

# Child TB subgroup annual meeting

2016

**Stop TB Partnership**



**World Health  
Organization**

# Objectives

To share national and regional experiences in scaling up the response to childhood TB and to discuss next steps to move the agenda forward.

To discuss how to operationalize the End TB Strategy with a focus on childhood TB.

To give an update on the activities of the working group since the last annual meeting in Cape Town, South Africa.

Child TB subgroup of Stop TB Partnership formed 2003

WHO Guidance for NTPs on the management of TB in children 2006

International Child TB Meeting, Stockholm, 2011

First estimates of child TB in Global TB Report 2012

Roadmap for Childhood TB 2013

WHO Guidance for NTPs on the management of TB in children 2014

End TB Strategy (and SDGs) 2015

WHO/HTM/TB/2016.01  
WHO/CH/CA/2016.1

Guidance for national  
tuberculosis programmes  
on the management of  
tuberculosis in children

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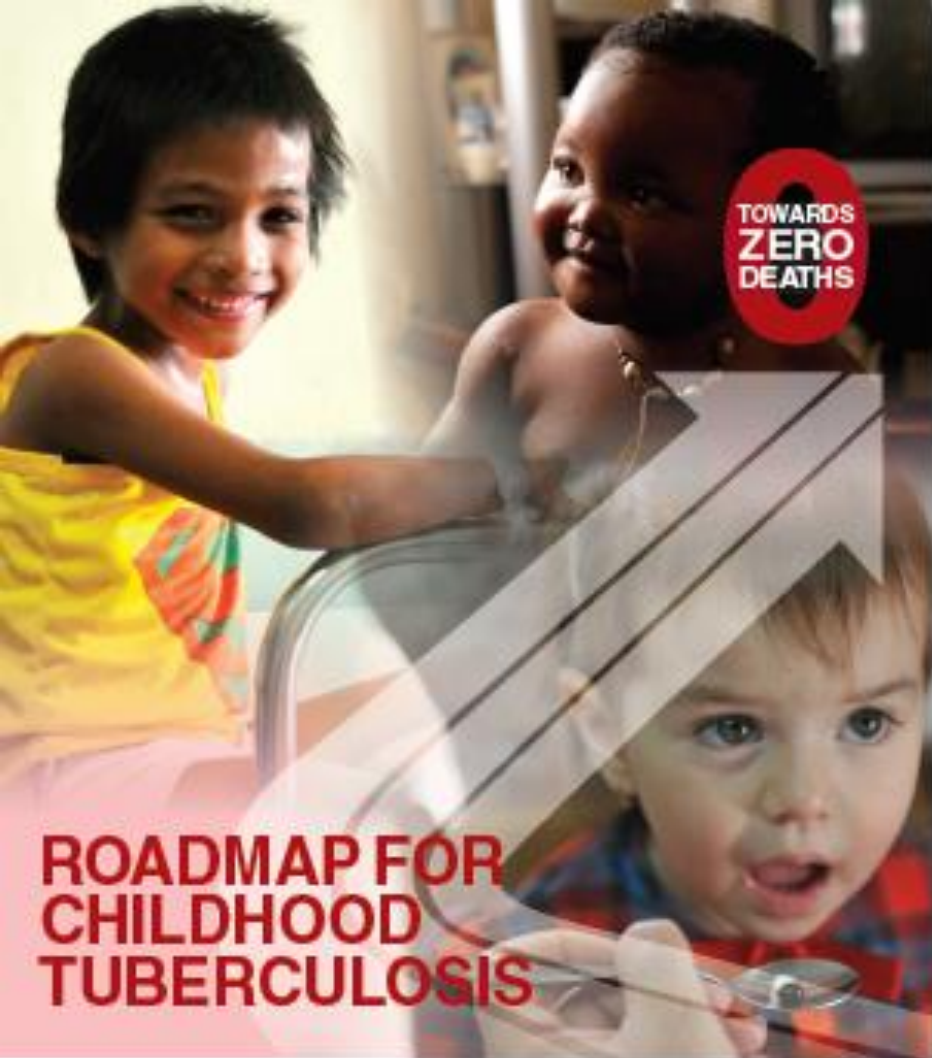
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**CALL TO ACTION for CHILDHOOD TB**

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We, participants gathered at the 'International Childhood Tuberculosis Meeting' held March 17-18, 2011 in Stockholm, Sweden recognize that:



# ROADMAP FOR CHILDHOOD TUBERCULOSIS



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# The End TB Strategy: 3 pillars and 4 Principles



Government stewardship and accountability, with monitoring and evaluation

Building a strong coalition with civil society and communities

Protecting and promoting human rights, ethics and equity

Adaptation of the strategy and targets at country level, with global collaboration

# SDG health goal 3 and its 13 targets

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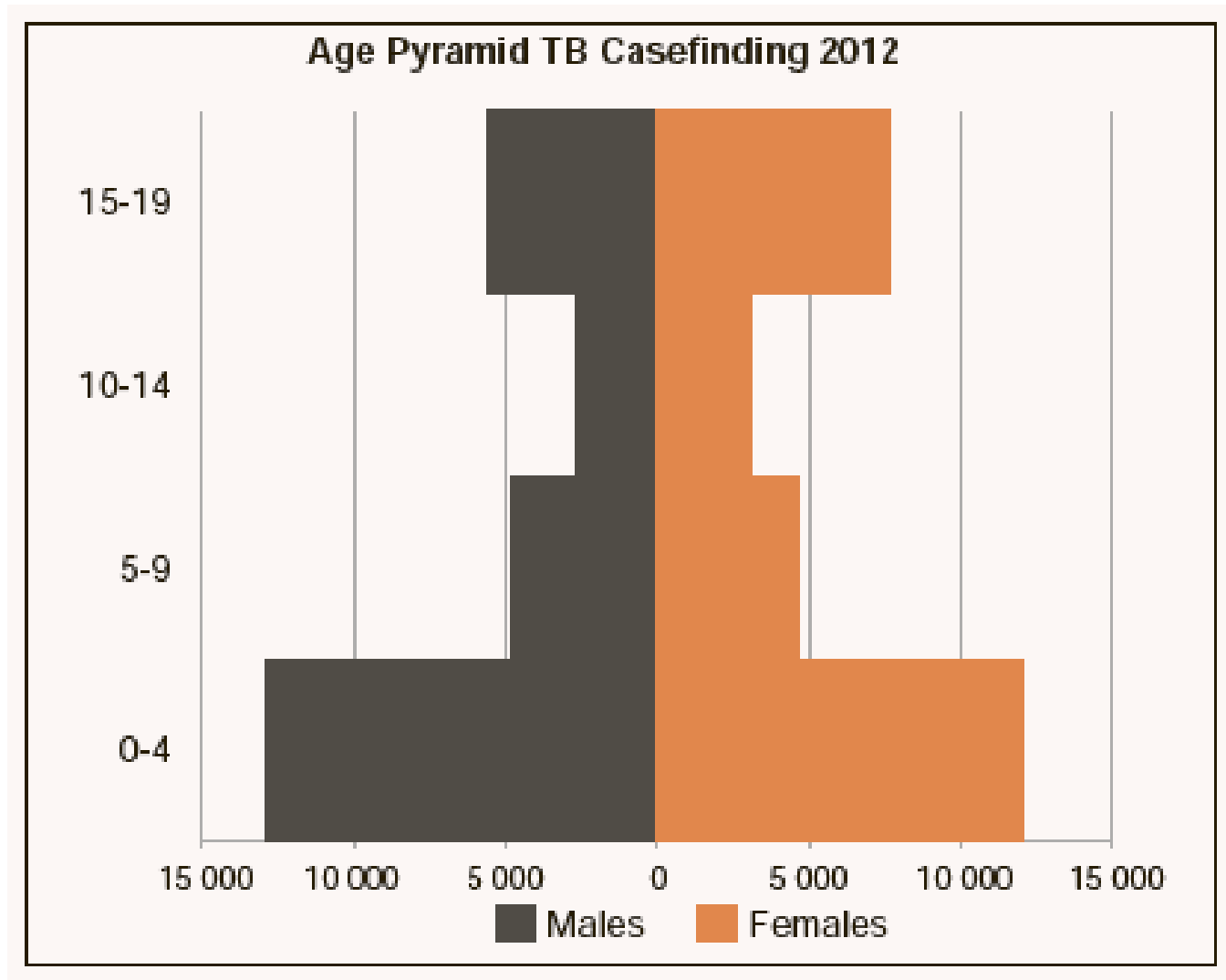
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# TB in adolescents





