

Archbishop Desmond Tutu on the Global Plan to Stop TB

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I know how debilitating this disease can be. I contracted TB at the age of 14 and was hospitalized for 20 months. I'm here to witness that TB is a curable and preventable disease. The battle against TB has been long and hard, but we are making progress, more patients than ever are now detected and cured under the DOTS strategy.

But we can and should do more to make available the highest quality of TB care to all and this is what this Plan is all about. The Global Plan is to half the cases of deaths due to TB by 2015.

In Africa where the epidemic is worsening, ministers of health have declared TB an emergency and pledge urgent and extraordinary actions. To realize the Partnership's targets we need the support of friends, we need to garner the political will and to mobilize the resources needed to implement the Plan. It will require a 3 fold increase in annual investment in TB control.

Treating patients and saving lives is a moral and ethical imperative. We need you to help, we have a global partnership, a global strategy and a new Global Plan, help us to stop TB!

God bless you.