

On World TB Day, CDC Joined Organizations around the World in the Fight against TB



Every March 24, World TB Day serves as an important moment for the global community to come together to renew their commitment to ending TB. As a global community, we have made tremendous progress. Over the last 15 years, the number of TB deaths worldwide has fallen by 47 percent – that’s nearly 50 million lives saved since the year 2000 alone. But we can and must do more. At CDC, we believe we can find, cure and prevent TB globally. To reach global END TB goals, we must change the trajectory of this epidemic and “bend” the curve for both TB incidence and mortality.

During World TB Day this year, CDC encouraged leaders in the global community to accelerate progress against TB. In [a Dear Colleague Letter](#), Director of CDC’s Center for Global Health Rebecca Martin, PhD, and Division of Global HIV & TB Director Dr. Hank Tomlinson, PhD, call for commitment and accountability in the global fight against TB. Additionally, two

new CDC videos feature Dr. Tomlinson discussing [CDC’s role in the global effort to end TB](#) and Dr. Sarita Shah from CDC’s Global TB branch on how one CDC study is helping the global community [translate evidence into action](#).

CDC also developed the following resources, which can be shared across various networks throughout the year.

- [Fact sheet](#) – highlighting the global TB burden and response
- [Animated infographic](#) – on the urgent threat of drug resistant TB
- [Shareable social media cards](#) – with compelling images and data
- [Feature Story](#) – on the critical need to scale up TB preventive therapy for people living with HIV