# “Know your epidemic”

## TB in children (0-14 yrs)

Around 1,000,000 cases or 10% of total caseload

M:F ratio: 1.1-0.9

40% in SE Asia and 31% in Africa

169,000 deaths in HIV-uninfected

41,000 deaths in HIV-infected

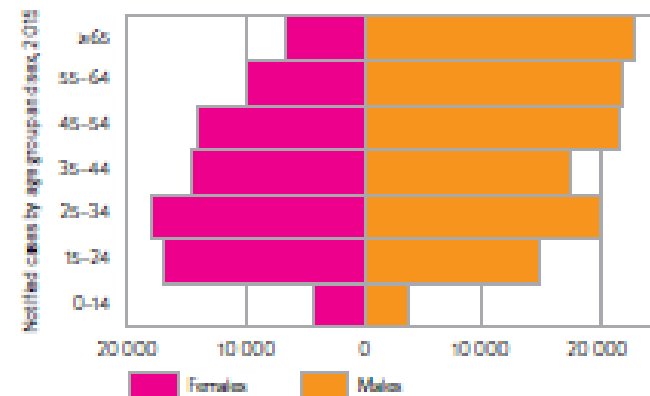
Increasing case notifications to 6.3% of notified cases globally

Country specific data



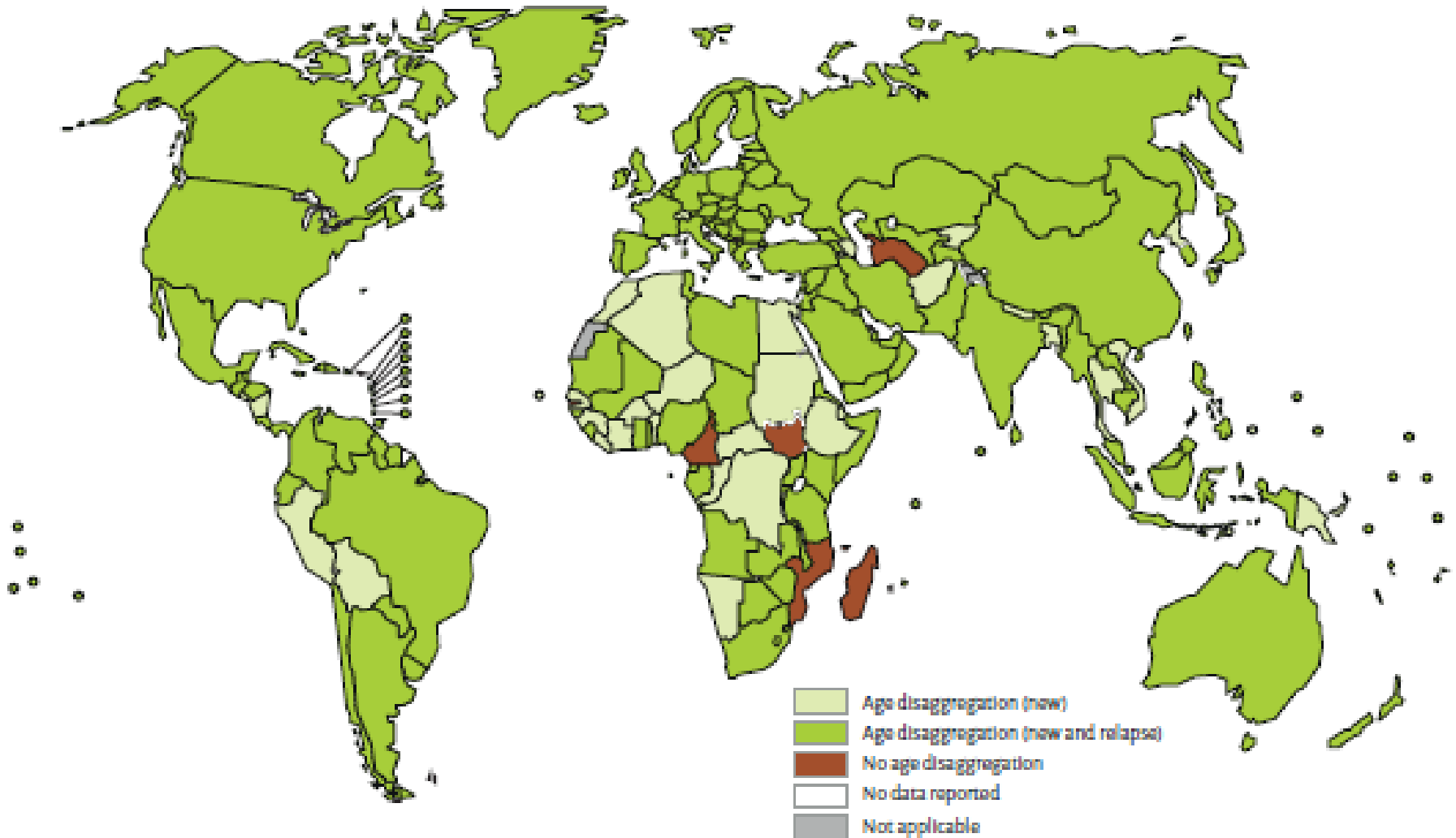
Estimated TB incidence by age and sex (thousands),<sup>a</sup> 2015

	0-14 years	>14 years	Total
Females	20 (9.9-31)	131 (62-200)	151 (72-231)
Males	17 (9.8-24)	194 (134-254)	211 (143-278)
Total	37 (23-51)	325 (247-403)	362 (234-517)

