WORLD TB DAY NEWS

1000 day countdown on TB and HIV goals starts in Swaziland
Health leaders signed the Swaziland Statement, committing them to accelerate the response to the TB and TB/HIV epidemics in Africa.

World Health Organization and Global Fund highlight urgent need for international financing to fight TB
The health agencies point to a funding gap of at least US$ 1.6 billion a year in international funding for treatment and prevention of TB.

Stop TB Partners mark World TB Day with events around the world
From Bulgaria to British Columbia, partners’ events focused on stopping TB In my lifetime. Read more on the World TB day blog.

TB activists launch new global coalition
The Global Coalition of TB Activists aims to put communities affected by TB at the centre of decision making in the fight against TB.

Global forum accelerates progress on TB vaccine development
Delegates reviewed progress, shared the latest data and findings and promoted partnerships and collaboration to accelerate and streamline TB vaccine research.

MSF: Historic opportunity to tackle drug-resistant TB could be missed
Médecins Sans Frontières says that efforts to treat people for multidrug-resistant TB and find new drugs to treat the disease must be significantly increased.

Nursing project to provide evidence for the adoption of best practice
The International Council of Nurses launches the third phase of its TB project, supported by the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership.

KNCV honours USAID for leadership in the global fight against TB
The U.S. Agency for International Development was honoured for its dedication and leadership at an awards ceremony marking World TB Day.
**Prisons latest target as South Africa continues zero TB drive**
The Deputy President of South Africa, Kgalema Motlanthe, handed over six Xpert diagnostic machines to the country’s prison service on World TB Day.

**WORLD TB DAY STATEMENTS**

**United Nations Secretary-General**
Ban Ki-Moon says that it will be critical to ensure that countries can afford the cost of preventing deaths from TB and arresting its spread.

**President of India**
Shri Pranab Mukherjee calls upon stakeholders to come together and undertake all the necessary steps to achieve the goal of zero TB deaths.

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Stop TB Partnership**
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Stop TB Partnership reaffirm their commitment to take effective action to overcome TB.

**Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership**
Lucica Ditiu reflects on the ambition and commitment demonstrated by the TB community at World TB Day events.

**OPINION AND BLOGS**

**Consign TB tragedy of *La Bohème* finally to history**
Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund and Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership write in the Financial Times.

**HIV and TB: Untangling a Deadly Knot**
Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS says that we must act now to stop people living with HIV dying from TB.

**Should We Celebrate World TB Day? I'll Tell You in 1000 Days**
Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership argues that while progress has been made, we need to accelerate efforts before the MDGs expire.

**Hope at the Epicenter: Overcoming the TB Emergency in Sub-Saharan Africa**
Jonathan Smith, Lecturer at Yale University School of Public Health says that there is hope in the fight against TB in the Southern African mining sector.

**Financial Times special report focuses on funding, mining and new tools**
Articles in the 2013 World TB Day report cover the funding gap for the fight against TB, TB and mining and other issues. (Free registration required.)
TOP LINE NEWS

**GDF achieves price reduction for drug-resistant TB treatments**
The price of several second-line drugs decline by up to 26% compared to 2011 prices, resulting in a decrease in the overall cost of treatment.

**GDF invites applications for grants for first line drugs**
The Global Drug Facility has opened its 28th round of applications for grants for first-line adult and pediatric TB drugs.

**African civil society calls for unified resource mobilization for health**
Representatives of African civil society health platforms called for an end to fragmented action by agencies working on one specific disease or health issue.

**Landmark meeting on post-2015 TB targets held in Geneva**
Workshop participants proposed a set of goals and targets to guide the global fight against TB after 2015.

TB PEOPLE

**UN Secretary-General appoints Ray Chambers as first Special Envoy on financing for the health-related Millennium Development Goals**
Mr Chambers will work with partners to promote and secure increased investment to achieve the health-related MDGs by the end of 2015.

**Farewell message from the Special Envoy to Stop TB**
Dr Jorge Sampaio promises to keep advocating for TB as his six-year term as Special Envoy comes to an end.

**New email group for TB patients and survivors**
Take That TB and Treatment Action Group have created an email group designed to connect tuberculosis (TB) patients and survivors.

**UNION appoints new Vice Chair of HIV Section**
The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease has appointed Jeroen van Gorkom as the Vice Chair of its HIV Scientific Section.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

**Operation ASHA uses fingerprint scanner to help patients complete treatment**
The *eCompliance* system, which uses patient's fingerprints to record daily visits to the clinic for a dose of medication, is featured in a Huffington Post blog.
KNCV welcomes price reduction for second-line TB drugs
KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation welcomes the announcement by the Global Drug Facility on price reductions for several second-line TB drugs.

New research centre opens in Australia
The Centre for Excellence in Tuberculosis Control aims to improve coordination between existing TB research initiatives.

FIND and TDR agree to expand access to TB specimens
The Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics and the Special Programme for Research and Training on Tropical Diseases join forces.

PUBLICATIONS

Guidance on managing drug-resistant TB now available as an application for tablet computers
The WHO Stop TB Department has helped develop applications for use on tablet computers based on its online training course on managing drug-resistant TB.

TAG publishes guide to bedaquiline, new collection of childhood TB stories
Treatment Action Group publishes two new advocacy reports, including an updated publication on childhood TB with the Sentinel Project

PATH launches new tools to support TB prevention and treatment
The three new tools are new global tools designed to support Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization activities around the world.

TB CARE I publishes comprehensive materials guide
New guide includes all of the tools, guidelines and handbooks that the coalition has published.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 April 4th Conference of The Union Asia-Pacific Region Hanoi, Viet Nam Info

15 April 5th Annual GLI Meeting Veyrier-du-Lac, France Info

6 May Course: Supply Chain Management Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Info

15 May GBCHealth 2013 New York, USA Info
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