

STOP TB NEWS

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WORLD TB DAY NEWS

[Childhood tuberculosis neglected, despite available remedies](#)

TB often goes undiagnosed in children because they lack access to care, or because health workers don't recognize the signs and symptoms of childhood TB.

[New Vaccine Strategy to Advance Solutions for TB](#)

Scientific experts have published a global plan of action for developing the vaccines that are seen as critical to eliminating TB.

[Opinion: Lucica Ditiu on a vaccine blueprint for a TB-free future](#)

The Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership says that we need a safe and effective TB vaccine in order to stop TB in our children's' lifetimes.

[Sentinel Project releases moving stories of children with TB](#)

Collection of stories documents the devastating impact of drug-resistant TB on children and their communities.

[Treatment Action Group finds global funding for TB research rose by just 2% in 2010](#)

Report reveals smallest year-on-year increase in research and development funding documented by the Treatment Action Group.

[UN Secretary-General marks World TB Day with visit to TB patients in Malaysia](#)

Ban Ki-Moon visits the Institute of Respiratory Medicine to observe World TB Day during an official visit to Malaysia.

[Partners around the world join together to Stop TB In My Lifetime](#)

Desmond Tutu dons cycling shorts in Cape Town, students create a human chain in Georgia and a giant TB Bacillus tours India. Read more on the blog

[Comment: Youth need to stand up and do something to stop TB](#)

14-year old journalist Kiara Govender from the Children's News Agency reports on South Africa's World TB Day events.

World TB Day message from the United Nations Secretary-General

Ban Ki-Moon calls for greater ambition and global solidarity to ensure that all people are free from fear of TB and its devastating effects.

World TB Day message from Dr Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership

Dr Ditiu thanks partners for their hard work and dedication and asks for continued efforts to reach the goal of zero TB deaths in children.

TOP LINE NEWS

Stop TB Partnership and Global Fund Community Representatives join forces to turn up the volume on TB

The Stop TB Partnership and the Communities Delegation agree to strengthen partnership, collaboration and networking.

Cutting off the head of the TB snake in Africa: Declaration on TB and mining in Africa draws closer

Momentum is building towards a declaration on TB and mining in Southern Africa which is designed to free miners, their families and communities from TB.

Five-cent-a-day preventive treatment can reduce TB cases among miners by 63%

Miners who took a daily dose of isoniazid preventive treatment for 9 months had 63% fewer cases of TB than a control group who had no preventive treatment.

Stop TB Partnership Working Group on New Drugs launches Innovate TB contest

The working group invites people to submit videos, photos or written accounts of new approaches that can help to achieve zero deaths from TB.

TB community mourns the loss of a dedicated advocate, Congressman Donald Payne

The Stop TB Partnership and WHO Stop TB Department mourn the passing of Representative Donald M. Payne, US Congressman from New Jersey.

Online consultation gathers views on getting to zero TB infections in children

Citizen News Service has published a summary of responses to an online consultation on how to prevent TB in children.

South African version of La Bohème opera brings TB message to the stage

The tragedy of dying of TB has been brought home in a creative way with the staging of the world premiere of 'La Bohème Abanxaxni' in Cape Town.

TB PEOPLE

[TB champion Gerry Elsdon completes two-week walk across South Africa to raise awareness about TB](#)

Elsdon's grueling campaign across South Africa reaches an estimated 3 million people with messages about TB testing

[Feature: Nurses help to drive MDR-TB and HIV care in South Africa](#)

Growing programme sees nurses care for more than 300 multidrug-resistant TB patients in KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

[Aeras and TBVI agree to strengthen collaboration on advancing new TB vaccines](#)

The Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative and Aeras have signed a new memorandum of understanding to strengthen collaborative efforts on TB vaccine development.

[More than 900 000 lives have been saved by protecting people living with HIV from TB](#)

An estimated 910 000 lives were saved over six years by improving collaboration between TB and HIV services that protect people living with HIV from TB.

[Survey aims to evaluate impact of Global Fund Round 11 cancellation on civil society organizations](#)

The Open Society Initiative Southern Africa invites civil society organizations affected by Round 11 cancellation to take part in a survey.

[Global Laboratory Initiative holds fourth partners meeting](#)

Participants discussed recent WHO policy guidance on TB diagnostics, new technologies in the pipeline and current GLI projects and activities.

[USAID launches website for TB CARE I](#)

USAID has created a new website for TB CARE I, one of the principle mechanisms for implementing the donor's global TB strategy.

[The Global Tuberculosis Community Advisory Board launches website](#)

The TB Online website provides news and information on TB for activists, health workers and researchers.

[Working Group on New Drugs publishes strategic plan for 2011-2015](#)

The strategic plan is an update of the New Drugs section of the Global Plan to Stop TB: 2011-2015.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

[Applications open for Union Public Health, Young Investigator and Scientific Prizes](#)

Applications and nominations are now being accepted for The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease's annual awards.

[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gives major grant to Aeras](#)

Grant of up to US \$220 million over five years will support Aeras's work aimed at developing safe, effective vaccines against TB.

[KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation receives certificate of merit from Viet Nam](#)

Ministry of Health of Viet Nam recognizes KNCV's contribution to the country's fight against TB over the past 25 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7 May	3 rd Annual US-Mexico border tuberculosis meeting	Las Cruces, Mexico	Info
10 May	26 th Global Fund Board Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland	Info
21 May	Course: Mass Media and Communications	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
23 May	Course: TB and MDR-TB, from clinical management to control and elimination	Bucharest, Romania	Info
4 July	6 th Conference of the Union Europe Region	London, England	Info
9 July	Course: Leading Management Teams	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
22 July	International AIDS conference	Washington, USA	Info
24 March 2013	Third Global Forum on TB Vaccines	Cape Town, South Africa	Info