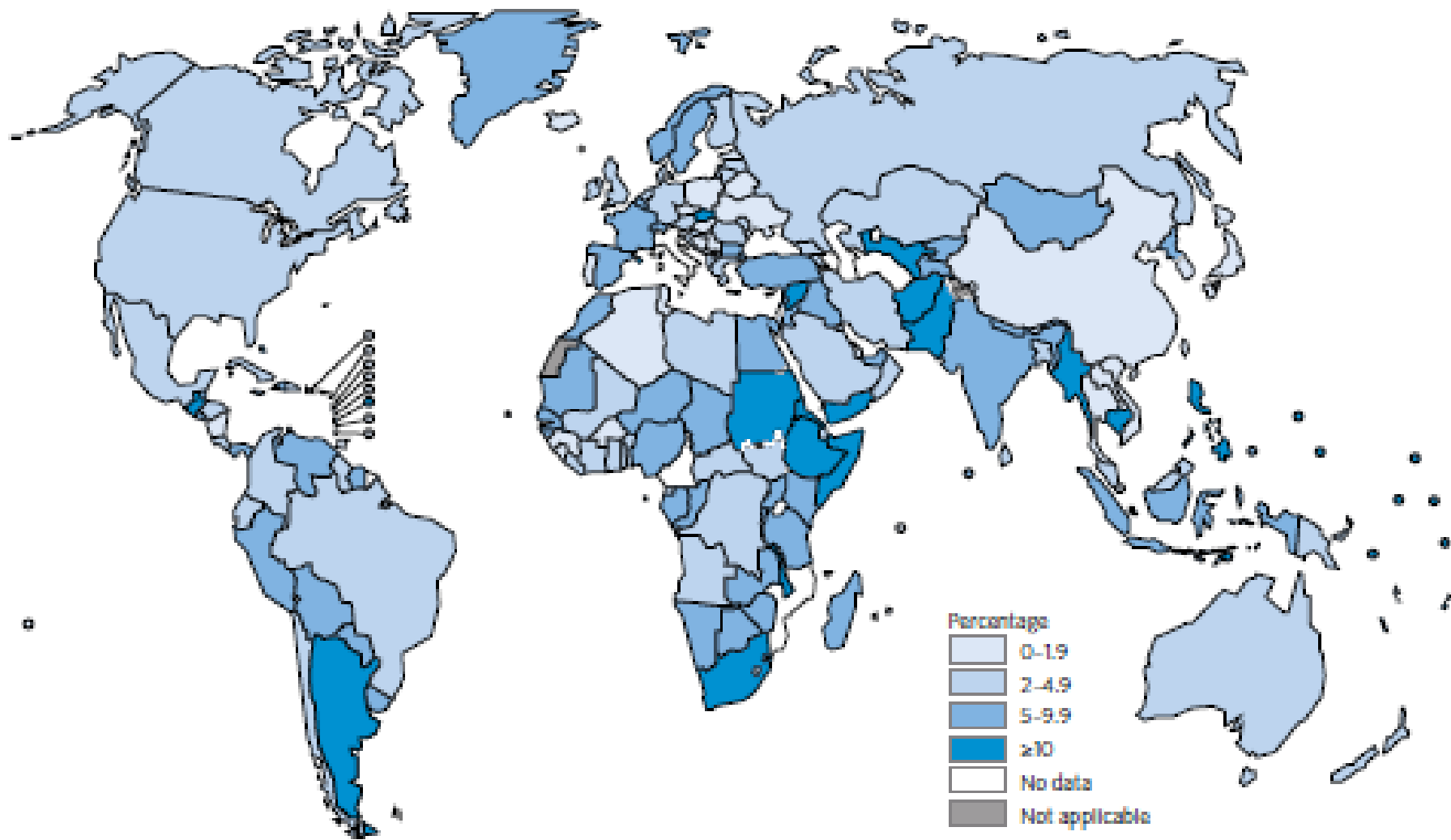


# Reporting disaggregated by age

Reporting of new and relapse TB case notifications disaggregated by age, 2014



# Proportion of new and relapse TB that were children in 2015



# The burden of MDR TB

It is estimated that 25,000 children developed MDR TB in 2014 although the vast majority (>95%) were not detected and treated

Shorter course regimens and towards no injectables  
New drugs (DLM/BDQ) for children

Preventive therapy for MDR TB contacts a major current issue

- RCTs commenced in 2016
- Observational evidence accumulates

•Dodd PJ, Sismanidis C, Seddon JA. Global burden of drug-resistant tuberculosis in children: a mathematical modelling study. *Lancet Infect. Dis* 2016

•Seddon JA, Fred D, Amanullah F *et al.* Post-exposure management of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis contacts: evidence-based recommendations. Policy brief no. 1. Dubai, United Arab Emirates: Harvard Medical School Center for Global Health Delivery, Dubai, 2015.

•Harausz E, Garcia-Prats AJ, Seddon J *et al.* *AJRCCM* 2016

## Prevention of TB in children

### Improved case-finding and management

Early identification and effective treatment of infectious TB and MDR TB cases will reduce the burden of child TB and MDR TB

### BCG

The main benefit of neonatal BCG is protection against severe disseminated forms of TB in children  
Recent global shortages: in 2015, 163 countries with >90% coverage in 102 countries

