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# **RESULTS TB Policy Forum**

**March 2021**

# Why TB as a priority?

- Before COVID-19, the **leading infectious disease killer** globally was TB.
- TB is a major consequence **and driver** of poverty.
- TB disproportionately impacts people in poverty, marginalized, discriminated against.
- TB particularly hits people age 15-45—young adults, parents, bread-winners.
- TB is under-resourced **because** of who it affects.

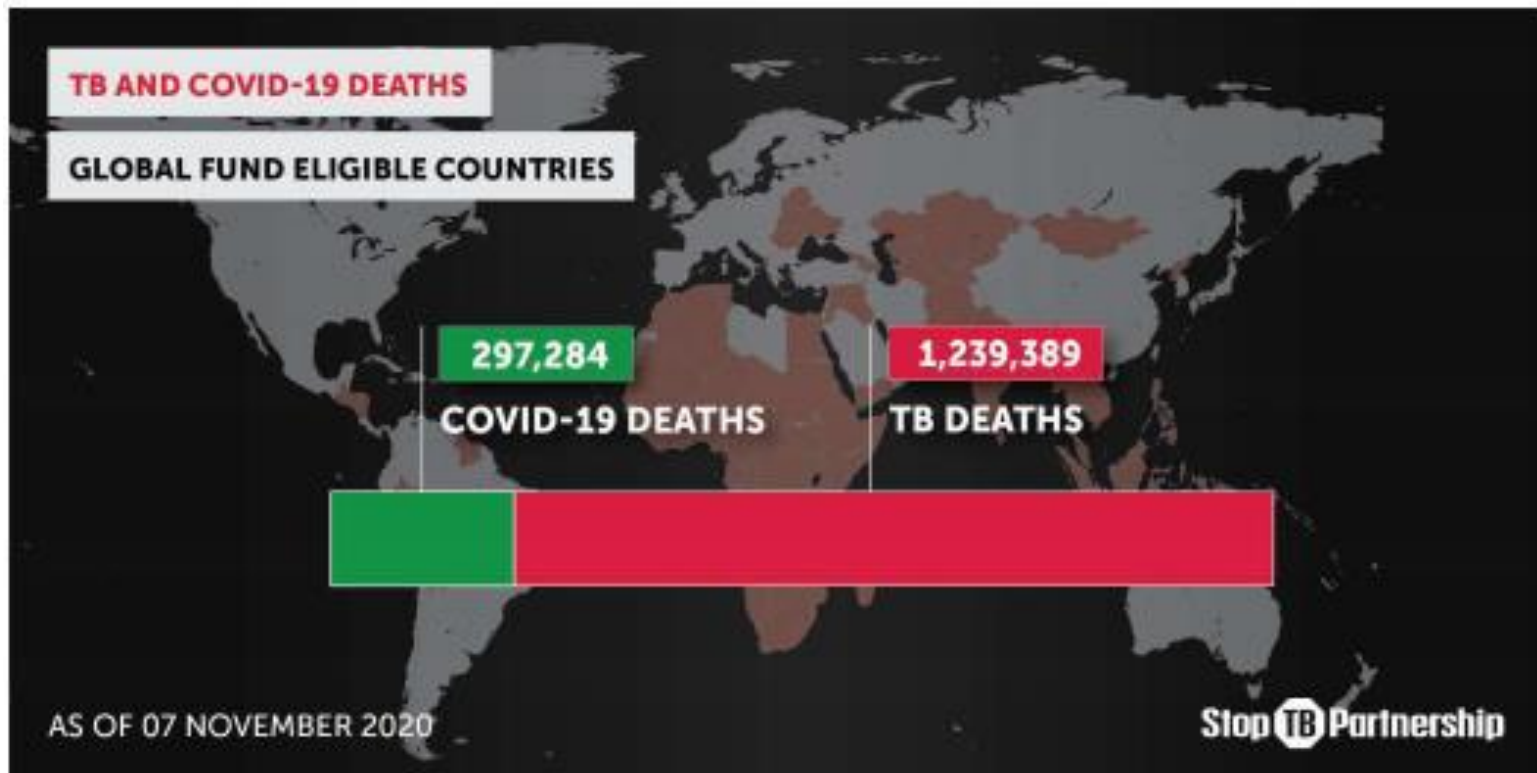
## **Tuberculosis in 2019:**

- **Sickened about 10 million people**
- **Killed 1.5 million people**
- **Of those that get sick – nearly 1/3 of these individuals are “missed” each year by health systems and do not get the TB care they need and deserve.**

