

OUT OF STEP IN EECA

FOR TB

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IN EECA EACH DAY

655

NEW CASES

86

DEATHS

126

MISSED

IN EECA EACH YEAR

239,100

NEW CASES

31,238

DEATHS



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STEP UP FOR TB

Tuberculosis (TB) is the world's leading infectious killer. The TB community needs to wake up to this challenge and take every necessary step to adopt the right policies and tools to fight this disease which is both preventable and curable.

The clock is ticking towards the 2030 deadline to end TB agreed by all governments in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Many countries in the EECA region are yet to utilize essential tools, including the latest diagnostic

technologies, medicines and treatment guidelines. In 2017, the Stop TB Partnership and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) surveyed 29 countries including 8 EECA countries (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Russian Federation and Ukraine) on the status of the adoption of the latest TB policies by countries, outlined in the Out of Step Report.

We call on countries to Step up and ensure that TB Policies are in the line with these 15 recommendations within 500 days.

TB PROGRAMME CHECKLIST

How does your country's TB programme stack up against the latest science, best practices, and international guidelines?

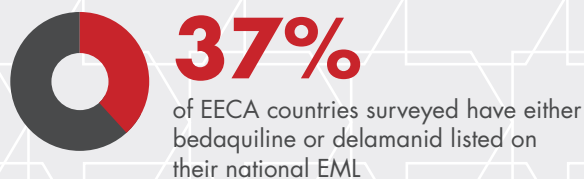
DRUG REGULATION

- NTP procures quality-assured TB drugs
- Prescriptions are required for all TB drugs (not over-the-counter)
- TB drugs benefit from accelerated registration



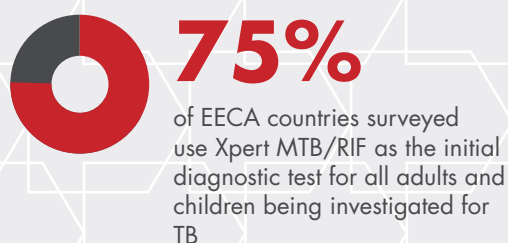
DR-TB TREATMENT

- Treatment practices are in line with WHO guidance
- WHO recommended DR-TB drugs are on national Essential Medicines List (EML) and in treatment guidelines
- New drugs are available via import waivers



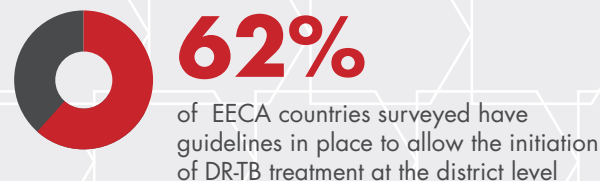
DIAGNOSTICS

- No out-of-pocket expenditures for TB tests
- Rapid molecular test (i.e. Xpert) is the initial diagnostic for all
- Second-line drug susceptibility testing (DST) is available



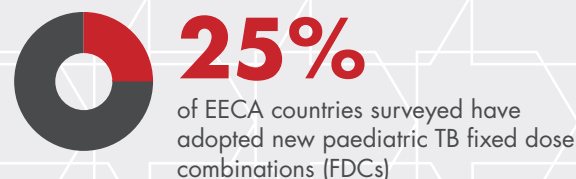
MODELS OF CARE

- Treatment initiation: TB at primary level, DR-TB at district/below
- Compulsory hospitalisation is not required
- Immediate ART is offered to people diagnosed with HIV



DS-TB TREATMENT

- Daily fixed-dose combinations is the standard of care
- Treatment, including for children, reflect WHO guidance
- TB contacts are screened, children & PLWHA receive preventive therapy



TAKE ACTION

SIGN NOW
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- 1** Sign the pledge calling on governments to Step Up for TB
- 2** Promote the campaign on social media using #StepUpforTB
- 3** Download a copy of Out of Step 2017 to view the status of your country's TB policies
- 4** Ask your local Parliamentarians to support the campaign

#StepUpforTB

Adoption and implementation of the 15 key policies and practices identified in the report will reduce the overall global burden of TB and its drug resistant forms.

All stakeholders including countries, manufacturers, donors and international organizations need to work collectively to step in line with known best practices that can help win the fight to end TB.