

Tuberculosis action plan

for the WHO European Region 2023–2030

Why do we need a new TB action plan?

 REPRESENTS 1 000 PEOPLE, DATA FROM 2020

Major public health burden



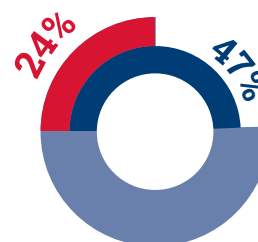
69 000

estimated new cases of DR-TB



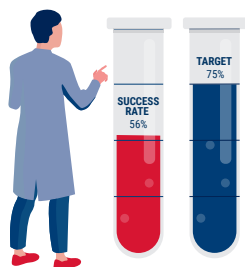
29 000

estimated people
with TB/HIV coinfection



The European Region is home to 24% of the global burden of MDR-TB and 47% of the global burden of pre-XDR-TB

Main challenges



Low DR-TB treatment success rate



TB/HIV coinfection rates are high and rising: 12% among new TB cases (2020)



Extremely slow uptake of TB preventive treatment: only 16% of target population enrolled

New challenges and opportunities



COVID-19-related **disruptions** to TB services have led to decreases in TB case notifications



Impact of **humanitarian crises** on the continued provision of essential TB services and potential loss of progress



New options for TB prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and delivery of TB services

Renewed political and financial commitment needed to reinvent the TB response and get back on track to reach regional and global targets

What is the regional TB action plan for the WHO European Region?

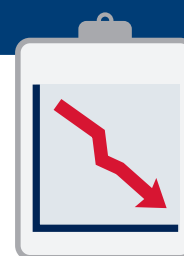
The TB action plan outlines strategies to end the TB epidemic tailored to the regional context and is fully aligned with WHO strategies to end the global TB epidemic. The action plan includes specific TB indicators, milestones and targets to be achieved by 2025 and 2030, and contributes to the European Programme of Work 2020-2025.

Where we are now and the action plan targets

Compared with 2015	In 2020	By 2025	By 2030
Reduce TB deaths	26%	75%	90%
Reduce TB incidence	25%	50%	80%
Improve MDR-TB treatment	56%	80%	85%

Vision

**A Region
free of the
TB burden
by 2030**



Strategic and operational shifts to end TB in the Region

- **Finish the unfinished agenda** for ending TB and DR-TB
- **Put people at the centre** and leave no one behind
- **Reduce TB incidence**, find early, treat fully
- **Intensify research and innovation**
- **Regain losses** caused by COVID-19 and mainstream the innovations in the TB response
- **Adjust the approach** in the light of the war in Ukraine and its impact in the Region
- **Build resilience** of TB services to future crises



The TB action plan targets will be met by:



Engaging primary health care and communities to achieve universal health coverage and strengthen health systems



Providing new options for TB prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and delivery of services



Scaling up digital health solutions for screening, diagnosis and treatment adherence to make access to TB services faster, better and more impactful



Having a strong focus on DR-TB with:



- a complete transition to **fully oral treatments** for TB and DR-TB
- **people-centered models** of service delivery
- robust patient support systems to reduce hospitalizations
- **universal access** to rapid molecular diagnosis for TB and its comorbidities



Meaningfully engaging civil society and affected communities



Putting TB back on the agenda in low-incidence TB countries, to reach TB elimination



Accelerating the introduction and use of **new technologies** and research

TB – tuberculosis | DR – drug-resistant | MDR – multidrug-resistant | pre-XDR – pre-extensively drug-resistant

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