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- So far, HeroRATS have helped over 300 families in Mozambique return to their daily lives free from the fear of landmines.
- Weekly, they also identify an average of 5-10 patients with active TB that were missed by microscopy at the clinics.

This work is important because unfortunately, every 20 minutes someone in the world is hurt or killed by a landmine and each year 2 million people die of Tuberculosis. **You can help save lives too! To learn more check out the HeroRAT website: [www.herorat.org](http://www.herorat.org)!**

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