

STOP TB NEWS

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TOP LINE NEWS

[Lucica Ditiu calls for more anger and bolder targets in the struggle against tuberculosis](#)

The Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership, has called for greater boldness in the way that the world speaks and acts on TB.

[GDF invites applications for twenty-sixth round of grants](#)

The Stop TB Partnership's Global Drug Facility is accepting applications for its twenty-sixth round of grants until 23 January 2012.

[Target TB and the White Ribbon Alliance call for a month of action on TB and maternal and child health](#)

Target TB has joined up with the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood to raise awareness about the impact of TB on maternal and child health.

[International Roadmap for Tuberculosis Research launched at the World Conference on Lung Health](#)

The plan provides researchers with a framework to achieve the research objectives of the Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015 and beyond.

[Funding for TB research and development was flat in 2010 compared to 2009](#)

Data released by the Treatment Action Group and the Stop TB Partnership finds that the world spent just \$617 million on TB research and development in 2010.

[Statement from the Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership about the WHO 2011 Global Tuberculosis Control report](#)

Lucica Ditiu welcomes the release of the report but warns that the lower estimates for TB cases and deaths may inspire complacency.

[WHO says progress on TB is at risk from underfunding](#)

The World Health Organization reports that the number of people becoming ill with TB is falling, but progress is at risk from under-funding.

[Educational website uses photography to take the fight against tuberculosis to the classroom](#)

Teachers across the world started the school year with a new educational resource that tells the story of the TB epidemic through a photographic lens.

[European Union invests 30 million Euros in new vaccine research programme](#)

The European Union has invested 30 million Euros in a new research programme designed to accelerate the development of vaccines.

TB PEOPLE

[Stop TB Partnership and Kochon Foundation announce recipients of 2011 award for distinguished achievements in combating tuberculosis](#)

The International Nepal Fellowship, a Nepali faith-based organization, and Professor Alimuddin Zumla of UK share this year's Kochon prize.

[Follow Lucica Ditiu on Twitter](#)

The Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership is now using the micro blogging site. Follow her to find out what she's doing.

[Winners of the Award for Excellence in Reporting on TB and Images to Stop TB Award announced in Lille](#)

The seven award winners were announced at a ceremony hosted by the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership at the World Conference on Lung Health.

[The Union awards honour achievements in TB and HIV](#)

Outstanding contributions in the fields of TB and HIV were honoured at awards ceremonies during the Union World Conference on Lung Health.

[Filmmaker wins Tuberculosis Survival Prize](#)

Jonathan Smith was awarded the Tuberculosis Survival Prize for his documentary on miners in South Africa affected by HIV and TB.

[Aeras appoints three new Directors](#)

Aeras has appointed Wayne Pisano, Gerd Zettlmeissl and Lota Zoth to the non-profit organization's board of directors.

[UN MDG Comic Book featuring Stop TB Ambassador Luis Figo awarded Peace and Sports Award](#)

Six UN organizations were awarded with the Special Jury Prize at the Peace and Sports Awards for a comic book themed on the Millennium Development Goals.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

[Kenyan Maasai community spreads the TB message with bead jewelry](#)

A group of Maasai men and women have come together to work on an innovative project which spreads the message about TB.

[Lilly Foundation commits US \\$30 million to the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership](#)

The Eli Lilly and Company Foundation has committed US \$30 million to enable the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership to continue its fight against multidrug-resistant TB.

[Aeras and NIAID sponsor TB vaccine symposium](#)

TB, vaccine and regulatory experts convened at a scientific symposium to discuss clinical development aspects of TB vaccine research.

[Stop TB Italia symposium brings philosophical approach to TB](#)

Stop TB Italia and the Permanent Training Center on Tuberculosis hosted a national symposium called *Tuberculosis: a complex disease*.

[Stop TB partners roll out Project Axshya in India](#)

TB Alert India and Population Services International continue to roll out TB care projects in India as part of Project Axshya.

RECENT EVENTS

[Union World Conference in Lille attracts delegates from 129 countries](#)

42nd conference attracted 2,400 lung health professionals, health policy-makers, activists and community representatives from 129 countries worldwide.

[Stop TB Symposium focuses on women and children](#)

The 2011 Stop TB Symposium at the Union World Conference on Lung Health focussed on how to prevent and treat TB in women and children.

[Stronger measures to protect health workers from TB urged](#)

TB advocates and implementers gathered at the Union World Conference on Lung Health to discuss the need for stronger occupational safety programmes.

[PATH and WHO hold training workshop on MDR-TB control toolkit](#)

Participants were introduced to a toolkit which contains guidance on key steps in the planning process for MDR-TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

[Advocates gather to hone TB messaging at the Union conference](#)

The Advocacy Corner booth provided a hub for delegates to discuss recent successes in TB advocacy and how to improve future efforts.

PUBLICATIONS

[Médecins Sans Frontières report says childhood TB is neglected](#)

Médecins Sans Frontières has published a report which argues that the children with TB are largely neglected.

[New case study provides tips for implementing public-private mix projects](#)

CENAT, PATH and other partners have finalized a five year public private mix project in Cambodia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2012

30 January	Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand	Info
23 February	16 th Conference of the Union North America Region	San Antonio, USA	Info
24 March	World TB Day	Worldwide	Info
27 March	27th Conference of The Union Middle East Region	Cairo, Egypt	Info
10 May	26 th Global Fund Board Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland	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