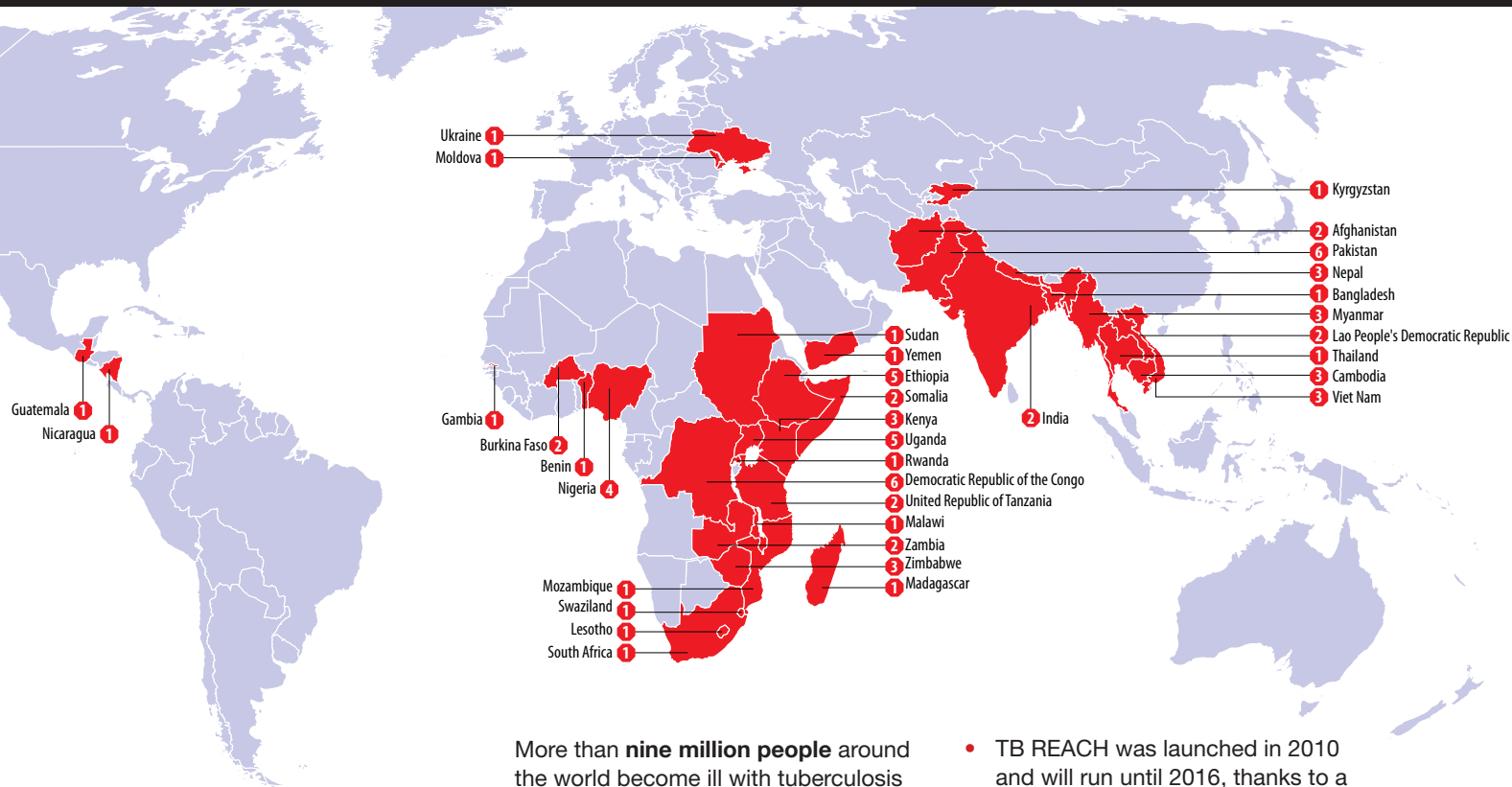


# TB REACH: FINDING AND TREATING PEOPLE WITH TB IN THE WORLD'S POOREST COMMUNITIES



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More than **nine million people** around the world become ill with tuberculosis (TB) each year. About one-third of them fail to get an accurate diagnosis or effective treatment and are more likely to die from this curable disease.

TB REACH offers a lifeline to people among this missing **3 million** by finding and treating people in the poorest, most vulnerable communities in the world. In areas with limited or non-existent TB care, TB REACH supports innovative and effective techniques to find people with TB quickly, avert deaths, stop TB from spreading, and halt the development of drug-resistant strains.

- TB REACH was launched in 2010 and will run until 2016, thanks to a **CAD\$ 120 million grant** from the Canadian International Development Agency.
- TB REACH is committed to getting funds to projects with a very short turnaround time.
- In its first 18 months, TB REACH committed nearly **\$50 million** to **75 projects** in **36 countries** aiming to find and treat more than **140,000** people with TB who would otherwise have gone undiagnosed.
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## HALTING THE SPREAD OF TB IN ZAMBIA'S PRISONS

The Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) is working with local partners to run a comprehensive TB testing programme at prisons across Zambia. Thanks to a system that involves prison officers, doctors and inmates themselves, tests are conducted on entry, exit and at mass screening sessions. A mobile laboratory enables hundreds of inmates to be tested in a single day using the latest equipment. Thanks to TB REACH funding the Zambia prisons service has the opportunity to be a regional model for TB control and HIV detection.

## RAPID TESTING ARRIVES IN RURAL TANZANIA

In Mbeya, Tanzania, a partnership between the University of Munich and the National Institute for Medical Research is using a mobile laboratory to provide rapid TB and HIV testing in remote rural areas, using a revolutionary new diagnostic tool, the Xpert MTB/Rif test. This is the first time that this new diagnostic tool has been used at a community level at rural health centres and on a mobile van. The project aims to detect 1350 additional cases during its first year. The mobile van serves as laboratory during the day time and a mobile cinema by night, showing educational films on TB and HIV/AIDS.



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