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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 upon by all governments in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Many countries have yet to utilize essential tools, including the latest diagnostic technologies, medicines and treatment guidelines.

In 2017, the Stop TB Partnership and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) conducted a 29-country survey on the status of the adoption of the latest TB policies by countries, outlined in the Out of Step report – available at www.stepupfortb.org.

We call on countries to #StepUpforTB and ensure that their policies are in line with these 15 recommendations by World TB Day on 24 March 2018.

TB PROGRAMME CHECKLIST

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

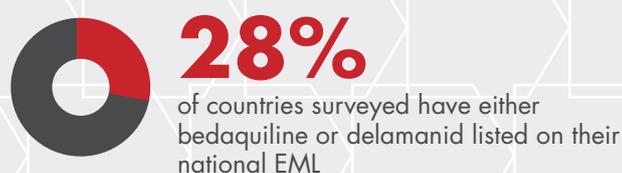
DRUG REGULATION

- NTPs use quality-assured medicines
- Patients need a prescription to access TB medicines
- TB medicines benefit from accelerated registration



DR-TB TREATMENT

- Treatment practices are in line with WHO guidance
- TB medicines recommended by WHO for treatment of DR-TB are on the national Essential Medicines List (EML)
- New medicines are made available via import waivers until they are fully registered in the country



DIAGNOSTICS

- Nobody has to pay for a TB test out of pocket
- WHO-recommended tests (i.e. Xpert) are used as the initial diagnostic tool for all adults and children with suspected TB
- Everyone has access to second-line drug susceptibility testing (DST)



MODELS OF CARE

- DS-TB treatment can be initiated at the primary care level, and DR-TB treatment can be initiated at the district care level
- Compulsory hospitalisation is not required
- ART is immediately available for all people diagnosed with HIV



DS-TB TREATMENT

- Daily fixed-dose combinations (FDCs) are the standard treatment regimen
- Treatment practices, including for children, are in line with WHO guidance
- People in regular contact with TB patients are screened for TB, and any children or people living with HIV receive preventative therapy



TAKE ACTION

SIGN NOW
stepupfortb.org

- 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.