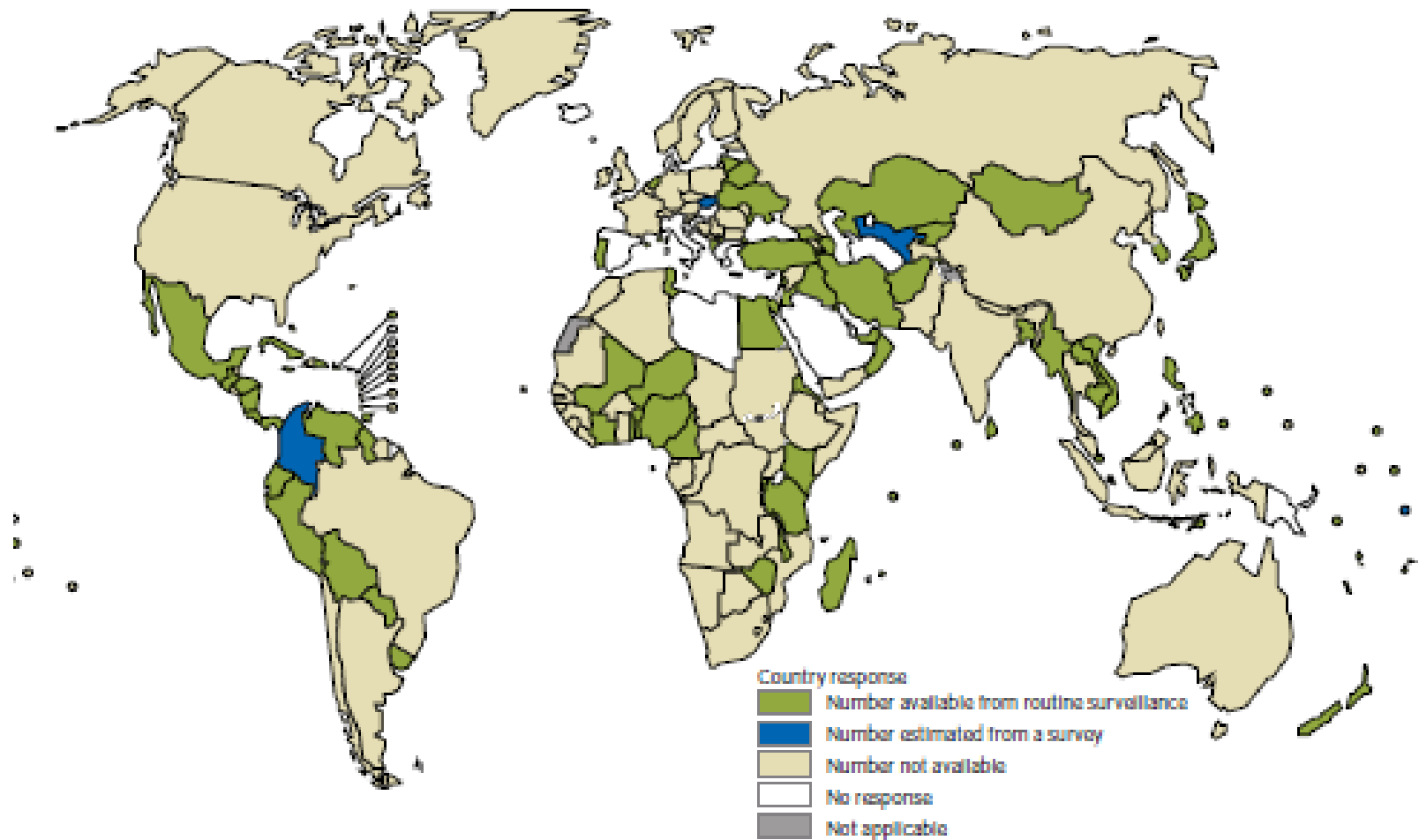
### Contact screening and management

Opportunity for active case detection of TB in contacts of all ages  
Focus of LTBI management is on individuals infected with TB that have greatest likelihood of developing active TB disease following infection – this includes young children and HIV-infected children of any age  
Widely recommended but uptake by families and implementation by NTP are poor

### Infection control

Lack of awareness of risk for children attending health facilities with carers – TB wards; TB clinics; HIV clinics

# Available data on numbers of eligible child contacts that were started on preventive therapy in 2015



Only 9 of 30 high burden countries reported data  
Afghanistan and Bangladesh reported the largest number: around 10,000  
WHO African region reported 28% of total

# Global Plan to End TB 2016-2020

Includes End TB goals for 2025.....

- 90% or more of children who have been exposed to TB receive preventive therapy
- 90% or more of people in close contact with all people diagnosed with TB should be evaluated for TB

A “top ten” indicator for monitoring implementation of the End TB Strategy

90% or more of children aged <5 years who are household contacts of TB cases started on treatment for LTBI

# LTBI management

87,000 children started on “preventive treatment” or 7% of estimated 1.2 million young child household contacts of bacteriologically confirmed TB cases in 2015

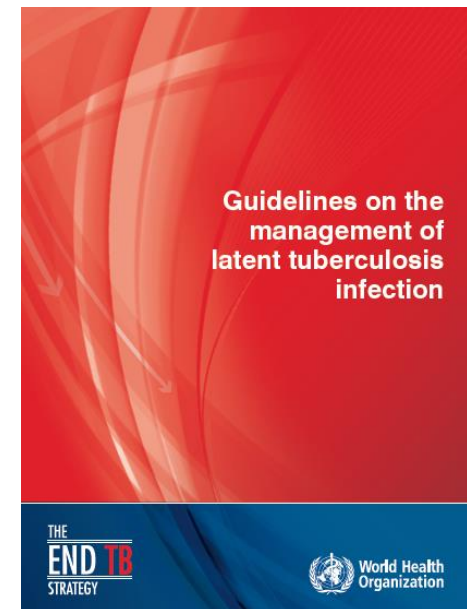
Recommendations for high TB burden setting  
- TB incidence rate  $\geq 100$  per 100,000 population

## Strong recommendations for at-risk populations:

- People living with HIV
- Children under 5 years of age who are household contacts of pulmonary TB cases

## Global and national indicators

- Proportion of children who are household contacts who have completed evaluation for TB
- Proportion of those eligible for prevention that have started treatment
- Proportion that have completed





# Numbers for LTBI management in children

Estimates in 2014: 2.4 million young children (<5 years) and 5.1 million older children (5-14 years) living in households of patients with TB

Of these, around 240,000 (10%) young children and 420,000 (8%) older children will have TB

Of the remaining 2.16 million young child contacts and 4.68 million older child contacts without TB, it was estimated that 848,453 (or 39%) and 2,660,885 (or 57%) were infected.

Therefore, the global target of 90% or more of exposed children translates to:

- at least 6.2 million child contacts of all ages treated with preventive therapy if screening did not include testing for LTBI
- around 2 million if preventive therapy was limited to young child contacts.

Yuen CM, Jenkins HE, Chang R, Mpunga J, Becerra MC. *Public Health Action* 6(2), 83-96 (2016).

# Detection of LTBI

- Current major shortages of tuberculin solution
- A novel skin test C-Tb developed at Statens Serum Institut, Copenhagen uses specific *M.tuberculosis* antigens (ESAT-6 and CFP-10) with cut-point of 5 mm induration established
- C-Tb is more specific than TST as not affected by prior BCG
- When evaluated in patients with active TB, sensitivity lower than for TST and reduced in PLHIV with marked immunosuppression as measured by CD4 count (as for TST)
- Compared to IGRA, C-Tb does not require a laboratory and is likely to be low-cost

Aggerbeck H, Giemza R, Joshi P *et al.* *PLoS One* 8, e64215 (2013).

Hoff ST, Peter JG, Theron G *et al.* *Eur. Resp. J.* 47, 919-928 (2016).

Guidelines on the  
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**Treatment options  
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## Policy Forum

# Closing the Policy-Practice Gap in the Management of Child Contacts of Tuberculosis Cases in Developing Countries

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## Review

### Preventive therapy in children exposed to *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*: problems and solutions

