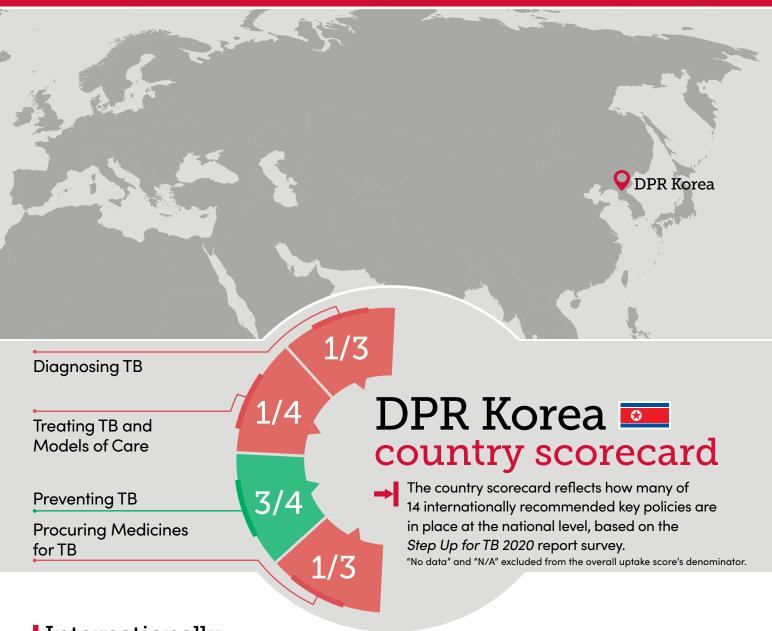
TB policies in Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

Step Up for TB 2020 Tuberculosis Policies in 37 Countries

A survey of prevention, testing, and treatment policies and practices



Internationally recommended key policies uptake







Key numbers in 2019*







2888











Deaths from TB (nr.)

TB diagnosis gap (nr.) DR-TB diagnosis gap (nr.)

DR-TB treatment coverage (%) UNHLM TB treatment target for 2019 achieved (%) UNHLM DR-TB treatment target for 2019 achieved (%) UNHLM childhood TB treatment target for 2019 achieved (%)

UNHLM prevention therapy target for 2019 achieved (%)

Key TB policies dashboard

National policies indicate ...

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Diagnosing TB
a rapid molecular diagnostic (RMD) as the initial test for TB
urinary TB LAM for routine diagnosis of TB in people living with HIV (PLHIV) and the test is routinely used in both inpatient (IPD) and outpatient (OPD) settings**
RIF and INH resistance testing for all people starting on treatment; at least FLQ resistance testing for all people with RR-TB; and DST methods available in country for RIF, INH, FLQs, Bdq, Dlm, Lzd, and Cfz, when these medicines are used for routine treatment ¹
Treating TB and Models of Care
decentralised DR-TB treatment to primary healthcare (PHC) facility and at home ^{2,**}
routine use of injectable-free regimens for children with uncomplicated DR-TB
use of a modified shorter all-oral regimen for eligible adults with DR-TB, either for routine use or operational research ³
no limitation to the routine, ⁴ combined use of Bdq and Dlm ⁵ beyond 6 months**
Preventing TB
a shorter TB preventive treatment (TPT) regimen (3HP, 3RH, 4R or 1HP) ⁶
household contacts of a person with bacteriologically confirmed DS-TB and DR-TB are investigated for signs and symptoms of TB**
PLHIV are eligible for TPT
household contacts of a person with bacteriologically confirmed DS-TB are eligible for TPT, regardless of age**
Procuring Medicines for TB
Country is enrolled in the WHO Collaborative Registration Procedure (CRP) ⁷
Stringent regulatory authority (SRA) ⁸ approval and/or WHO Prequalification (PQ) ⁹ required for importation of TB medicines purchased with domestic funding
SRA and/or WHO PQ quality-assured product status required for procurement of locally manufactured TB medicines
LEGEND Is this policy in place at the national level? ■ Yes ■ Partial ■ No ■ No data

(*) Source: WHO and Stop TB Partnership (accessed 2020 Oct.). (**) This data consists of two or more individual indicators. "No data" is used when there is "no data" for one or more of the individual indicators considered.

(¹) Abbreviations: rifampicin (RIF), isoniazid (INH), fluoroquinolone (FLQ), rifampicin-resistant TB (RR-TB), bedaquiline (Bdq), delamanid (DIm), linezolid (Lzd), clofazamine (Cfz). (²) DR-TB treatment initiation and follow-up can be done at a PHC facility and medicines can be taken at home. (³) Modifications to the standardised shorter regimen (beyond the two medicine substitutions allowed by WHO) include replacing the injectable with bedaqualine or other modifications. (°) This excludes extensions beyond 6 months upon special approval (e.g. consilia or expert groups); if also excludes extensions beyond 6 months, but for specific duration (e.g. 36 weeks). (°) Combined use of Bdq and DIm could be limited to certain groups of patients. (°) 3HP: 3 months rifapentine plus isoniazid given daily; 4R: 4 months of rifampicin given daily; 1HP: 1 month of rifapentine plus isoniazid given daily, (°) The CRP accelerates registration through timely sharing of medicine dossiers to national medicines regulatory authorities (https://extranet.who.int/prequal/content/collaborative-procedure-accelerated-registration). Data were collected through a desk review (https://extranet.who.int/prequal/content/collaborative-procedure-accelerated-registration). Por more information about SRAs: https://www.who.int/medicines/areas/quality_assurance/TRS1010annex11.pdf?ua=1 (WHO definition of SRA on page 356). (°) WHO PQ assesses medicines and active pharmaceutical ingredients to ensure they are safe, appropriate and meeting stringent quality standards: https://extranet.who.int/prequal/content/whal-we-do.



