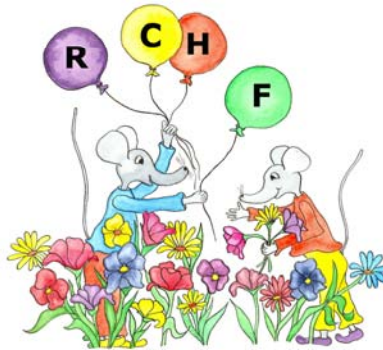


Time to act and save a **million** lives by 2015.

**PREVENT & TREAT TUBERCULOSIS AMONGST  
PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV.**



**Stop TB Partnership**

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Far too many people living with HIV are dying not from HIV but tuberculosis. 33 million people Worldwide have with modern have with antiretroviral therapy (ART) the possibility to in the main part lead a fulfilling life in which they can raise their families, go to work and enjoy good times that life offers. This is the wonder of modern ART therapy – a chance of a full life.

Sadly though lives are still being lost because of an associated factor amongst many of the HIV population. Tuberculosis is the said factor and deadly when one considers that in every minute 3 people with HIV loose their lives because of Tuberculosis. TB is the largest killer today of HIV infected people Worldwide.

At least one in three people Worldwide is a latent TB carrier that increases the risks for HIV infected people today alarmingly. In 2009 some 400,000 HIV infected people died from TB, making TB responsible for 1 in 4 AIDS deaths.

People living with HIV some 20 to 30 greater risks of developing active TB compared to non-infected HIV people within the population.

TB is curable today in nearly all cases and the treatment is not costly in medical terms compared to HIV ART therapy. No one should be losing their life to Tuberculosis in reality but if we don't join together and act now by 2015 another estimated 2 million HIV infected people will die of related TB.

TB does not respect social classes and it has also no borders and is spread via the air we breath from one infected person with active TB to others. HIV infected people are because of their lower resistance to infection prime targets for Tuberculosis as the statistics prove and the combination of HIV and TB is deadly if not identified and treated quickly. People living with HIV amongst them any young people who have now a chance of a full life with modern ART therapy don't deserve to die from TB.

We support and must address the following actions to STOP TB amongst HIV sufferers.

1. Make health services available to everyone regardless of status. (In 2010 less than a third of HIV people sought care at a TB clinic)
2. Improve the quality overall for the patient with HIV of TB care.
3. Test for HIV and TB at the same time in all cases.
4. People who tests show positive for HIV and TB should have TB treatments started immediately.
5. HIV infected people after 2 weeks on TB treatment they should start ART therapy as well.
6. Integration of HIV and TB services for all patients with HIV.

**WE CAN BY ALL WORKING TOGETHER SAVE AT LEAST A  
MILLION LIVES BY 2015 – AN 80% REDUCTION OF  
DEATHS.**

