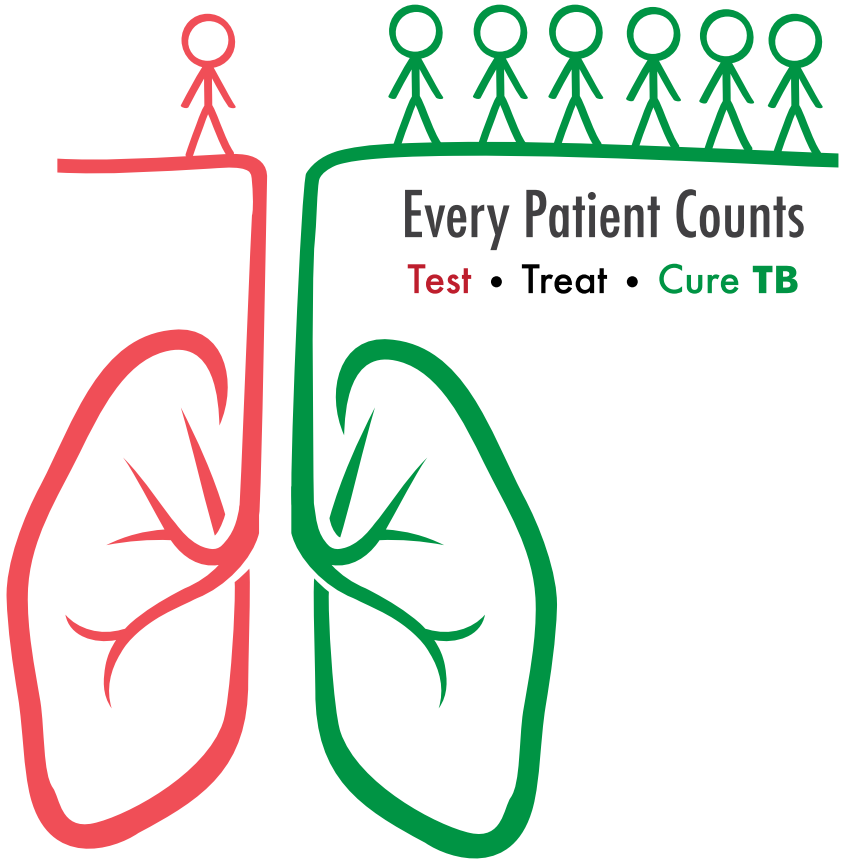


# Everyone has a role

## TB is Curable



No patient should be  
left behind in the fight against TB



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Tuberculosis (TB) is an old disease. Discovery of the bacterium that causes tuberculosis goes back 130 years. This discovery was a major event in the history of medicine.


















TB is curable. However, more than 130 years later, the world is failing to detect one third of new cases of TB every year. Those missed cases are left undetected and untreated, spreading the infection. Many can die unnecessarily.

## Who are we?

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|  <b>Community</b>                        |  <b>Nongovernmental organizations</b> |
|  <b>Health partners</b>                  |  <b>Patient's family</b>              |
|  <b>National tuberculosis programmes</b> |  <b>Patient</b>                       |
|  <b>Government</b>                       |  |

## What is your role?

- Support TB patients and their families  
- Fight discrimination related to the disease  
- Help disseminate correct information: TB is a curable disease   
- Help disseminate correct information: Treatment for TB is free of charge   
- Help disseminate correct information: Distribute TB national guidelines to other public and private health care providers 
- Conduct awareness campaigns, national conferences and media interventions to gather support for and enhance understanding of the needs (reaching all TB cases, making available quality care for all TB cases) 
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- Support early detection of TB cases 
- Establish a quality TB laboratory network all over the country and use new diagnostics 
- Notify TB detected cases to national tuberculosis programmes 
- Ensure that enough quality medicines are available for each patient throughout the whole treatment 
- Support retrieving patients lost from treatment  
- Strengthen the national TB surveillance system to accommodate other TB care providers 
- Ensure sustainable financing and political support for TB control and care 
- Update legislation related to TB notifications and rational use of TB medicines 
- Refer to the nearest health facility for TB diagnosis if symptoms of pulmonary TB are experienced 
- Take TB medicines for the full duration and without interruption 
- Help family members to be tested to identify other possible TB cases  
- Ensure that all children in the family receive TB preventive treatment 
- Support the patient throughout the whole treatment 
- Ensure that all family members have the correct diagnostic tests to identify any other TB cases in the family at the time of the patient's diagnosis 
- Ensure that any family member experiencing TB symptoms receives proper diagnosis and treatment as needed 

Every Patient Counts

**WHO** is committed to helping every **TB** patient to receive proper care free of charge, without discrimination for any reason, until the patient is cured.

**Countries are urged to:**

- Update public health law (TB notification on spot is obligatory) and agree on the related mechanisms and tools for its implementation
- Conduct awareness campaigns, national conferences and media interventions to gather support for and enhance understanding of the needs (reaching all TB cases, making available quality care for all TB cases).



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