

The Burden

The South-East Asia Region, with 25% of the world's population, is home to over a third of the world's TB cases - 5 million people suffer from TB in this Region.

Three million people develop active tuberculosis each year; 80% of them are adults in the 15 - 54 year age group.

Nearly half a million people die of the disease annually.

The number of people living with HIV and AIDS in the Region is estimated at 7.2 million; nearly half of them are infected with TB.

Among new cases, it is estimated that 3-4% or nearly 150,000 cases may have drug resistant forms of TB.

