

**CAN  
YOU IMAGINE  
A WORLD  
WITHOUT TB?  
WE CAN.**

# TOWARDS ELIMINATION OF TB

## The Global Plan to Stop TB shows the way to drive universal access to TB care

### WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

The Stop TB Partnership is leading the way to a world without tuberculosis (TB), a disease that is curable but still kills three people every minute. Founded in 2001, the Partnership's mission is to serve every person who is vulnerable to TB and ensure that high-quality treatment is available to all who need it. Our role is to ensure a bold vision for addressing TB and to coordinate and catalyse global efforts towards elimination of the disease.

Together our nearly 1000 partners are a collective force that is transforming the fight against TB in more than 100 countries. They include international and technical organizations, government programmes, research and funding agencies, foundations, NGOs, civil society and community groups and the private sector.

We operate through a secretariat hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland and seven working groups whose role is to accelerate progress on access to TB diagnosis and treatment; research and development for new TB diagnostics, drugs and vaccines; and tackling drug resistant- and HIV-associated TB. The secretariat is governed by a coordinating board that sets strategic direction for the global fight against TB.



### STOP TB PARTNERSHIP ROADMAP

The world could be on its way towards eliminating TB if governments and donors fully invest in the Stop TB Partnership's roadmap: *The Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015: Transforming the Fight - Towards Elimination of Tuberculosis*. Grounded in WHO's Stop TB Strategy, the plan shows TB programmes how to drive universal access to TB care, including how to modernize diagnostic laboratories and adopt revolutionary TB tests that have recently become available. The plan also identifies all the research gaps that need to be filled to bring rapid TB tests, faster treatment regimens and a fully effective vaccine to market.

**Cost of inaction: more than 7 million lives lost unnecessarily between 2011 and 2015**

## WHAT IS TB?

TB is an infectious disease that spreads from person to person through the air. A person with untreated TB can infect 10-15 people in a single year by coughing near them.

TB can affect any part of the body, but most often it attacks the lungs. The overwhelming majority of people with TB can be cured by administering a six-month course of drugs costing as little as US\$ 25. Untreated, the disease is often lethal.

Anyone can get TB, but the disease is strongly linked to poverty and poor living conditions, often striking vulnerable and marginalized groups.

## FAST FACTS

### GLOBAL TOLL

Nine million people become ill with TB each year and more than a million and a half people die. In a single day, TB causes the equivalent in lives lost of 15 jetliner crashes.

### IMPACT ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

TB is the number three cause of death among women of childbearing age. More than half a million women die of TB each year.

### IMPACT ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH

200 000 children die of TB each year. In 2009, there were 10 million children worldwide who had been orphaned because a parent died of TB.

### TB and HIV

TB is the leading cause of death among people living with HIV. One million deaths could be prevented among people living with HIV over the next five years by preventing and treating TB.

### LACK OF ACCESS

Some 4 million people fail to get access to TB treatment each year.

### DRUG RESISTANCE

Each year half a million people become ill with multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), a form of TB that fails to respond to standard treatment.

### RESEARCH GAPS

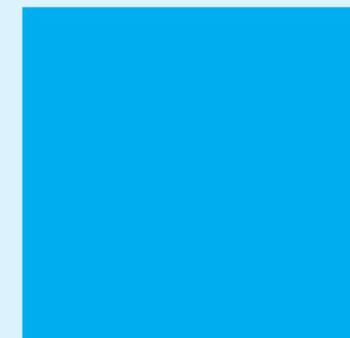
TB is still diagnosed and treated using approaches developed 50 to 100 years ago. A cheap, rapid low-tech test; new drugs; and a fully effective vaccine could save millions of lives.



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## What are our funding needs?

## What is the funding gap?



**\$US 47 billion**

Projected costs to meet the targets of the global plan to stop TB



**\$US 19 billion**

Projected funding gap

## WHAT OUR PARTNERS HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR:

- TB rates worldwide and the number of people becoming ill with TB are declining slowly
- **46 million people were treated successfully** for TB between 1995 and 2010 using WHO-endorsed approaches
- The **TB death rate has been declining** since 2000
- The Stop TB Partnership target to halve deaths from TB by 2015 is on track in Asia, the Americas and the Eastern Mediterranean.

# LET'S FIGHT TB TOGETHER.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

### BECOME A PARTNER

Partners from around the world bring technical expertise and resources to the Stop TB Partnership. Any organization (governmental, nongovernmental or private) interested in and committed to the global fight against TB is welcome to join. The Stop TB Partnership Secretariat also can provide advice and assistance with the creation of national Stop TB partnerships.

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[www.stoptb.org](http://www.stoptb.org)

**\$25 buys a full course of medicine for a TB cure and can save a life.**

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**Larger contributions may be made to the Stop TB Partnership Trust Fund at WHO**

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### DONATE NOW

Your donation, however small, will help the Stop TB Partnership prevent unnecessary deaths from TB.

Our **Global Drug Facility** has changed the landscape of TB care since its creation in 2001 by providing TB drugs to countries that could otherwise not afford them, either in the form of grants or at the lowest possible price. At the end of 2010, we had delivered more than 18 million treatment courses to 93 countries.

Our **TB REACH** initiative is a pathfinder in reaching the 3 million people who fail to access high-quality TB treatment each year. The initiative funds innovative and ground-breaking projects that result in early and increased detection of TB cases and ensure their timely treatment. Launched in 2010, it has so far funded 75 projects in 36 countries with the goal of finding and treating 140 000 people whose TB would otherwise have gone undetected.

### A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL BODY

The Partnership is recognized as a unique international body with the power to align actors all over the world in the fight against TB. The participation of a wide range of constituencies gives us credibility and the broad range of medical, social and financial expertises needed to defeat TB.

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### OUR KEY OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

- **raise the profile of TB** among decision makers to mobilize resources and increase political commitment
- **get high-quality TB care to more people**, especially poor, marginalized and vulnerable groups
- **strengthen engagement of existing and new partners**
- **catalyze partnering initiatives**, including national partnerships, which aim to harmonize efforts by key players including the Global Fund, WHO and civil society.

### STOP TB PARTNERSHIP SECRETARIAT



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