



March 24 commemorates World Tuberculosis Day, the date in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch discovered the bacterial infection spread through the air.

Each year, more than 9 million people will become sick from TB and 1.7 million will die. Two billion people—one third of the world's population—are infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that cause TB disease. Easily activated when the immune system is compromised, TB is a major killer of people with HIV/AIDS.

Tuberculosis is treatable with a 6-month course of antibiotics that costs roughly 20 U.S. dollars. Incomplete or improper treatment can create drug-resistant strains, such as extensively-drug resistant TB (XDR-TB), a virtually untreatable form of the disease that has been confirmed in all regions of the world.

How you can help:

- [Donate to the Stop TB Partnership](#), which provides free anti-tuberculosis drugs and advice on their use to countries that could otherwise not afford them. 20 U.S. dollars will buy one full treatment for tuberculosis and can save a life.
- [Voice your opinion](#), spread the word that tuberculosis is not a forgotten problem.
- Be a Partner to Stop TB, [join us!](#)
- [Find out](#) how research can help eliminate tuberculosis.

Why did Google choose this specific organization?

We believe in doing our part to fight tuberculosis, which takes the lives of nearly 5000 people every day. World TB Day is an occasion for people everywhere to take notice of this killer disease and the harm it causes around the globe. Further, we think the Stop TB Partnership deserves everyone's support. So we did something to help.

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