

# CHILD TUBERCULOSIS (TB) FACT SHEET

## KEY FACTS

1.1M

More than one million children under the age of 15 develop active TB each year.

205k

Around 205,000 children die from TB each year. This represents 11% of TB deaths globally.

27%

27% of children under 5 who need it, received TB preventive treatment in 2018.

## NEGLECT OF CHILD TB

### IT GOES UNTREATED

Children with TB rarely die when treated, but 90 percent who die from TB went untreated.

### LOWER PRIORITY

Children with TB are less infectious than sick adults, so they are often given lower priority.

### HARDER TO DIAGNOSE

Children with active TB are harder to diagnose as they have relatively few bacteria in their system.

## NEW TOOLS

### CHILD FRIENDLY

Child-friendly treatments that are flavoured and dispersible in liquid have been available since 2015.

### BETTER DIAGNOSTICS

New machines increase TB test accuracy and speed – detecting TB and drug-resistance in under two hours.

### COMMUNITY CASE FINDING

Helps identify at-risk children and refers them to local clinics for active TB screening and medicines to prevent or treat the disease.

4M

At the United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB in 2018, Member States committed to providing TB preventive treatment to over 4 million children. In 2018, treatment was given to only 350k of the 1.3 million estimated to be eligible.