TB/HIV —
facts at a glance

• AIDS kills more than 8000 people every day worldwide.
• More than 5000 people die from TB every day.
• TB is the leading killer of people infected with HIV.
• TB causes at least 11% of AIDS deaths and possibly as many as 50%.
• Up to 50% of people with HIV or AIDS develop TB.
• Worldwide, 14 million people are co-infected with TB and HIV – 70% of them are concentrated in Africa.
• In some regions of Africa, 75% of TB patients are HIV-infected.
• TB can be successfully treated even if someone is HIV-infected.
• In a given year, people living with HIV are up to 50 times more likely to develop TB than those who are not HIV-infected.
• Treatment of TB can prolong and improve the quality of life for HIV-positive people but cannot alone prevent people from dying of AIDS.
• If TB is left unchecked in the next 20 years, almost one billion people will become newly infected, 200 million will develop the disease, and 35 million will die of it.
• More people are dying of TB today than ever before.
• TB is the biggest curable infectious killer of young people and adults in the world today.
• TB is an opportunistic disease that preys on weakened immune systems.
• In most of eastern and southern Africa, where combined TB and HIV prevalence rates are the highest in the world, only about one in three TB patients currently receive a full course of TB drugs.
• In Africa as a whole the number of TB cases is rising dramatically, by 4% a year.
• Half of all new global cases of TB (4.5 million of 9 million) each year are in six Asian countries – Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and the Philippines.

With effective treatment
TB can be cured,
HIV managed,
and lives saved.

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