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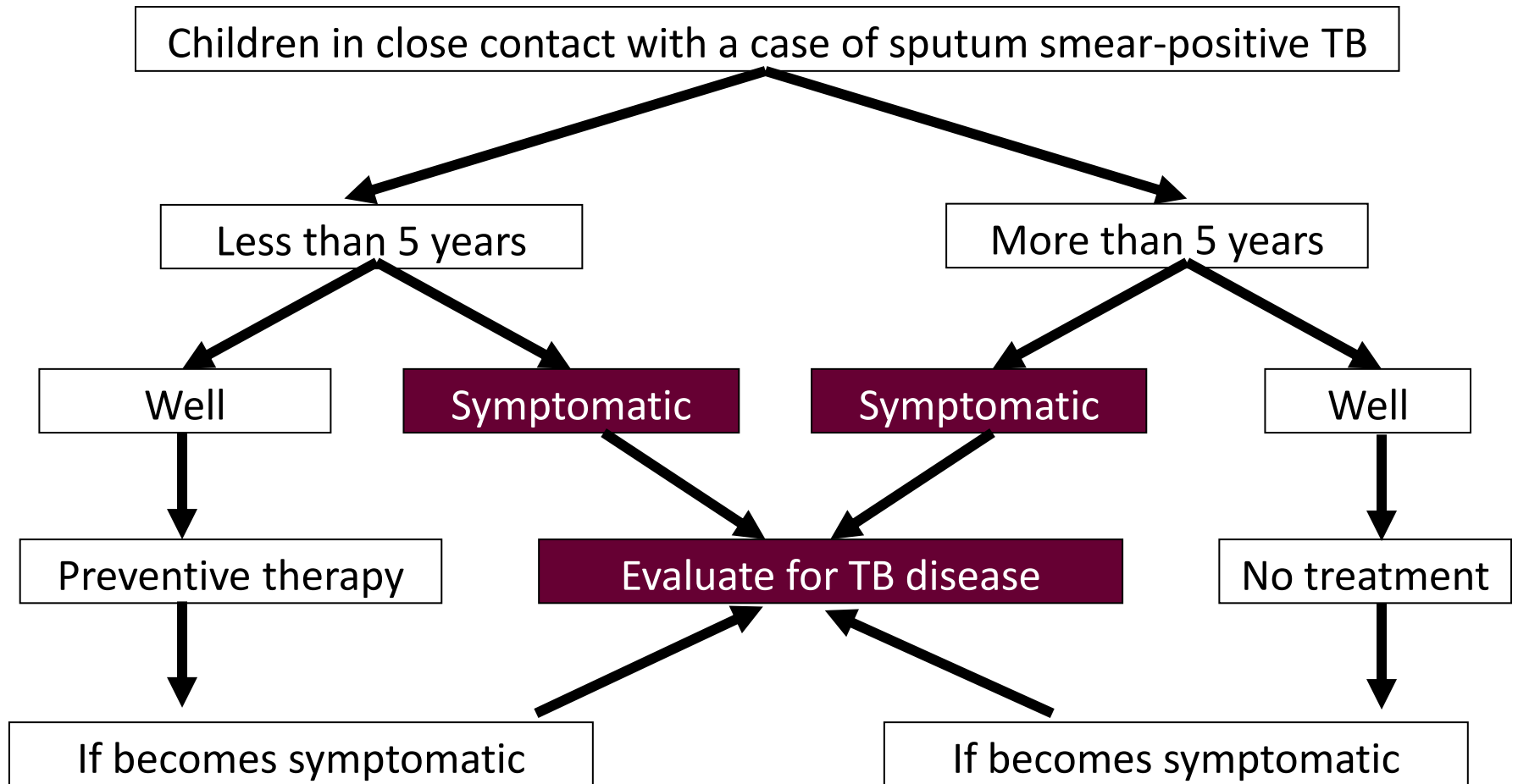
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# WHO symptom based screening



## Need for M & E tools for contact management

- Numbers screened
- Numbers (%) diagnosed with TB
- Numbers (%) eligible for preventive therapy
- Numbers (%) received preventive therapy
- Numbers (%) completed preventive therapy







# Introduction of the new FDCs in 2016

- Rifampicin 75 mg + Isoniazid 50 mg + Pyrazinamide 150 mg (two-month intensive phase)
  - Rifampicin 75 mg + Isoniazid 50 mg (four-month continuation phase)
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- Product attributes: Correct, WHO-recommended doses, Dispersible in liquid, Palatable fruit flavors
  - The average treatment costs is \$15.54 through the Global Drug Facility (GDF)
  - First introduced in Kenya and PNG
  - UNITAID funding to scale-up



**Table No. 14 - Drug Administration According to Kg Body Weight for Children**

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3.1-4	1.00	1.50	2.50	1/4*	0.24
4.1-5	1.25	2.00	3.00		0.3
5.1-6	1.50	2.25	3.50		0.36
6.1-7	1.75	2.50	4.25		0.42
7.1-8	2.00	3.00	4.75		0.48
8.1-9	2.25	3.50	5.50	1/2	0.54
9.1-10	2.50	3.75	6.00		0.6
10.1-11	2.75	4.00	6.50		0.66
11.1-12	3.00	4.50	7.25		0.72
12.1-13	3.25	5.00	7.75		3/4
13.1-14	3.50	5.25	8.50	0.84	
14.1-15	3.75	5.50	9.00	0.9	
15.1-16	4.00	6.00	9.50	0.96	
16.1-17	4.25	6.50	10.25	1.02	
17.1-18	4.50	6.75	10.75	1	1.08
18.1-19	4.75	7.00	11.50		1.14
19.1-20	5.00	7.50	12.00		1.20
20.1-21	5.25	8.00	12.50		1.26
21.1-22	5.50	8.25	13.25		1.32
22.1-23	5.75	8.50	13.75	1+1/4	1.38
23.1-24	6.00	9.00	14.50		1.44
24.1-25	6.25	9.50	15.00		1.5
25.1-26	6.50	9.75	15.50		1.56
26.1-27	6.75	10.00	16.00		1.62
27.1-28	7.00	10.50	16.75	1+1/2	1.68
28.1-29	7.25	11.00	17.50		1.74
29.1-30	7.50	11.25	18.00		1.8



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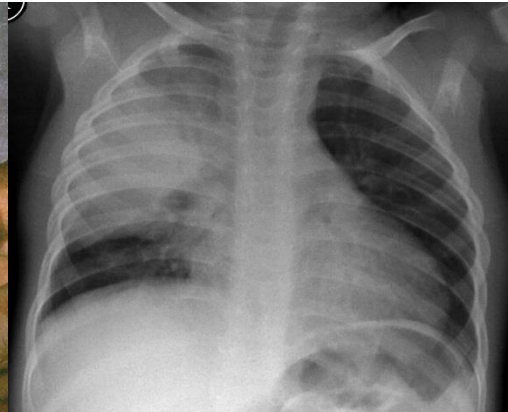
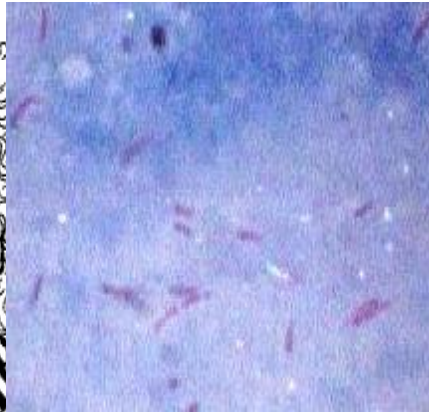
Weight bands	Numbers of tablets		
	Intensive Phase		Continuation Phase
	RHZ	E	RH
	75/50/150	100	75/50
4-7kg	1	1	1
8-11kg	2	2	2
12-15kg	3	3	3
16-24 kg	4	4	4
25 kg+	Go to adult dosages and preparations For example: 2 RHZE 150/75/400/275		

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27.1-28	7.00	10.50	16.75		1.68
28.1-29	7.25	11.00	17.50	1+1/2	1.74
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# Rapid development of diagnostics

