Tuberculosis is the world’s top infectious disease killer, claiming 1.8 million lives each year.

**TB Is Among the Greatest Health Threats Worldwide**

- **1 in 4 People** worldwide is infected with latent TB.
- **Nearly 10.4 Million** people become ill with the disease each year.
- **TB Anywhere is TB Everywhere.** It spreads from person to person and can move across borders.

**What Is Driving the Continued Spread of TB?**

- **Missed TB**
  - More than 40% of all TB cases go undetected or unreported.

- **Weak Health Care Systems**
  - Patients are not being treated effectively, which contributes to the growing threat of drug-resistant TB.

- **TB/HIV Co-Infection**
  - TB is the top killer of people living with HIV, whose weakened immune systems make them more susceptible to becoming ill with TB.

- **Multidrug-Resistant TB**
  - Multidrug-resistant TB is now found in every country in the world, with 480,000 new cases and more than 200,000 deaths each year.

**What’s Needed in the Fight Against TB?**

While the world has made progress against TB, we need to do even more.

- **49 Million Lives** have been saved since 2000.
- **But we can’t win the battle against TB with only the tools we have now.**
- **In order to achieve the ambitious goal of ending TB by 2035, the global community’s resolve will need to be matched with action.**
**CDC’S EFFORTS**

**CDC is at the forefront of innovation to end TB**

CDC and partners are working to find, cure, and prevent TB, through a combination of on-the-ground interventions and global leadership in research and technical expertise. Since TB is airborne and contagious, it respects no borders. That is why our efforts to fight TB both at home and abroad create a safer America and a safer world.

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**FIND**

- Implementing and strengthening use of new diagnostic tools
- Developing best practices in laboratory science to diagnose TB
- Transforming the approach to diagnosing TB among children, those living with HIV, and other at-risk groups

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**CURE**

- Improving TB regimens
  - Working closely with WHO to set the gold standard for treating drug-resistant TB
  - Through PEPFAR, scaling up anti-retroviral treatment for those co-infected with TB and HIV

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**PREVENT**

- Identifying TB hotspots to target screening efforts
- Establishing best practices to end TB transmission in health facilities
- Strengthening basic TB control programs to prevent drug-resistant strains

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**SPOTLIGHT ON CDC’S KEY PROGRAMS**

- CDC works in more than 40 high-burden countries to find, cure, and prevent TB, HIV-associated TB, and drug-resistant TB.

**Over the past 6 years, CDC has led laboratory technical support for the global roll-out of the rapid TB diagnostic Xpert MTB/RIF®.**

**In 2015, CDC, through PEPFAR, supported HIV treatment for more than 140,000 patients infected with both HIV and TB.**

**In 2015, CDC joined USG TB leaders as a key implementer of the White House National Action Plan for Combatting MDR TB which charts the best course of action to control the spread of MDR TB around the world.**

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**CALL TO ACTION**

The world must combat TB with the same bold determination it’s applied to other major diseases

We must act now to:

- Develop new drug regimens and treatments
- Improve screening approaches and diagnostics
- Create better surveillance systems, lab capacity, and TB infection control measures
- Develop an effective vaccine
- Build greater collaboration and investment from all corners of the global public health community

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

To learn more about CDC’s work to combat TB around the world, visit [www.cdc.gov/globalhivtb](http://www.cdc.gov/globalhivtb)

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