

# World Day

## From local action to global elimination

# is TB uberculosis anywhere everywhere

### Social responsibility

#### Community

- Supporting patients, so they continue their treatment until they are cured.
- Facilitating access to health facilities.
- Assisting health facilities in health promotion.

#### Family

- Helping patients complete their treatment.
- Offering sympathy and comfort and providing the patient with nourishing food and housing.

#### Patient

- Assuming responsibility for adhering to treatment until cured.

*Curing one patient protects the entire community.*

*Support local health action wherever you are.*

***TB anywhere is TB everywhere***

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## Tuberculosis anywhere is TB everywhere

Tuberculosis is a curable disease; diagnosis and treatment are free.

TB can strike any of us.

TB control and elimination depends on all of us.

### The problem

- TB sickens some 352,000 people, and kills 50,000 each year in the Region of the Americas.
- There are 40 new cases of TB every hour.
- One person dies of TB every 10 minutes.
- TB strikes children, young people, and the elderly; men and women alike.
- Lower defenses, as occurs with a poor diet or HIV infection, predispose people to TB.
- Irregular or incomplete treatment creates drug-resistant TB.



### Response

- TB control requires timely diagnosis and continuous treatment that is directly observed by health workers to prevent the emergence of drug resistance.
- Community and family support are important in curing patients.
- Timely diagnosis keeps the disease from worsening, prevents death, and protects the community.

### Actions

We all have responsibilities in TB control.

#### Government

- Guaranteeing the budget to fight TB.

#### Ministries of Health

- Developing TB control standards.
- Guaranteeing the drugs, equipment, and personnel needed to provide for free care for patients.

#### Health facilities

- Providing appropriate care and preferential treatment to TB patients.
- Supporting and educating patients, their families, and the community.

