

The Global Plan to Stop TB

Governments and organisations attending the first Stop TB Partners Forum, in October 2001, at the World Bank, Washington DC, adopted the Global Plan to Stop TB.

- ▷ The Global Plan presents the state of the world's TB epidemic, its impact on individuals, families, communities and nations, and the actions needed in terms of investment and research.
- ▷ The aim is to accelerate efforts and increase investment in TB control.
- ▷ The Plan describes the response needed to address the TB epidemic and highlights major gaps in funding.

The plan has four principal objectives:

- ▶ ***to expand*** the current DOTS strategy so that all people with TB have access to effective diagnosis and treatment
- ▶ ***to adapt*** this strategy to meet the challenges of HIV and multidrug resistance
- ▶ ***to improve*** existing tools by developing new diagnostics, new drugs, and a new vaccine
- ▶ ***to strengthen*** the Stop TB partnership so that the DOTS strategy is effectively applied

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Implementing the Global Plan to Stop TB (2001-2005) implies:

- ▷ 330,000 extra patients detected and treated each year
- ▷ 3.4 million deaths from TB will be averted
- ▷ 12.8 additional people will have been treated for TB
- ▷ An effective strategy to address HIV-related TB adopted and implemented in all countries
- ▷ The DOTS-Plus strategy to address multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) incorporated in the DOTS strategy
- ▷ Improved diagnostic tests for TB
- ▷ Five new candidate anti-TB drugs having completed pre-clinical trials
- ▷ At least one candidate anti-TB vaccine undergoing clinical trial to test efficacy

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