



NOTE TO THE MEDIA – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Innovative exhibition uses the power of images to help stop tuberculosis

20 March 2009—Rio de Janeiro-- Hearts and minds will be touched by *Images to Stop Tuberculosis*, a powerful and innovative new photo exhibition opening this week in Rio at the Centro de Convenções SulAmérica, the Favela Rocinha, and the Centro Cultural Justiça Federal before moving on to tour museums and public spaces in other major world cities. The exhibition aims to raise worldwide awareness of the disease, which takes the lives of nearly 5 000 people every day.

An exciting line-up of international photographers has captured both suffering and hope among those affected by tuberculosis, in locales as diverse as Afghanistan, Cambodia, Russia and the United States. The images, both colour and black-and-white, will be exhibited via projections and complemented by valuable information about the disease.

The Rio exhibition will also feature the world premiere of a specially commissioned photo reportage in Brazil by Korean photojournalist Jean Chung, winner of the 2008 Images to Stop Tuberculosis Photo Award, which was announced at the Angkor Photography Festival in November 2008.

The exhibition was curated by renowned photographer, editor, professor and gallery director Christian Caujolle and sponsored by the Stop TB Partnership, a group of more than 1000 organizations committed to fighting tuberculosis worldwide. The opening of the exhibit coincides with 1500-strong gathering of people in Rio for the 3rd Stop TB Partners' Forum at the Centro de Convenções SulAmérica.

IMAGES TO STOP TB can be viewed on 25 March at the Favela Rocinha and from 25 March–12 April at the Centro Cultural Justiça Federal, from 9:00–16:00 daily. Admission is open to all and is free of charge. The exhibition at the Centro de Convenções SulAmérica from 23–25 March is open only to registered participants of the Stop TB Partners' Forum.

Photographers whose work is exhibited

Jan BANNING
Jonathan BERGER
Pep BONET
Gary CALTON
Jean CHUNG
Chris De BODE
Tim DIRVEN

Stanley GREENE
Robin HAMMOND
Amdadul HUK
Atul LOKE
James MOLLISON
Espen RASMUSSEN
Moises SAMAN
Bruno STEVENS
Riccardo VENTURI
Rosa VERHOEVE

Curator: Christian Caujolle

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David Friend - USA. Vanity Fair

Per Folker - Denmark, Director of Photography, Politiken
Newspaper

Mary Anne Golon - Photography Editor - Time Magazine

Simon Njami - Director, Rencontres Africaines de la
Photographie

Robert Pledge - Director Contact Press Images

Mario Raviglione - Director Stop TB Department, World Health Organization

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About the Stop TB Partnership

The Stop TB Partnership - whose secretariat is hosted by the World Health Organization - was established in 2000 to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) as a public health problem and ultimately realize a world free of TB. It consists of more than 1000 international, nongovernmental and governmental organizations, countries, donors and patient groups. Each year 9 million people around the world become ill with tuberculosis and nearly 2 million people die. TB is a disease of poverty, affecting mostly young adults in their most productive years. TB also is a leading killer among people living with HIV, who have weakened immune systems.

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