

Tuberculosis: The startling facts

- One third of the world's population is infected with TB.
- Every year eight million people become sick with TB. Of these, 95% are in the developing world.
- 26% of the avoidable adult deaths in the developing world is due to TB.
- 40% of the world's TB cases live in the South-East Asia Region.
- TB kills 2-3 million people each year. Of these, nearly one million deaths take place in the South-East Asia Region.
- TB causes more deaths than AIDS, malaria and diarrhoea combined.
- TB kills more women than all causes of maternal mortality put together.
- TB is the leading infectious killer of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- More than 100,000 children die from TB every year.
- Upto 50 million people are likely to be infected with drug-resistant TB.