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FOR TB

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EACH DAY

28,493
NEW CASES

4,930
DEATHS

11,780
MISSED

EACH YEAR

10.4 million
NEW CASES

1.8 million
DEATHS



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STEP UP FOR TB

Tuberculosis (TB) is the world's leading infectious killer. The TB community needs to wake up to this challenge and take every necessary step to adopt the right policies and tools to fight this disease which is both preventable and curable.

The clock is ticking towards the 2030 deadline to end TB agreed by all governments in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Many countries are yet to utilize essential tools, including the latest diagnostic technologies, medicines and treatment guidelines. In 2015, the Stop TB Partnership and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) conducted the first ever survey on the status of the adoption of the latest TB policies by countries, outlined in the Out of Step Report.

We call on countries to Step up and ensure that TB Policies are in the line with these 15 recommendations within 500 days.



Stop TB Partnership

TB/DR-TB PROGRAMME CHECKLIST

How does your country's TB programme stack up against the latest science, best practices, and international guidelines?

DRUG REGULATION

- NTP procures quality-assured TB drugs
- Prescriptions are required for all TB drugs (not over-the-counter)
- TB drugs benefit from accelerated registration

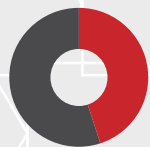


62%

of countries surveyed have a process of accelerated registration of DR-TB drugs, including new TB drugs

DR-TB TREATMENT

- DR-TB treatment reflects WHO guidance
- WHO recommended DR-TB drugs are on national Essential Medicines List (EML)
- New drugs are available via import waivers until full registration



45%

of countries surveyed have national guidelines on the use of bedaquiline – a group 5 TB drug

DIAGNOSTICS

- No out-of-pocket expenditures for TB tests
- Rapid molecular test (i.e. Xpert) is the initial diagnostic for all
- Second-line drug susceptibility testing (DST) is available



33%

of countries surveyed use rapid molecular tests such as Xpert MTB/RIF as the initial diagnostic test for all adults and children with presumptive TB

MODELS OF CARE

- Treatment initiation: TB at primary level, DR-TB at district/below
- Compulsory hospitalisation is not required
- Immediate ART is offered to people living with HIV



50%

of countries surveyed have guidelines in place to allow the initiation of DR-TB treatment at the district level

DS-TB TREATMENT

- Daily fixed-dose combinations is the standard of care
- Treatment, including for children, reflect WHO guidance
- TB contacts are screened, children & PLWHA receive IPT



33%

of countries surveyed have treatment guidelines for children in line with WHO guidance

TAKE ACTION

SIGN NOW
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- 1** Sign the pledge calling on governments to Step Up for TB
- 2** Promote the campaign on social media using #StepUpforTB
- 3** Contact your NTP or Minister of Health to Step Up for TB and sign the pledge
- 4** Ask your local Parliamentarians to support the campaign

#StepUpforTB

Adoption and implementation of the 15 key policies and practices identified in the report will reduce the overall global burden of TB and its drug resistant forms.

All stakeholders including countries, manufacturers, donors and international organizations need to work collectively to step in line with known best practices that can help win the fight to end TB.