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## History

High negative predictive value but poor specificity

## Bacteriology

**1882**

Very low sensitivity

## Tuberculin Skin Test

**1890**

Indicates infection with limitations of sensitivity and specificity

## Chest X-ray

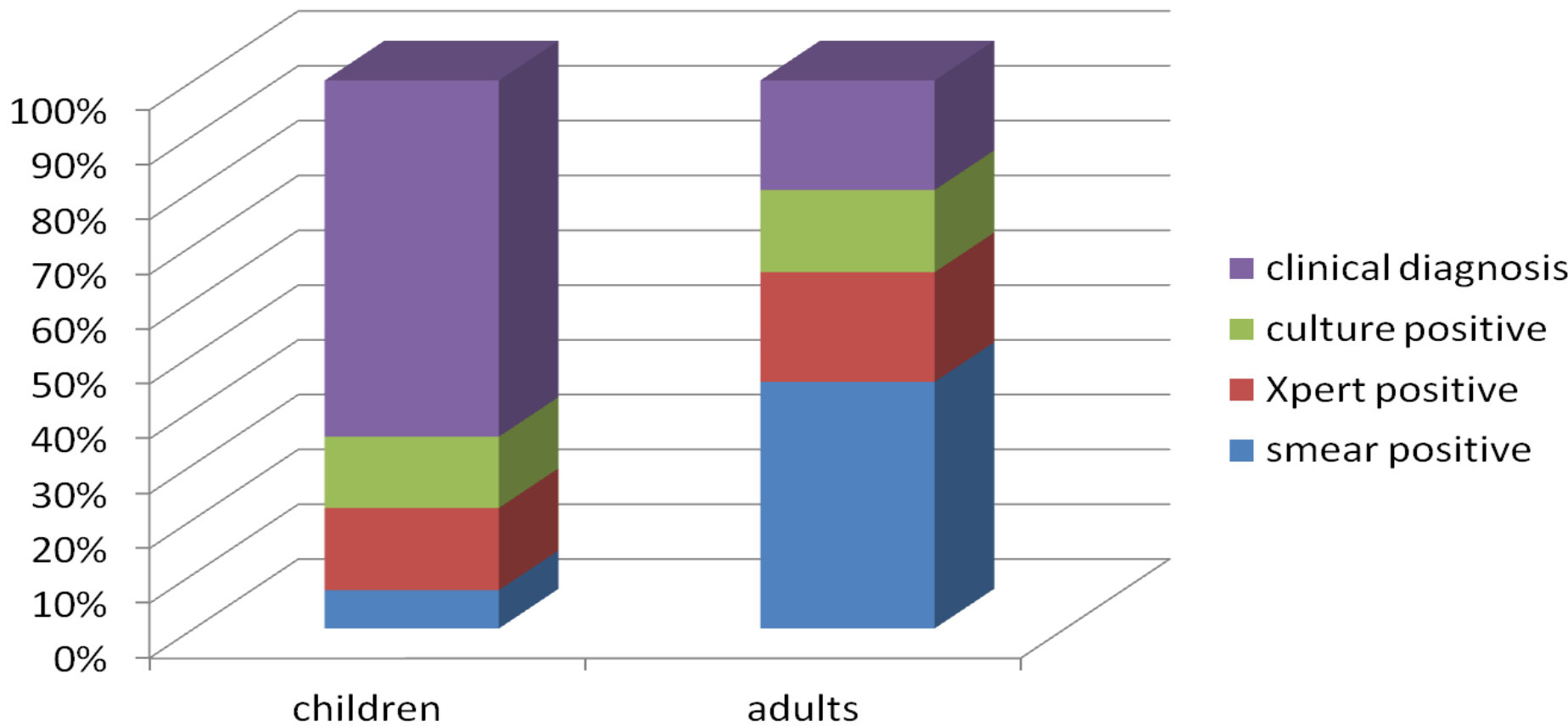
**1896**

Low specificity

# Clinical challenges are the diagnostic challenges

- Young age
- Acute severe pneumonia
- HIV-infected
- Malnourished
- MDR TB

# Diagnostic yield from Xpert for pulmonary TB comparing children to adults



**Xpert cannot be used to rule out TB**

Xpert needs research on implementation to inform optimal usage in children

# Experience of Xpert yield for presumptive TB in children in programmatic conditions

- Diagnostic yield twice as high as smear microscopy in Indian children with presumptive TB
- 12970 presumptive with 1,107 (8.5%) TB diagnosed
- Of these, 143 (13%) with Rif resistance

Combined data: Raizada N, et al. PLoS ONE 2014 and 2016

- Similar yield from induced sputum (5%), gastric lavage (6%) and CSF (7%) – higher yield (36%) from FNA

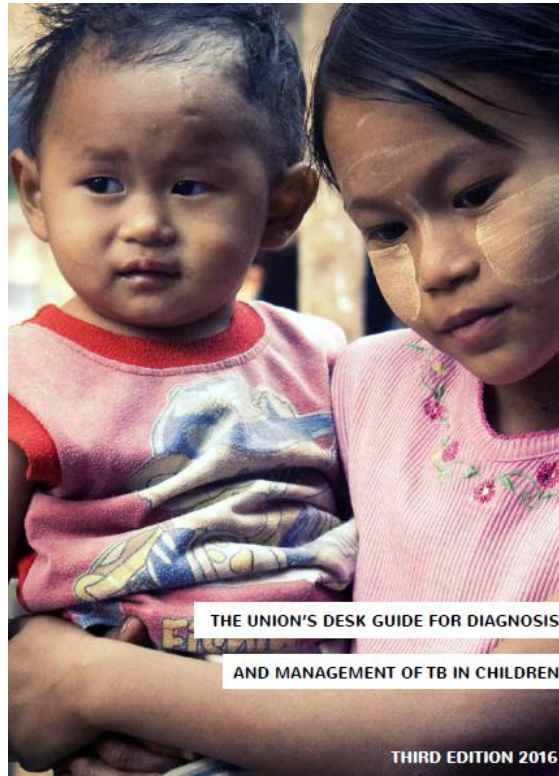
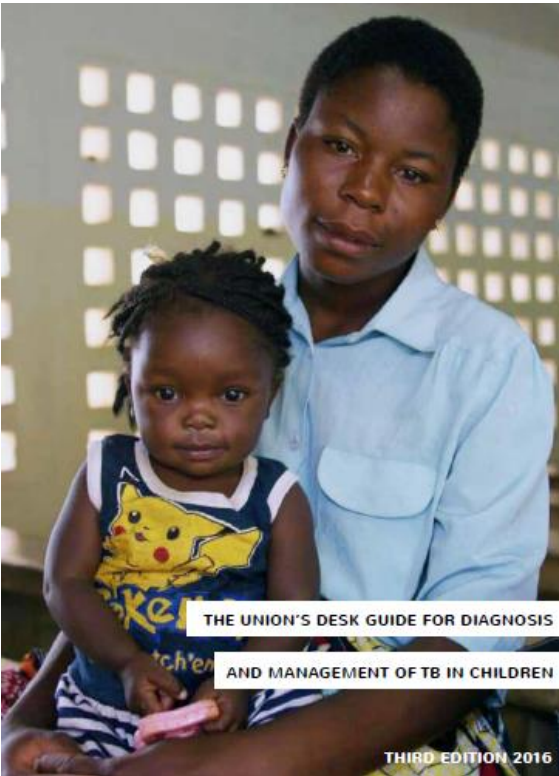
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- Lower sensitivity (42%) from Xpert in outpatients versus inpatients and from presumptive cases from contact screening

