The TB control targets for 2001-2005 are to implement the DOTS strategy as rapidly and efficiently as resources permit:

- 70% of estimated TB cases must be detected and treated
- 85% of those cases must be cured

As DOTS services come into being, expanding coverage in a given country, the target of reaching at least 70% of active TB cases becomes possible.

When DOTS services are of high quality, an 85% cure rate follows.

- In spite of all previous activities to date, the majority of the world’s TB patients continue to live in districts that have yet to provide DOTS.
- The majority of countries using DOTS are detecting less than half of individuals with TB symptoms.

The targets set in the Washington Commitment were:

**50 days**
- all high burden countries to finalise national DOTS expansion plans

**50 weeks**
- to achieve a global DOTS case detection rate of at least 35%
- to establish interagency coordinating committees in all countries
- the GDF to provide TB drugs to at least a million additional patients

**50 months**
- to achieve global DOTS coverage
- to achieve a global DOTS case detection rate of at least 70%
- to achieve a DOTS treatment success rate of at least 85%
- to develop and scale up effective responses to TB/HIV and MDR-TB
- to develop the Global Plan to Stop TB for the years 2006-2010

**50 years**
- to eliminate TB as a global public health problem

At the Stop TB Partners’ Forum in October 2001, the Washington Commitment was endorsed by all those present, and over 60 governments and international organisations.