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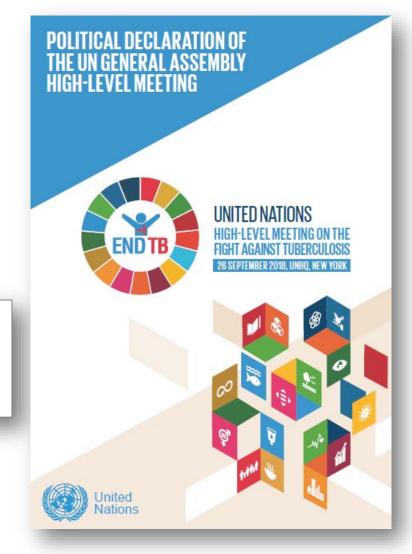
PROGRESS AND
MULTISECTORAL ACTION
TOWARDS ACHIEVING
GLOBAL TARGETS TO
END TB

UN High Level Meeting political declaration: Key requests to WHO

Also request the Secretary-General, with the support of the World Health Organization, to provide a progress report in 2020 on global and national progress, across sectors, in accelerating efforts to achieve agreed tuberculosis goals within the context of achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including on the progress and implementation of the present declaration towards agreed tuberculosis goals at the national, regional and global levels, which will serve to inform preparations for a comprehensive review by Heads of State and Government at a high-level meeting in 2023.

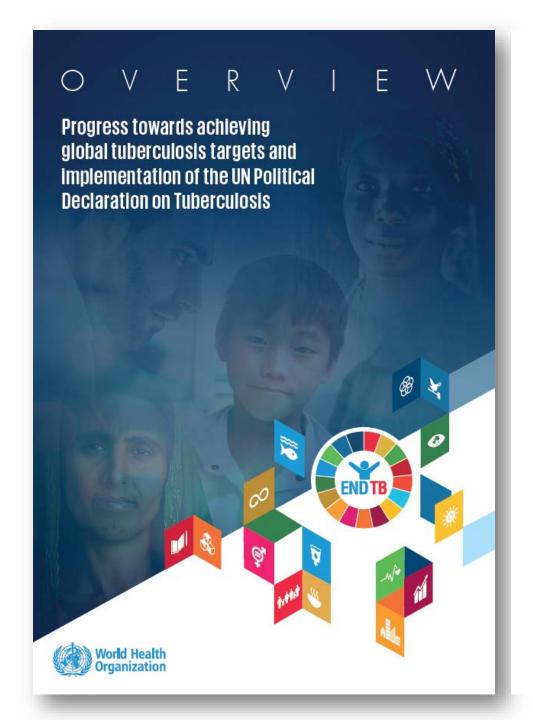
Request the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director General of the World Health Organization, to promote collaboration among all stakeholders to end the tuberculosis epidemic and implement the present declaration, with Member States and relevant entities, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, United Nations regional commissions, the Stop TB Partnership, hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services, UNITAID, hosted by the World Health Organization, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;

Request the Director General of the World Health Organization to continue to develop the multisectoral accountability framework in line with World Health Assembly resolution 71.3 and ensure its timely implementation no later than 2019;

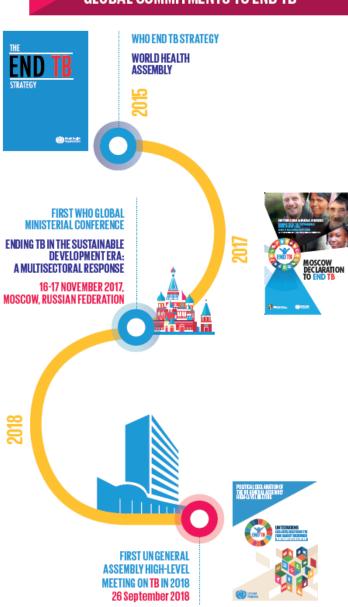












As requested in the political declaration, a 2020 progress report to the UN General Assembly has been developed with the support of the WHO Director-General.