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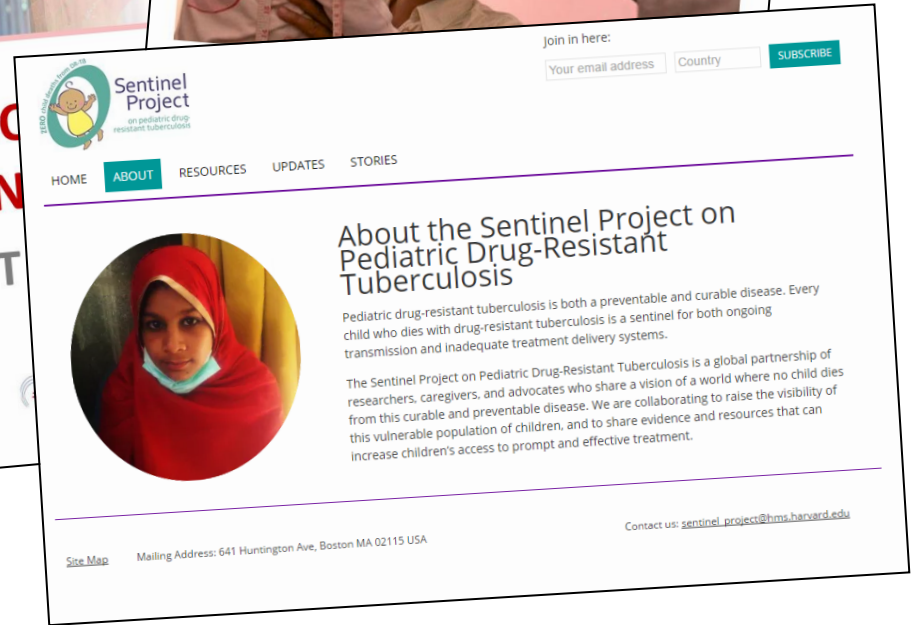
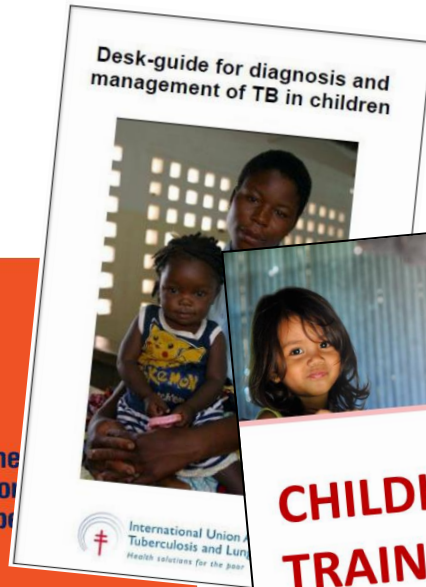
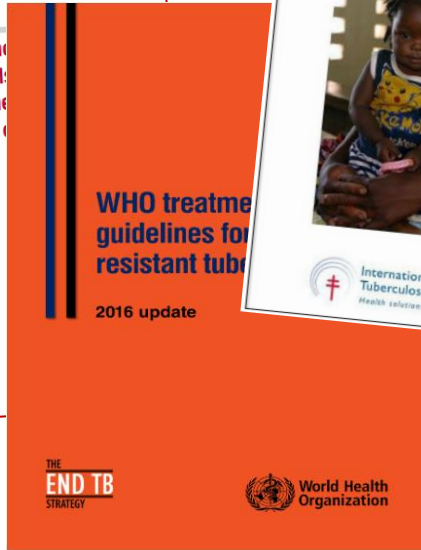
# Job aides



## Management of Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Children: A Field Guide



# Resources



# Update

- Membership increased by around 30% to 284 members
- New members of core group in 2016
  - Mandy Slutsker, WHO Civil Society Task Force
  - High burden country/regional representation: WPRO – Telly How stepped down and replaced by Dr Sally Gatchalian (Philippines Pediatric Infectious Disease Society)
- Core group conference calls in 2016: February 23, July 19
- Core group F2F meeting: Oct 27
- New chair elected for 2017

# Technical assistance and training

- Sri Lanka
- Nepal
- Viet Nam
- The Philippines
- Kenya
- Indonesia
- Myanmar
- PNG

# TB meetings and conferences

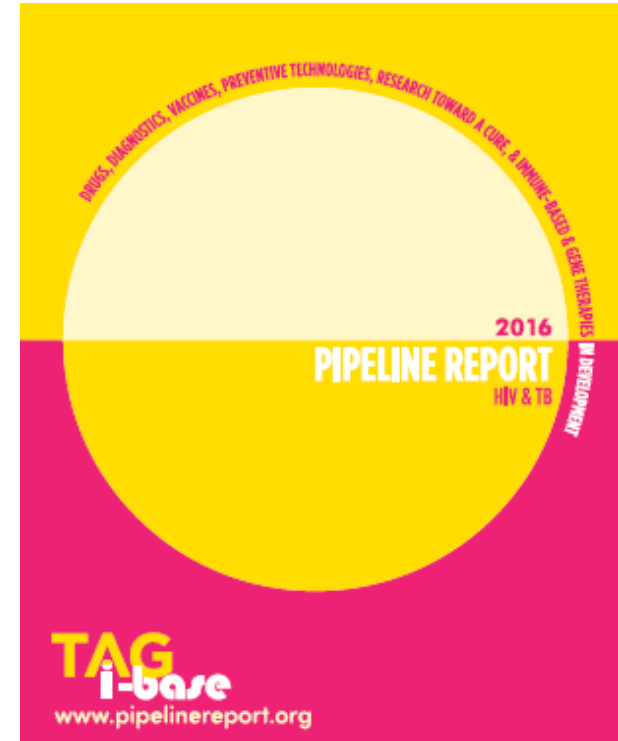
- Annual WHO STAG TB meeting, Geneva
- NTP managers meeting, Geneva
- Pan African Thoracic Society meeting, Nairobi
- Annual PhilCAT Convention, Manila
- The Union European, Bratislava
- PNG Paediatric Society, Port Moresby
- Western Pacific Regional NTP manager's meeting, Manila
- IMCI meeting, Geneva
- Unicef meeting in collaboration with WHO and TB Alliance, New York.
- A 3-day interactive seminar on 'Where is TB in Maternal and Child Health' held on the MSH LeaderNet platform
- American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene annual meeting, Atlanta
- Union World conference on Lung Health, Liverpool

# Contribution to TB guidelines

- NTP guidelines updated
- WHO consolidated guidelines on LTBI management
- WHO MDR TB guidelines
- WHO new drugs in children
- WHO Chest radiography in TB detection
- NIH SOPs for diagnostics

