

KEY MESSAGES FOR TB DAY 24 March 2022

Why focus on Invest to End TB. Save Lives

1.5 million TB deaths occur worldwide each year and before COVID-19, TB was one of the leading causes of death from an infectious agent. It remains critical to channel funding for accelerating the fight against TB and #EndTBby2030. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

#EndingTB requires a sustained increase in domestic, donor and innovative funding for TB programmes. At least US\$13 billion is required every year to fully fund TB prevention and care globally. Commitments made by world leaders must be put into action. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

TB costs more to patients than other types of diseases due to the intensity of its treatment. New, more effective vaccines that protect against all forms of TB in all age groups and populations are urgently needed and will be essential to #endTBby2030. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

We continue to forge partnerships with donors to implement TB programmes as we contribute to reducing TB impact, achieve globally set targets, improve equity in access to TB services and reduce the financial burden on households seeking TB support services. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

Some informative facts on TB today

Each TB infected individual is estimated to spread infection to at least 15 people in a single year. If an infected person sneezes in a room full of people, the germs spread in the air. Each year, millions of people with active TB infections go undiagnosed and remain at risk of spreading the disease.

Global efforts to combat TB have saved an estimated 66 million lives since the year 2000. However, each day over 4 100 people lose life to TB and with close to 28 000 people falling ill with TB – a preventable and curable disease.

Treating drug-resistant TB is estimated to be between 9-25 times more expensive than treating drug-susceptible TB. Globally, Multi-Drug Resistant TB is estimated to cost the global economy US\$16.7 trillion by 2030.

Globally in 2020, there were 1.9 million new TB cases caused by undernutrition. We need a holistic approach to end TB, nutrition integration contributes to the successful curing of people undergoing TB treatment.

How Our TB Response is unique.

Humana People to People's TB response programme models are community-driven, people-centered and offer locally-led solutions with transformative outcomes. We observed that

increasing community participation and adoption of new knowledge supporting social behavior change, is fundamental in accelerating #earlyTBCasedetection. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

We link between the patient and the clinic as part of creating synergies between communities and health institutions in increasing demand for TB services. Organizing local TB response networks in remote and mostly disadvantaged communities reach and identify the missing cases of TB and initiate them on treatment. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

We contribute to make the infrastructure work in local clinics and district hospitals through investing in advanced TB diagnostic machinery. We also invest in capacity building of health professionals, project community activists, whilst improving the diagnostic network through sputum sample transportation and ensuring functionality of GeneXpert as the first line of TB diagnosis. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

We mobilize local entities and communities to provide quality TB services, improve the quality of patient-centered TB care, increase diagnosis of Drug-Sensitive and Drug-Resistant TB cases and improve the treatment success rates. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

Our TB projects bring health services to people's door-step, giving TB information, screening for TB and collecting sputum in the community and deliver them at the laboratories for analysis with those found TB infected initiated on early treatment. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

We engage hard-to-reach people such as prisoners with our TB programmes. The TRIO system is established among in-mates and Prison Officers to support those that test TB positive into starting treatment and adhere to treatment until they are cured. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

Our TRIO system makes family members and the general community to take responsibility for treatment of TB positive members. It improves treatment outcomes and reduces lost to follow-up patients. It reduces stigma and discrimination as well as stops the spread of TB to other family members. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

Our Total Control of TB projects include TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment as an integral component of HIV care. We go for screening people living with HIV, TB-HIV co-infected patients are linked to health care and initiated on early treatment. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

TRIO system has shown to be a crucial organization helping the affected person to be in daily control. Our TRIO program support and monitor TB patients to adhere to TB treatment effectively, as most TB patients are observed to adhering to treatment until completion of medication and they are certified cured from TB. We notice positive outcomes such as family members are no longer discriminating each other, as they better understand TB and value the need to take care of their relatives. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

Humana People to People Projects demonstrating our involvement in the fight against TB.

Total Control of TB Katanga conducts active case finding, addresses stigma and discrimination through raising awareness, and refers people with clinical symptoms for TB diagnosis and

treatment services. In 2021, the project reached out to 105 652 people, referred 9 118 presumptive cases and 7 614 people were diagnosed with TB. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

ADPP Mozambique's TB Local Response and Total Control TB Matola projects are contributing to the development of the new national TB strategy of Mozambique. Again the projects supports the achievement of the new WHO End TB targets of 95% reduction in TB deaths, 90% reduction in incidence, and zero catastrophic costs. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

Local TB Response Project in Mozambique is increasing the number of people diagnosed with MTB and drug-resistant TB and links them to health facilities for treatment. The project is equipping health facilities with X-ray Machines and laboratory supplies to ensure effective diagnosis of TB. In 2021, the project reached 1.4 million people with TB messages, identified 128 051 presumptive and 21 904 were TB positive. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

ADPP Mozambique's TB Local Response is improving the quality of care for drug susceptible and drug resistant TB patients by providing food baskets and transport subsidies as part of ensuring successful treatment completion. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

Humana People to People India is facilitating TB treatment among the homeless people. Its Homeless Resource and Service Centre project made it possible for 24 500 homeless people to receive TB services such as symptomatic screening, testing and treatment initiation of 86 TB cases at the local state-run clinics. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives

Humana People to People Laos's Total Control of TB Bolikhamxay project raises awareness of TB and identify people infected with TB through active TB case finding. People with TB symptoms are referred for testing at the local public health facilities, and those found TB positive are supported to adhere to treatment by establishing family-based support groups called TRIOs. In the past 2 years, the project disseminated TB related information to 124 031 people, this resulted in identifying 1 579 TB presumptive cases of which 236 tested positive for TB. #InvesttoEndTB #SaveLives