**The Global Fund has called MDR-TB “a major risk to global health security”, yet only 1% of patients with drug-resistant TB have access to comprehensive drug sensitivity tests.**

**In 2020, COVID-19 overtook TB as the leading infectious disease killer globally. However, TB is still by far the largest infectious killer in low and middle-income countries.**

**TB deaths and illness are projected to increase as a result of COVID-19 disruptions**

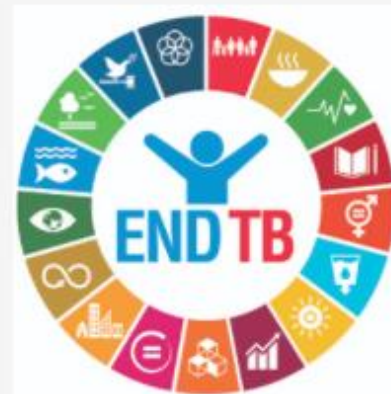
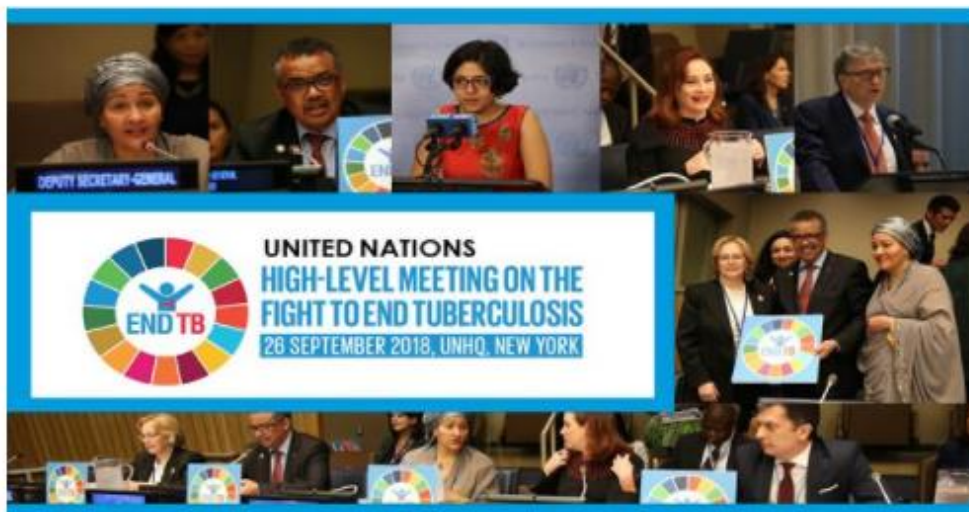


# New opportunities for action on TB

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- **New ambitious targets endorsed by world leaders.**
- **New and better diagnostics and drugs.**
- **New leadership.**
- **TB has been **the backbone of the COVID response** in many countries.**

## UN General Assembly adopts Declaration of the first-ever United Nations High Level Meeting on TB





# UNHLM GOALS

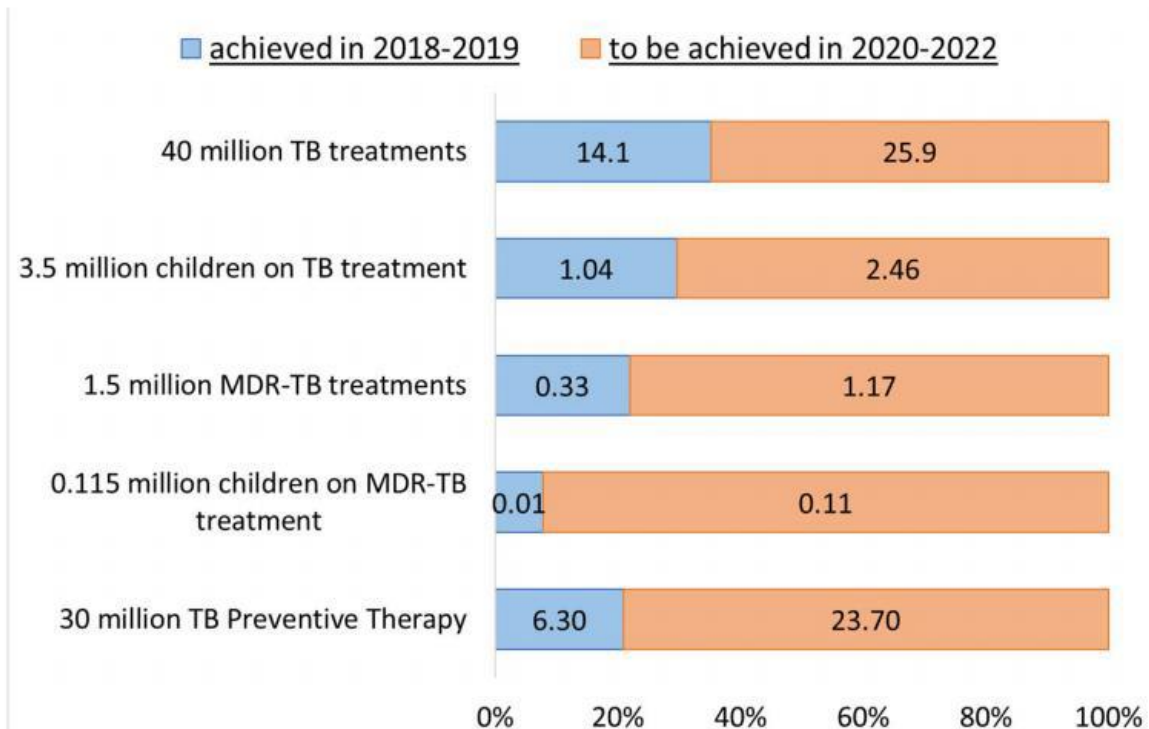
The UNHLM set critical commitments for targets to be reached by end 2022, including:

- Treating 40 million people with TB (so that nearly all the missing people are reached), including 1.5 million people with drug resistant TB
- Preventive treatment for 30 million people, including 6 million PLHIV
- Reaching \$13 billion annually for global financing for the TB response
- Increasing investments in R&D to reach at least \$2 billion annually

## Inspiring examples of leadership

- High burden countries like India and Indonesia bold goals, improved policies and substantially increased domestic funding.
- South Africa, Ethiopia, Indonesia and Cambodia have also shown a strong commitment to ending TB.
- The US launched a new initiative, the Global Accelerator to End TB

## Progress in 2018-2019 against UNHLM global cumulative targets for 2018-2022



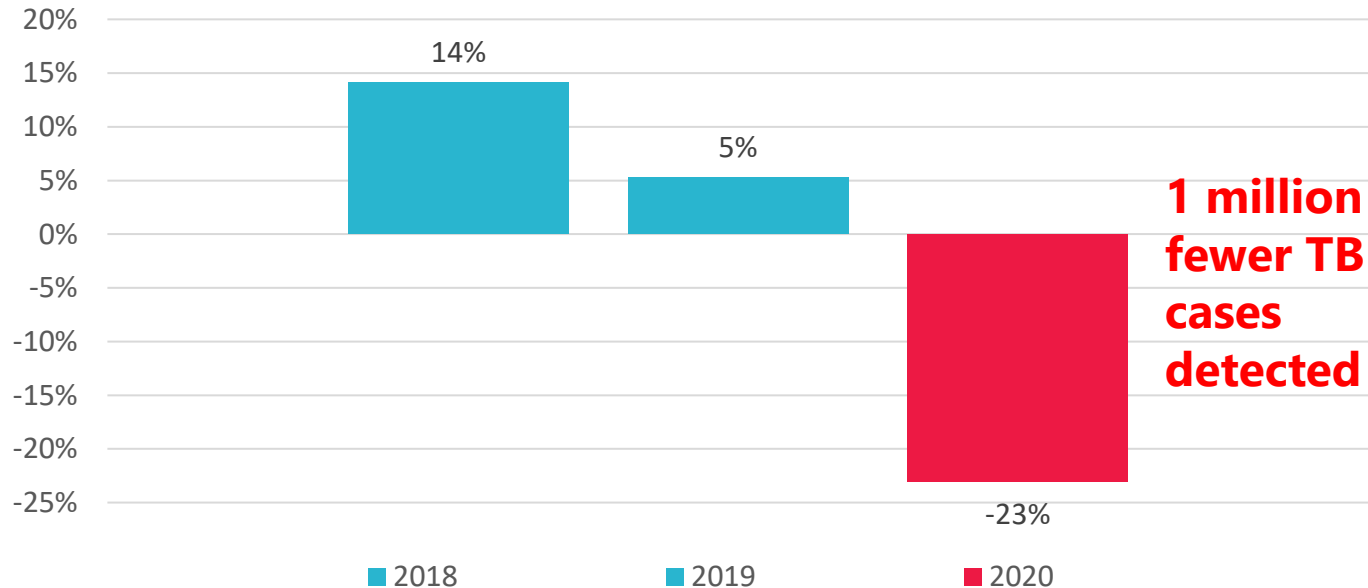
**Good progress  
but not enough  
to reach UNHLM  
targets at global  
level**

