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Wednesday 23 March, 15:00 pm Nairobi Time (12:00 GMT)**

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2005 Global TB Control Report Card finds:

TB Control Stalled in Africa; HIV Overwhelming Africa with TB Cases

In advance of World TB Day (March 24), the **2005 Global TB Control Report Card** is being released by the Massive Effort Campaign and RESULTS International, based on new data published by the World Health Organization. The report card grades the 22 countries with the highest burden of tuberculosis on their success or failure in controlling the disease.

TB killed more people last year than all wars, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, airline accidents, terrorist acts and murders worldwide, but with much less fanfare. The deaths of these 1.8 million people were arguably all the more tragic as almost every one of them could have been prevented with proper treatment.

WHAT: A press briefing by conference call sponsored by the Massive Effort Campaign and RESULTS International on the release of the **2005 Global TB Control Report Card**.

WHO: Journalists can hear from, and ask questions of the following experts:

- **Dr. Don Enarson**, Director of Scientific Activities, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease in Paris
- **Bertrand Campoer** a TB and HIV patient from Cameroon and member of the TBTV Patients Support Network
- **Dr. Joanne Carter**, Legislative Director of RESULTS International in Washington, DC

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 23, 15:00 Nairobi time; 14:00 Johannesburg time; 12:00 GMT**

WHERE: You can take the call from any phone. An operator will call you, free of charge.

HOW THE CALL WILL WORK: An operator will call you a few minutes before the call starts at the number that you provide. If you get disconnected or are unable to sign up by the deadline, you can still join the call by dialing **001-312-461-0644** internationally at the call time.