

Where do I get treatment and how much does it cost?

The same health centre that confirms you have TB will provide the treatment. You do not have to pay. It is free in Ethiopia. Sometimes you will be referred to a health station closer to where you live, in order to receive treatment there.

Why is it important to finish the treatment?

It is important for a TB patient to take all the anti-TB drugs for the entire treatment or the disease may become incurable.

For this same reason you will have to take the drugs daily at the health centre

How can a TB patient prevent the spread to other people

TB can be stopped from spreading by finding the people who have the disease, preferably in an early stage, and treating them so they become cured and do not transmit the disease anymore.

How do we get rid of TB in the population ?

By taking his treatment regularly and getting cured of TB and also by covering his mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

Is there a relation between TB and HIV/Aids?

TB differs from Aids. It is caused by a different germ than HIV. It does not spread via sex, blood or contaminated needles.

A person who is infected with HIV, will develop TB more easy than a person that is not HIV-infected, because the HIV-infection has damaged the natural resistance of that person against many diseases.

Can you cure from TB if you are HIV-positive or if you have Aids?

Yes, TB can be cured even if you are HIV-infected or have Aids, as long as you take the treatment regularly and completely.

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What is DOTS?

Ethiopia as well as most other countries in the world have adopted DOTS as a successful strategy to fight TB. DOTS is based on political commitment, laboratory diagnosis, good reporting and effective treatment with multiple drugs, that are taken under observation during the first two months of the treatment of a patient.



**“ DOTS cured me,
it will cure you too!”**