

STOP TB NEWS

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TOP LINE NEWS

[Statement on the Global Fund Board's decisions on financing](#)

Response by Dr Lucica Ditiu, The Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership and Dr Mario Raviglione, Director of the WHO Stop TB Department.

[TB advocates respond to proposed Global Fund allocations for TB](#)

Plans to use historical allocations as a basis for future funding are met with a strong reaction from the TB community.

[Southern African heads of state join forces to end TB in the mining sector](#)

The Declaration on TB in the Mining Sector was signed at the Summit Meeting of the Southern African Development Community Heads of State and Government.

[Health advocates: Progress on TB and HIV under threat unless EU steps in](#)

A reduction in global funding to Eastern European and Central Asian countries is threatening to reverse achievements made against TB, advocates say.

[More than 350 individuals and organizations sign Zero Declaration on TB](#)

The declaration, created by activists, researchers, policy makers and others, calls for zero TB deaths, zero TB infections and zero TB suffering.

[Global Drug Facility enters a new era](#)

Update from GDF on an interim change in leadership, the provision of second-line drugs, partial procurement and other issues.

[Cost of Xpert cartridges to drop 40 percent](#)

A donor agreement will significantly reduce the cost of the rapid TB diagnostic test Xpert MTB/RIF in 145 high-burden and developing countries.

TB PEOPLE

[World Bank President Jim Kim on TB, mining and Africa](#)

Following a visit to South Africa, Jim Kim reflects on his meeting with President Zuma and the importance of World Bank engagement in Africa, including on TB.

[India's TB fighting superhero wins award](#)

A campaign featuring Bulgam Bhai, a superhero character that fights TB, has won an award at India's EMVIES media awards.

[Dr Hassan Mahomed discusses vaccine trials in South Africa](#)

South Africa is an ideal environment for TB vaccine trials, according to the head of the South Africa Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative's clinical trials programme.

[UK Member of Parliament blogs on her experience at AIDS 2012](#)

Cathy Jamieson, a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global TB, travelled to AIDS 2012 to participate in a high-level workshop on TB and HIV.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

[43rd Union conference to tackle multidrug-resistant TB, tobacco control](#)

Lung health experts and advocates will gather in Kuala Lumpur in November to discuss challenges and opportunities in the fight against lung disease.

[UK parliamentary group calls for evidence on drug-resistant TB](#)

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global TB is calling for written evidence to inform a report on drug-resistant TB.

[Soccer and screening come together at Nairobi soccer tournament](#)

Vijana Amani Pamoja continued its Kick N Test TB screening campaign with a fourth annual soccer tournament in Jericho township.

[New TB vaccine candidate enters clinical testing](#)

Aeras and the Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI) have started the first clinical trial of IDRI's TB vaccine candidate ID93 + GLA-SE.

[First Xpert machines arrive in Kazakhstan](#)

The United States Agency for International Development has delivered four Xpert MTB/RIF diagnostic machines to the Government of Kazakhstan.

[Target TB launches three-year strategic plan](#)

UK charity Target TB has launched a three-year strategy with plans to expand its work in Africa and Asia and raise the profile of TB as a global emergency.

[PATH and partners launch TB-themed painting contest in Vietnam](#)

Vietnam's National TB Programme, in collaboration with PATH and the Central Council of Vietnam's Young Pioneers, has launched a national painting contest.

[TB Alliance and Sanofi to collaborate on research for new TB drugs](#)

The Global Alliance for TB Drug Development and Sanofi have agreed to collaborate on research to accelerate the development of new TB drugs.

[WHO Kenya launches new course on TB management](#)

The WHO Kenya Office, in collaboration with the Kenya Medical Research Institute has launched a new course on the management of TB.

PUBLICATIONS

[Survey of systematic reviews identifies research priorities for TB](#)

The authors of a PLOS Medicine article cover the systematic reviews that contributed to the development of the International Roadmap for TB Research.

[Response to drug-resistant TB examined through historical lens](#)

New England Journal of Medicine article examines the recent history of TB policy with a view to explaining the current response to drug-resistant TB.

[Overcoming Tuberculosis now available in Russian language version](#)

A book designed to help people undergoing TB treatment understand the nature of the illness and cope well with it has been translated into Russian.

[TB diagnostics discussed in review of point-of-care testing](#)

PLOS Medicine article covers the opportunities and barriers to using point-of-care diagnostics in tackling diseases of global health importance.

[MDR-TB training course for physicians is now available on line in Chinese](#)

The World Medical Association, a partner of the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership, has made a MDR-TB training course available on line in Chinese.

[New guidelines on measuring TB disease among health care workers](#)

TB CARE I has published guidelines on how to measure the prevalence of active TB disease among health care workers in order to prevent the transmission of TB.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 October	Course: Influencing, Networking and Partnership	Chicago, US	Info
15 October	Course: Project Management	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info

17 October	TB REACH Programme Review Committee	Geneva, Switzerland	Info
10 November	ACSM Core Group Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
13 November	43 rd World Conference on Lung Health	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
13 November	Annual Meeting of the New Diagnostics Working Group	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
15 November	TB REACH Symposium	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
18 November	22 nd Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
3 December	Course: Human Resources Management	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
28 February 2013	17th Annual Conference of the Union-North America Region. Abstracts due by 5 October 2012	Vancouver, Canada	Info
24 March 2013	Third Global Forum on TB Vaccines. Abstracts due by 31 October 2012	Cape Town, South Africa	Info