

TB IS NOT A FACT OF LIFE



Dear [Local government leader/Member of Parliament/Ministry of Health],

On World TB Day 2026, I am writing to urge you and your government to take bold, decisive action to end tuberculosis (TB) by 2030.

TB remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases. Every year, over 10 million people fell ill by TB and 1.25 million people die from TB each year. In [INSERT COUNTRY], [INSERT NUMBER] people developed TB in 2024, with [INSERT NUMBER] people dying unnecessarily. This is not acceptable, when TB is preventable and curable.

The current approach to TB is to wait for people with symptoms to seek care, hope that their TB is diagnosed and that they can access effective treatment. This is not reducing the risk of people being infected and it is NOT ending TB.

In regions and countries with a high burden of TB, like our own, we must screen everyone, regardless of symptoms and regardless of risk group, to stop the spread of TB and provide the TB-free environment that others simply take for granted.

As a [local/regional/national] leader it is your duty to keep your population safe. Therefore, [I/we] call on you to act upon the commitments made by our government to end TB by 2030.

This will require strong financial investment and resource prioritisation, but this is not about funding endless programmes. We want to end TB. It is also important to note that the return on investment will far outweigh the cost, both for our people and economy.

[I/we] urge/encourage you to:

- Raise the prioritisation of ending TB in [council meetings/parliament].
- Advocate for a shift towards proactive strategies that will prevent the spread of TB, specifically community-wide screening and effective treatment.
- Publicly commit to ending TB by 2030.
- Meet with [me/us and fellow TB advocates/affected communities].
- Ask your government to report regularly on progress toward eradicating TB.
- Press government and relevant parliamentary committees to give special attention to TB in the forthcoming budget cycle.

Ending TB by 2030 is possible, if we act now. Let's keep our citizens safe from this infectious disease.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Organisation]

[City/Country]

NOTE: Use the latest data from the WHO Global TB Report country profiles to insert the correct numbers:
https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/tb_profiles.