

## WORLD TB DAY 2020



TB remains one of the deadliest infectious killer. Every day over 4500 people lose their lives and more than 0,000 Global efforts to combat Tb have saved an estimated 58million lives since the year 2000. Each year, we recognize World TB Day on March 24. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacillus that causes tuberculosis (TB). World TB Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of TB around the world. The theme for the world Tb day 2020- 'It's time' this lays emphasis on the urgency to act on the commitments made by global leaders to:

- scale up access to prevention and treatment;
- build accountability;
- ensure sufficient and sustainable financing including for research;
- promote an end to stigma and discrimination, and
- promote an equitable, rights-based and people-centred TB response

The World Health Organisation(WHO) has launched a joint initiative “**Find.Treat.All #EndTB**” with Stop TB partnership and Global fund, the aim is to accelerate TB response and ensure easy accessibility to health care, in line with WHO’s overall drive towards universal health coverage.

This World TB day 2020, WHO calls on affected communities, governments, civil society organizations, health care workers and national/international partners to unite under the umbrella “**Find.Treat.All #EndTB**” to ensure no one is left behind.

**It’s time for action! It’s time to end TB**