# Research

- New (and old) diagnostics including biomarkers
- New (and old) preventive therapy – DS and DR
- Shorter treatment regimens
- Shorter LTBI management regimens
- Second line and new drugs – PK and safety
- Implementation research



The full report is available here: <http://www.pipelinereport.org>

# 2016 TB R&D Resource Tracking Report

TAG started tracking *pediatric* TB R&D spending in 2010

The *Global Plan to End TB* includes some pediatric TB R&D funding targets: currently at about 50% of \$200M targeted for 2011-2015 in Childhood TB Roadmap

2011-2015 pediatric TB R&D investments make up about 3% of total TB R&D spending and most is on drug development (60%)

## 2016 TB R&D Resource Tracking Report Findings

In 2015, \$26.7M invested in pediatric TB R&D

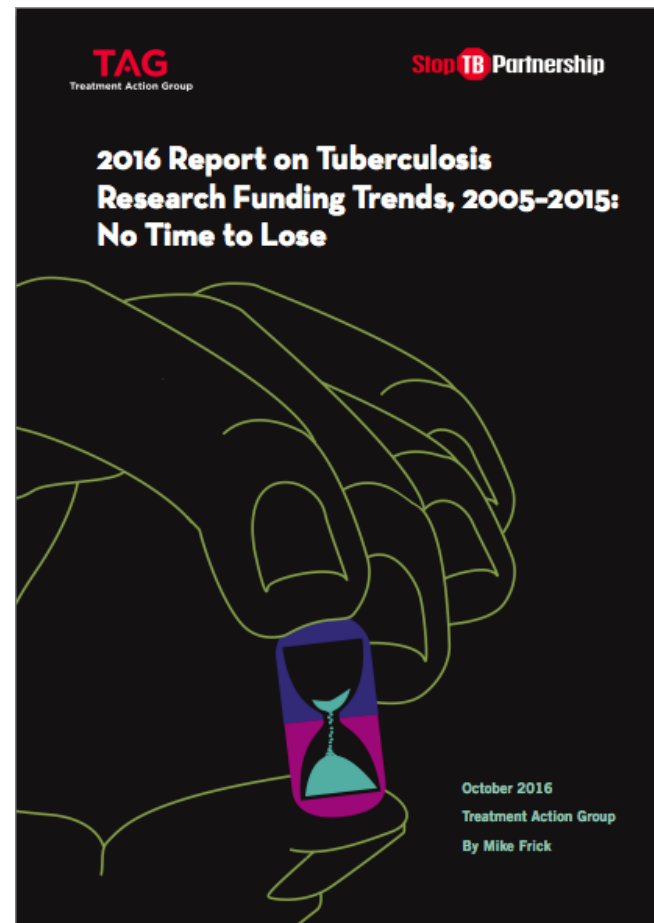
60% drugs

17% diagnostics

8% basic science

7% vaccines

7% operational research

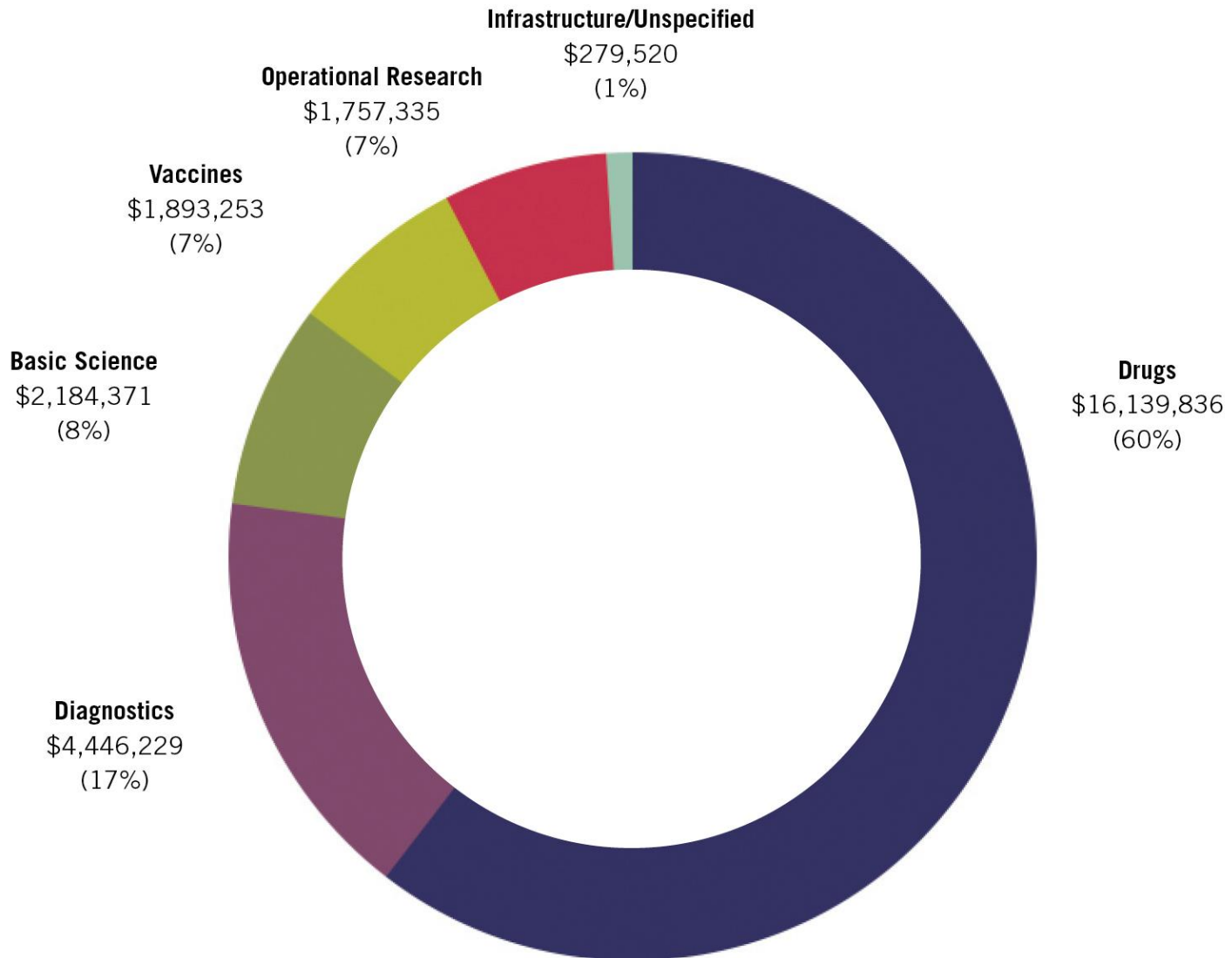


TB R&D Resource Tracking Report available:  
<http://www.treatmentactiongroup.org/tbrd2016>



# Pediatric TB R&D Funding by Research Category, 2015

Total: \$26,700,543



# 2016 Pipeline Report

- Tracks pipeline for pediatric TB treatment studies and formulation development
- And now also includes special section tracking pediatric TB diagnostics research
- Includes recommendations for researchers, regulators, policy makers, and donors to help fill critical knowledge gaps, expedite development, and facilitate access



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