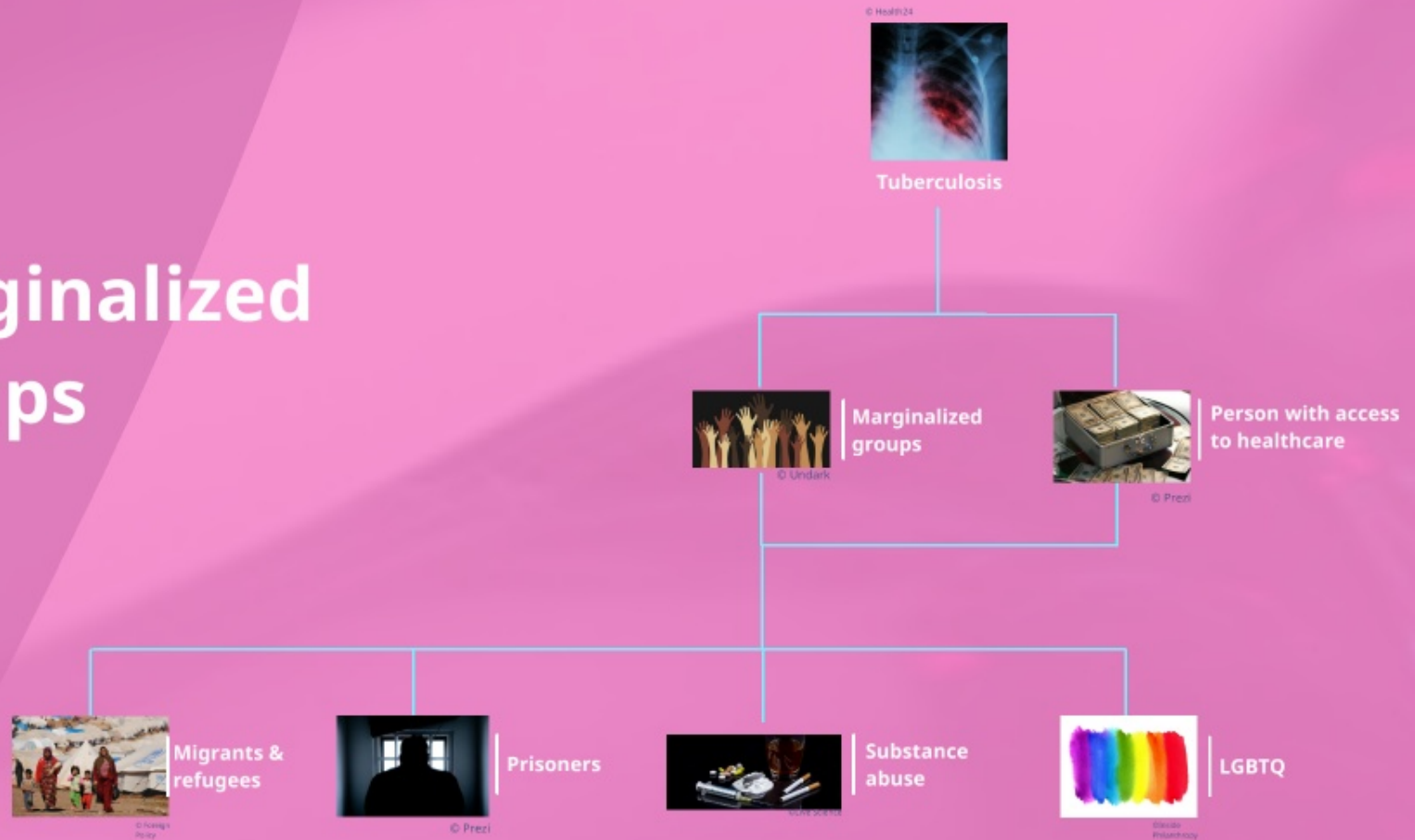
- One of the three leading causes of death amongst women aged 15-44
- Men's health is prioritized over women's, in households
- TB's impact on women's marriage prospects and marriage status



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# Marginalized groups



## Importance of housing & sanitation

- Protected in Universal Instruments
- Help limit the spread of infection
- Housing discrimination can lead to spread of TB.



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Characteristics

# Characteristics of adequate houses

Affordable

Physically safe with adequate space

Adequate distance to work and health  
services

## Education

- The Right to Education, part of numerous Universal Instruments.
- 41% of people in the Guizhou Province had awareness of TB
- 30% of respondents knew of free treatment policy.

**Importance**

## Importance of education

- Awareness of TB increases for the general public
- Awareness of other rights increases for TB patients



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## Conclusion

- Human rights violations and the spread of TB are interlinked
- People deserve to be made aware of their rights
- Educating the public on TB's symptoms can stop its rapid spread.