

STOP TB NEWS

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TOP LINE NEWS

[African health ministers take Washington by storm](#)

The health ministers of Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland joined the Stop TB Partnership in Washington DC to spur policy makers to ramp up their support for the fight against TB.

[US health leaders open 20th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting](#)

US health leaders, including Dr Rajiv Shah, Administrator of the US Agency for International Development, expressed strong support for the partnership and called for "targets that will motivate us for the future".

[Swaziland declares TB a national emergency](#)

The Prime Minister of Swaziland, Sibusiso Dlamini, has declared TB a national emergency. Swaziland has one of the highest rates of TB infection in the world.

[Text messaging, mobile labs and cavaliers on the agenda as TB REACH grantees assess early impact](#)

Wave one grantees meet in Geneva to report on progress and share what they have learnt since projects began in late 2010.

[Twenty-two organizations to receive Challenge Facility grants](#)

The Stop TB Partnership Challenge Facility for Civil Society has approved grants for organizations across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

[Figo and other football heroes highlight the MDGs in a comic book](#)

Stop TB Ambassador Luis Figo appears with other football stars in an educational comic book targeted at eight to 12 year olds.

[Archbishop Desmond Tutu scores a goal against TB](#)

Tutu joins up with the Kick TB campaign for an event at a primary school in South Africa featuring music, football and dancing.

WORLD TB DAY NEWS

[Partners call for increased commitment to tackle MDR-TB](#)

The World Health Organization, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the Stop TB Partnership called on world leaders to step up their commitment to diagnosing and treating multidrug-resistant TB.

[Joint World TB Day report targets the 3 million people not getting proper treatment](#)

A report by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Stop TB Partnership, shows how community volunteers are providing access to treatment for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

[Global health leaders discuss new approach to TB vaccine funding](#)

European politicians, TB advocates and health advisers gathered in Paris to discuss an innovative financing model that would enable scientific discoveries to be translated into TB vaccines.

[From the beaches of Dubai to the streets of Nepal: World TB Day events spread the message around the world](#)

Photographs on the beach in Dubai, workshops in Somalia, new ambassadors in India and mass aerobic exercises in Indonesia. Read about all the events on the World TB Day [blog](#) or view the photos on [flickr](#).

TB PEOPLE

[Musician Obour named as national TB ambassador for Ghana](#)

Hip-life musician Obour will be visiting districts around the country with a campaign called 'Singing our way out of tuberculosis'.

[Boxing champ and tennis star sign up to stop TB in India](#)

The Indian Development Foundation (IDF) has secured the support of tennis star Leander Paes and world boxing champion Mary Kom.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

[TB workers on two-wheels bring faster diagnosis to Lesotho](#)

Riders for Health, one of Stop TB's newest partners, is using motorcycles to speed up diagnosis and help TB officers deliver DOTS treatment in Lesotho.

[One-stop TB labs to bring faster, more cost-effective diagnosis to Malawi](#)

Mobile containers with the latest diagnostic equipment will be delivered to high-risk areas thanks to Dutch funding and CheckTB!

[European journalists tour TB facilities in South Africa and Swaziland](#)

Journalists gained an insight into township clinics and regional hospitals on the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership's media tour.

[Global Fund partnership forum seeks input to 2012-2016 strategy](#)

The Global Fund has launched a number of online and face-to-face consultations designed to inform the fund's next strategy.

[Impact measurement taskforce sees global momentum on surveys, releases new handbook](#)

Taskforce reports global progress and publishes second edition of *Tuberculosis prevalence surveys: a handbook*.

[The Union's TREAT TB initiative moves into implementation mode](#)

Projects will build research skills in South Africa, investigate new diagnostic tools and trial a shortened treatment regimen for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

[Canada pledges further support for TB care in Afghanistan](#)

A new grant from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) aims to tackle TB in women.

[Winners of the 2011 Award for Nursing Excellence announced](#)

The fifteen winners of the Lily/International Council of Nurses award for nursing excellence in TB/MDR-TB were announced on World TB Day.

[Desmond Tutu calls on South Africans to get tested as TB health workers recognized in Cape Town](#)

Archbishop Tutu issues rallying call ahead of ceremony to honour Cape Town health workers for their efforts tackling TB and AIDS.

[Operation Asha wins spirit of humanity award](#)

Operation Asha won a certificate of excellence at Americare India's Spirit of Humanity awards for their work providing TB treatment in India.

[Panos wins grant to fight TB through public engagement in Uganda](#)

Panos Eastern Africa has won a grant from the Wellcome Trust to implement a project designed to increase the visibility of TB research in Uganda.

[BioVision announces the winners of the 2011 BioVision -Lilly Award](#)

The 2011 Award recognized four young scientists, living and working in developing countries, for their track record of research on TB.

PUBLICATIONS

[New market dynamics needed for second-line TB drugs](#)

Médecins Sans Frontières and the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease have released a report with a detailed overview of the market.

[BCG Atlas provides information on vaccination in more than 180 countries](#)

A team of researchers from McGill University, Canada, has launched an atlas which provides free information on current and past TB vaccination practices.

[More funding for TB research and development needed, new report says](#)

The Treatment Action Group and the Stop TB Partnership have released a new edition of a report on funding trends for (TB) research and development.

[Advocacy Partnership publishes toolkit for advocacy on TB and MDR-TB](#)

Toolkit explains how to design and deliver advocacy campaigns to support TB programmes.

[TB prevention toolkit provides detailed practical advice for health care workers](#)

Toolkit provides guidance to help leaders and clinicians implement, monitor, and continuously improve TB prevention and control measures.

[TB infection control toolkit focuses on promoting a team approach](#)

International Council of Nurses toolkit follows a series infection control workshops that the ICN has run over the last four years.

RECENT EVENTS

[Scientific symposium discusses childhood TB for World TB Day](#)

The Koch-Metchnikov-Forum organized the fifth World TB Day scientific symposium, *On the move against childhood tuberculosis*.

[Aeras and NIH host symposium on novel areas of TB vaccine research](#)

More than 90 researchers from around the world gathered at the National Institutes of Health for the first-of-its-kind event.

[Workshop targets increased supply of TB drugs from South East Asia](#)

Manufacturers meet in Jakarta to find out more about the WHO prequalification programme and how to access technical assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2011

4 May	Vaccines to prevent TB, Lecture by Professor Willem Hanekom	Cape Town	Info
11 May	23 rd Global Fund Board Meeting	Geneva	Info
16 May	World Health Assembly	Geneva	Info
25 May	Wolfheze 2011: Consolidated and Urgent Actions to Prevent and Combat M/XDR TB	The Hague	Info

June 2011

6 June	National Tuberculosis Research Conference, Ethiopia	Gondar	Info
21 June	2011 Pacific Health Summit	Seattle	Info
28 June	4 th Global Fund Partnership Forum Conference	Sao Paulo	Info

July 2011

19 July	Fighting Drug-Resistant TB in the 21st Century	Johannesburg	Info
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