

Global targets to control TB

The TB control targets for 2001-2005 are to implement the DOTS strategy as rapidly and efficiently as resources permit

- ▷ 70% of estimated TB cases must be detected and treated
- ▷ 85% of those cases must be cured

As DOTS services come into being, expanding coverage in a given country, the target of reaching at least 70% of active TB cases becomes possible.

When DOTS services are of high quality, an 85% cure rate follows.

- ▷ In spite of all previous activities to date, the majority of the world's TB patients continue to live in districts that have yet to provide DOTS.
- ▷ The majority of countries using DOTS are detecting less than half of individuals with TB symptoms.

The targets set in the Washington Commitment were:

50 days

- ▶ all high burden countries to finalise national DOTS expansion plans

50 weeks

- ▶ to achieve a global DOTS case detection rate of at least 35%
- ▶ to establish interagency coordinating committees in all countries
- ▶ the GDF to provide TB drugs to at least a million additional patients

50 months

- ▶ to achieve global DOTS coverage
- ▶ to achieve a global DOTS case detection rate of at least 70%
- ▶ to achieve a DOTS treatment success rate of at least 85%
- ▶ to develop and scale up effective responses to TB/HIV and MDR-TB
- ▶ to develop the Global Plan to Stop TB for the years 2006-2010

50 years

- ▶ to eliminate TB as a global public health problem

At the Stop TB Partners' Forum in October 2001, the Washington Commitment was endorsed by all those present, and over 60 governments and international organisations.