

The global impact of tuberculosis is staggering

Cosponsor the bipartisan End Tuberculosis Now Act of 2026 to save lives, scale up innovation, and strengthen global health security.

Tuberculosis (TB) is the world's leading infectious disease killer, and reinforces cycles of poverty and inequality. TB is often thought of as a disease of the past, but it remains a major threat, disproportionately affecting impoverished and marginalized communities.

In 2024 (most recent available data):

- 10.7 million people fell ill with TB, and 1.23 million people died
- 2.4 million people with active TB went undiagnosed
- Only about 2 in 5 people with drug-resistant TB (DR-TB) got treatment

While TB is preventable and curable, millions still lack access to timely diagnosis and treatment. Drug-resistant TB continues to pose a serious and growing threat.

We must accelerate progress to save lives; the right strategy and new innovation make it possible

The State Department's 2025 America First Global Health Strategy agreed to a set of bold goals to slash the number of people sick and dying of this disease. But the status quo will not reach these goals. Millions of people with TB go undiagnosed, untreated, or unreported each year. And gaps in funding and health systems continue to limit progress.

Without urgent action, **43 million more people will develop TB, leading to 6.6 million preventable deaths** by 2030, based on estimates from the Stop TB Partnership. This will cost families their loved ones, and upwards of \$1 trillion in economic loss by 2030.

This is far from inevitable. New legislation charts a different path, building on what's proven to work and a string of new breakthroughs:

- Xray machines that fit in a backpack, can go anywhere on earth, and can screen people for TB in a matter of seconds
- AI tools for pooled testing, to diagnose up to twice as many people at no extra cost
- New approaches pioneered by directly affected communities, that help more people to access treatment faster, and get the support to be cured

Meeting U.S. goals on TB will require investing in these strategies and others, rallying behind the communities, health workers, and countries tackling the epidemic.

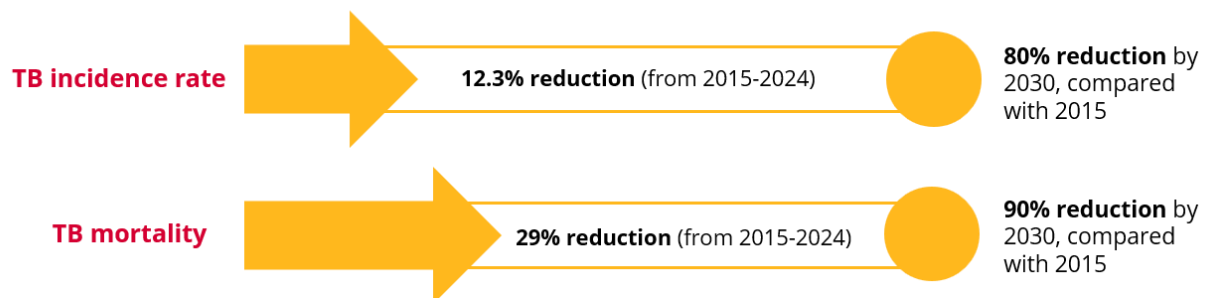
The End TB Now Act

The End TB Now Act is bipartisan, bicameral legislation that strengthens U.S. leadership against TB. The bill sets a clear, measurable framework for the U.S. government to scale up new innovation, support countries to tackle this disease, and save more lives.

Key provisions of the bill:

- Sets ambitious, measurable targets to detect, treat, and prevent all forms of TB, especially among vulnerable and underserved populations
- Aligns U.S. TB efforts with existing global targets
- Accelerates research and development of new tools to prevent, diagnose, treat, and control TB, including drug-resistant strains of TB
- Strengthens country capacity and affected community engagement
- Requires annual reporting to Congress for accountability
- Evaluates program effectiveness to ensure U.S. investments are achieving measurable results
- Enhances coordination with global partners, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, to deliver a comprehensive global TB response

Progress Toward America First Global Health Strategy Tuberculosis (TB) Targets



The United States already has ambitious global TB targets. The End TB Now Act provides the roadmap to meet them.

Strategic investments now can save millions of lives, strengthening global health security, reducing long-term costs, and improving health outcomes globally.

Will your boss cosponsor the End TB Now Act?

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