Data source:

- Targets: UNHLM on TB 2018, Political Declaration
- Achievements: WHO Global TB Report 2020

# Impact of COVID-19 on TB:

TB Notifications: % change in 24 high TB burden countries

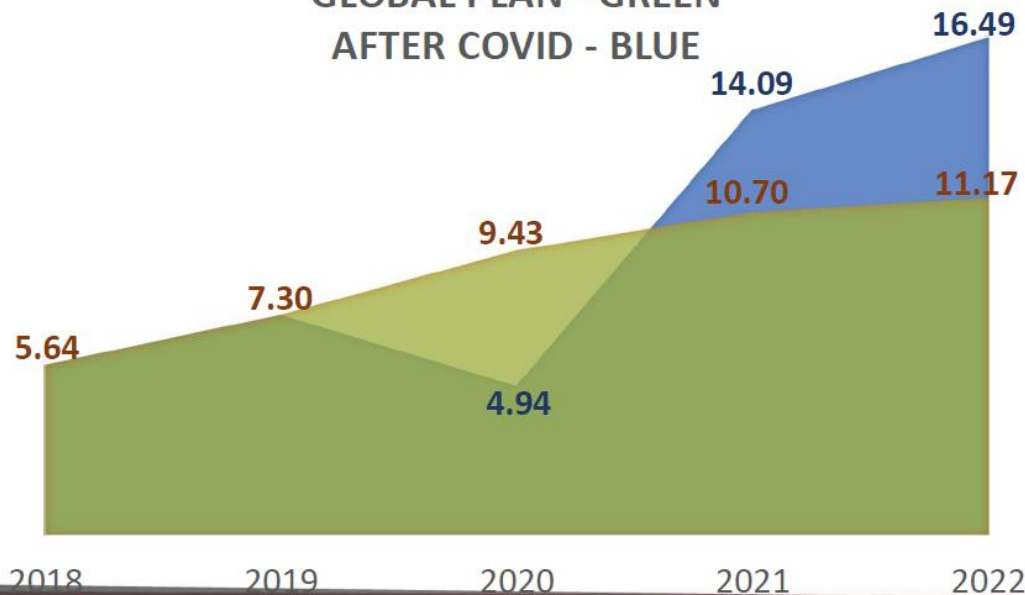


Because of such breakdowns, modeling projects that the world could see an **additional 6.3 million cases of TB, and an additional 1.4 million TB deaths, between 2020 and 2025, setting the fight against TB back 10 years or more.**

The Global Fund exhausted its initial funding to support country responses.

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RESOURCE NEEDS FOR TB GF-ELIGIBLE  
COUNTRIES, IN USD BILLIONS.  
GLOBAL PLAN - GREEN  
AFTER COVID - BLUE



# 3.4%

**Despite TB being the leading infectious killer in low- and middle-income countries, current USAID TB funding represents just 3.4% of the \$9.09 billion in funding provided to USAID and the State Department global health programs for FY20.**

# A win-win on TB and COVID is possible!



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- TB programs have been **the backbone of the COVID response** in many countries
- **But this has meant shifting resources away from TB to COVID:**
  - 83% of USAID TB countries reported TB staff re-assigned to the COVID-19 response.
  - 52% reported a proportion of the TB budget reallocated to COVID
- **Building back: India taking TB-COVID testing to scale!**
- **Investments in the TB response serve as platforms to fight current and future airborne infectious diseases.**



**The U.S. should accelerate investment in high impact health programs, including:**

**\$1 billion for bilateral USAID TB programs**

**in addition to the \$3.5 billion just provided in emergency funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria for COVID response, and annual Global Fund support.**

# USAID TB Leadership

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- Supporting 23 highest TB burden countries
- Investing in civil society and affected communities
- Expanding and ensuring TB drug and diagnostic supply
- Now helping countries develop TB plans to build back from after COVID

# USAID Scale-up Opportunities

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- Ambitious action to reach everyone with TB—outreach, TB-COVID testing at scale
- Support to rebuild from COVID
- Massive civil society demand
- Strategic drug stockpile

## Other US funding investments for TB

- At least \$21 million for **global TB efforts at the CDC's Division of Global HIV and TB (DGHT)**
- Increased funding for **TB research and development (R&D)**
- Increased **PEPFAR funding for TB-HIV**

# Looking Ahead



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- Congress will decide funding levels for foreign assistance programs through the fiscal year 2022 appropriations process.
- Every member of Congress has an opportunity to weigh in on how funding is allocated for global health, nutrition, and education – your voice matters!

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**Monday, March 22, 2021  
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