

REPORT: OUT OF STEP 2017

TB Policies in 29 Countries: A survey of prevention, testing and treatment policies and practices

ABOUT OUT OF STEP

- The *Out of Step* report series was created to identify gaps and monitor progress in adoption of international standards into national tuberculosis (TB) policies and practices.
- *Out of Step 2017* presents results of a survey on TB prevention, testing and treatment policies and practices in 29 countries.
- The 1st edition of the report, published in 2014, monitored progress in eight countries; the 2nd edition, published in 2015, covered 24 countries.
- The report covers five key areas: diagnostics, models of care, treatment for drug-sensitive TB (DS-TB) and drug resistant TB (DR-TB), drug regulation and prevention.

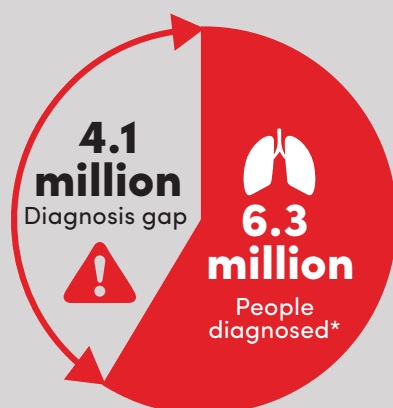
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THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST INFECTIOUS DISEASE SHOULD FINALLY GET THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES

10.4 million

 New people with TB (2016)



* 6.3 million new TB cases were notified to national authorities and reported to WHO in 2016.

Although TB is preventable and treatable, it is the world's deadliest infectious disease. In 2016, 1.7 million people died from it.

Many countries are lagging behind in tackling the disease, introducing modern tools and implementing international recommended policies and guidance.

The first WHO Global Ministerial Conference on TB is being hosted by the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation in Moscow on 16-17 November 2017. Participants will include Ministers of Health and other sectors, leaders of UN and development agencies, and representatives of non-governmental organisations.

At the conference, a Ministerial Declaration will be signed which will inform the first UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on TB, to be held in New York in 2018.

JOIN TODAY: #StepUpforTB Campaign

The #StepUpforTB campaign uses the findings of the *Out of Step* report to demand that governments adopt and implement up-to-date TB policies and guidelines by World TB Day (24 March 2018).

Join the #StepUpforTB campaign today at: www.stepupfortb.org

OUT OF STEP 2017: KEY FINDINGS

40% OF PEOPLE WITH TB ARE NOT DIAGNOSED OR TREATED

- The diagnostic gap is massive: in 2015 more than 4 million people were living with undiagnosed TB.
- 15 (52%) of the countries surveyed in the report have introduced Xpert MTB/RIF, a rapid molecular test, as the initial test for TB, but only 7 of these countries have implemented this policy widely.

BRINGING TB TREATMENTS CLOSER TO PEOPLE, STILL A LONG WAY TO GO

- More than 80% of the countries (24) in the report recommend starting treatment for DS-TB close to their homes (at primary health care level); 20 of these countries have implemented it widely.
- 19 of the countries in the report have included DR-TB treatment initiation at district level in their national policies, but only 11 of these countries have implemented the policy widely.

COUNTRIES ARE TOO SLOW TO INTRODUCE NEWER TB TREATMENTS

- Only 4 countries in the report have widely introduced child- and caregiver-friendly paediatric fixed-dose combinations (FDCs).
- In certain conditions and for people eligible, MDR-TB treatment can be shortened to 9 months, making it easier for people to successfully complete treatment.
- Only 13 countries (45%) in the report recommend these new, shorter treatments in their guidelines; none have made them widely available.
- 79% (23) of the countries surveyed in the report have included the newer drug, bedaquiline, in their national guidelines, and 62% (18) of countries include delamanid in their guidelines.
- Globally, less than 5% of people with DR-TB have access to treatment regimens including these newer, lifesaving medicines.

ABOUT MEDICINS SANS FRONTIERES (MSF)

MSF is an independent international medical humanitarian organisation that delivers medical care to people affected by armed conflicts, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from health care.

MSF has been treating people with TB for 30 years and has TB treatment projects in 24 countries. In 2016, MSF supported more than 20,000 TB patients on treatment, including 2,700 patients with drug-resistant forms of TB. MSF is one of the largest non-governmental providers of DR-TB treatment.

ABOUT THE STOP TB PARTNERSHIP

The Stop TB Partnership is leading the way to a world without TB. The Stop TB Partnership was founded in 2001 and has a formal network of more than 1,600 official partners globally.

The Stop TB Partnership's programmes include the Global Drug Facility, which provides quality assured and affordable TB medicines and diagnostics to countries around the world, and TB REACH, which has helped diagnose and treat over 2 million people with TB by providing small grants to identify and scale up innovative approaches to TB.