It covers:

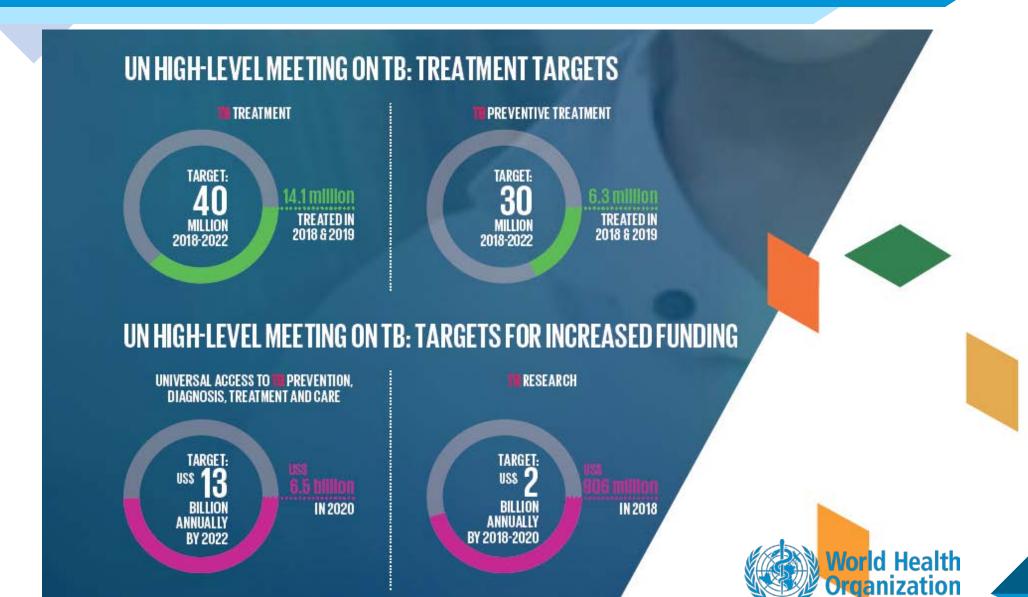
- Progress towards global TB targets;
- Progress in translating commitments into action;
- The COVID-19 pandemic and TB - impact and implications;
- Recommendations.



Overview of progress towards global targets



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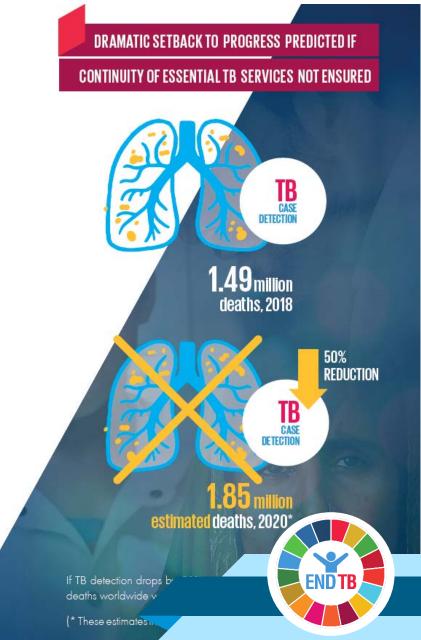


Impact and implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the TB response

Since the end of 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused enormous health, social and economic impacts. Even after some of these are mitigated or contained, there will be medium and longer-term consequences. In the context of the global TB epidemic, COVID-19 threatens to reverse recent progress towards global TB targets.

- Since WHO declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in January 2020, the WHO Global TB Programme is monitoring the impact and providing guidance and support to Member States, in close collaboration with Regional and Country Offices, civil society and partners.
- Data collated by the WHO Global TB Programme from over 200 countries shows sharp drops in TB case notifications and TB service disruptions.
- WHO modelling and analysis on impact of COVID-19 on TB deaths indicates that – a 50% drop in TB case detection over 3 months will lead to an increase in the number of TB deaths worldwide by nearly 400,000 in 2020 alone.
- More information: https://www.who.int/teams/global-tuberculosis-programme/covid-19







Progress towards achieving global tuberculosis targets and implementation of the UN Political Declaration on Tuberculosis



RECOMMENDATIONS



1. Fully activate high-level leadership to urgently reduce TB deaths and drive multisectoral action to end TB



2. Urgently increase funding for essential TB services including for the health workforce



3. Advance universal health coverage to ensure all people with TB have access to affordable quality care and resolve under-reporting challenges



4. Address the drug-resistant TB crisis to close persistent gaps in care



Dramatically scale up provision of TB preventive treatment



6. Promote human rights and combat stigma and discrimination



7. Ensure meaningful engagement of civil society, communities and people affected by TB



8. Substantially increase investments in TB research to drive technological breakthroughs and rapid uptake of innovations



9. Ensure that TB prevention and care are safeguarded in the context of COVID-19 and other emerging threats



10. Request WHO to continue to provide global leadership for the TB response, working in close collaboration with Member States and other stakeholders, including to prepare for a High-Level Meeting on TB in 2023

