GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS REPORT 2020

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• Tuberculosis (TB) is the leading infectious killer worldwide and one of the top ten causes of deaths. Every day, close to 4000 people die from TB and nearly 30,000 people fall ill with this disease.

• TB is caused by the bacillus Mycobacterium tuberculosis which is spread when people sick with TB expel bacteria into the air; for example, by coughing. TB typically affects the lungs, but can also affect other parts of the body.

• About a quarter of the world’s population is infected with M. tuberculosis and thus at risk of developing TB disease.

• Drug-resistant forms of TB are a major contributor to deaths from antimicrobial resistance globally. In 2019, about 0.5 million people fell ill with drug-resistant TB.

• Although 60 million lives have been saved since 2000, the pace of progress is slow and actions and investments fall far short of those needed to end the TB epidemic.

ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

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The World Health Organization Global TB Report provides a comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the TB epidemic, and progress in the response, at global, regional and country levels.

The 2020 edition features data on disease trends and the response to the epidemic in 198 countries and territories. This includes trends in TB incidence and mortality, data on case detection and treatment results for TB, multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), TB/HIV, TB prevention, universal health coverage as well as financing. Also included is an overview of pipelines for new TB diagnostics, drugs and vaccines.

This report presents progress towards targets of the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on TB in 2018, the WHO End TB Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Additionally, the report outlines a monitoring framework that features data on SDG indicators that can be used to identify key influences on the TB epidemic at national level and inform the multi-sectoral actions required to end the TB epidemic.

In recognition of the enormous health, social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the report includes a provisional assessment of how the pandemic will affect the TB epidemic, people with TB and progress towards global TB targets.
High-level commitments have galvanized global, regional and national progress towards ending TB, but urgent and more ambitious investments and actions are required to put the world on track to reach targets, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **TB remains the world’s top infectious killer** claiming close to 4000 lives a day.
- **Progress towards targets is lagging behind**: 14.1 million people were treated for TB in the period 2018-2019, over one-third of the way towards the 5-year target (2018-2022) of 40 million. Some 6.3 million people started TB preventive treatment in 2018-2019, about one-fifth of the way towards the 5-year target of 30 million.
- **There is still a large gap of 2.9 million people with TB who are not reported** to be accessing quality care, despite increases in TB notifications,
- **Drug resistant TB remains a public health crisis** with only one in three accessing treatment of the half million people who fell ill with it in 2019.
- **Prevention efforts are expanding but need to be intensified**. Most of those provided with TB preventive treatment were people living with HIV: 3.5 million in 2019. Numbers for household contacts have been much smaller: 433 000 in 2019 for children under five; and 105 000 in 2019 for people in older age groups.
- **Committed funding for TB diagnosis and care fell short**. In 2020, funding for TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care reached US$ 6.5 billion, representing only half of the US$ 13 billion target agreed by world leaders in the UN Political Declaration on TB. International donor funding led by the Global Fund and USAID remain critical, especially for low/income countries who are heavily dependent on donor funding.
- **The COVID-19 pandemic threatens to unwind the gains we have made**. The impact of the pandemic on TB services has been severe. Data from several high TB burden countries show sharp drops in TB notifications between January and June 2020. WHO modelling suggests that a 50% drop in TB case detection over 3 months could result in nearly 400,000 additional TB deaths this year alone.
10 PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL’S 2020 PROGRESS REPORT ON TB FOR ACTIONS NEEDED TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARDS GLOBAL TB TARGETS

1. Fully activate high-level leadership to urgently reduce TB deaths and drive multisectoral action to end TB
2. Urgently increase funding for essential TB services including for the health workforce
3. Advance universal health coverage to ensure all people with TB have access to affordable quality care and resolve under-reporting challenges
4. Address the drug-resistant TB crisis to close persistent gaps in care
5. Dramatically scale up provision of TB preventive treatment
6. Promote human rights and combat stigma and discrimination
7. Ensure meaningful engagement of civil society, communities and people affected by TB
8. Substantially increase investments in TB research to drive technological breakthroughs and rapid uptake of innovations
9. Ensure that TB prevention and care are safeguarded in the context of COVID-19 and other emerging threats
10. Request WHO to continue to provide global leadership for the TB response, working in close collaboration with Member States and other stakeholders, including to prepare for a High-Level Meeting on TB in 2023
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Read the Executive Summary

Read the Global Factsheet

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48 HIGH TB BURDEN COUNTRIES
Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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#EndTB report ➡️ High level commitments have galvanized global, regional and national progress to #EndTB, but urgent and more ambitious investments and actions are required to put the world on track to reach targets, especially in the context of the #COVID19 pandemic.

#TB is the world’s top infectious killer. While deaths are going ↓, it still claims close to 4,000 lives each day, 120,000 lives every month and 1.4 million lives annually. It’s time to end this preventable and curable disease! #EndTB

#COVID19 threatens to reverse gains made in #EndTB fight. Data from hight burden countries show sharp ↓ in #TB notifications. 50% ↓ in TB case detection over 3 months could lead to 400,000+ TB deaths in 2020 alone acc. to @WHO modelling. Urgent action & investment needed to #SaveLives
Drug-resistant #TB remains a public health crisis with only 1 in 3 accessing treatment of 0.5 million people who fell ill with it in 2019. @WHO recommends fully-oral treatment regimens in place of injectables - this will improve treatment outcomes & #SaveLives.

Underreporting & under-diagnosis of people with #TB remains a major challenge. Despite increases in TB notifications, there is still a large gap of 2.9 million people with TB who are not reported to be accessing quality care. #EndTB #LeaveNoOneBehind.

1 in 4 people have #TB infection but TB preventive treatment can stop infection from developing into disease. Progress in access to TB preventive treatment has been slow - w/ only 6.3 million people reached in 2018 & 2019 - we need to expand access. It's time to prevent TB to #EndTB.
OTHER RESOURCES

VIDEOS

- **Tuberculosis or TB is present all over the world**
  - WATCH AND SHARE
- **Top 5 Facts on Tuberculosis (TB)**
  - WATCH AND SHARE
- **Wake Up in the Morning**
  - WATCH AND SHARE

ANIMATED LOGO

- **It's Time for Action**
  - CLICK AND SHARE

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