

# Child TB subgroup update

2014

**Stop TB Partnership**



# Update

- Members 179 and rising
- New members of core group
  - Anne Detjen, The Union
  - Lindsay McKenna, TAG
  - Connie Erkins, KNCV
- Wider representation being sought
- Terms of reference were adopted
- SOPs developed by Stop TB Partnership
- Consider cross-culturing of other WGs
- Future chair

## Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015



### DRAFT POST-2015 GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

VISION	A world free of tuberculosis – zero deaths, disease and suffering due to tuberculosis
GOAL	End the global tuberculosis epidemic
MILESTONES FOR 2025	– 75% reduction in tuberculosis deaths (compared with 2015); – 50% reduction in tuberculosis incidence rate (compared with 2015) (less than 55 tuberculosis cases per 100 000 population) – No affected families facing catastrophic costs due to tuberculosis
TARGETS FOR 2035	– 95% reduction in tuberculosis deaths (compared with 2015) – 90% reduction in tuberculosis incidence rate (compared with 2015) (less than 10 tuberculosis cases per 100 000 population) – No affected families facing catastrophic costs due to tuberculosis
<b>PRINCIPLES</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Government stewardship and accountability, with monitoring and evaluation</li><li>2. Strong coalition with civil society organizations and communities</li><li>3. Protection and promotion of human rights, ethics and equity</li><li>4. Adaptation of the strategy and targets at country level, with global collaboration</li></ol>	

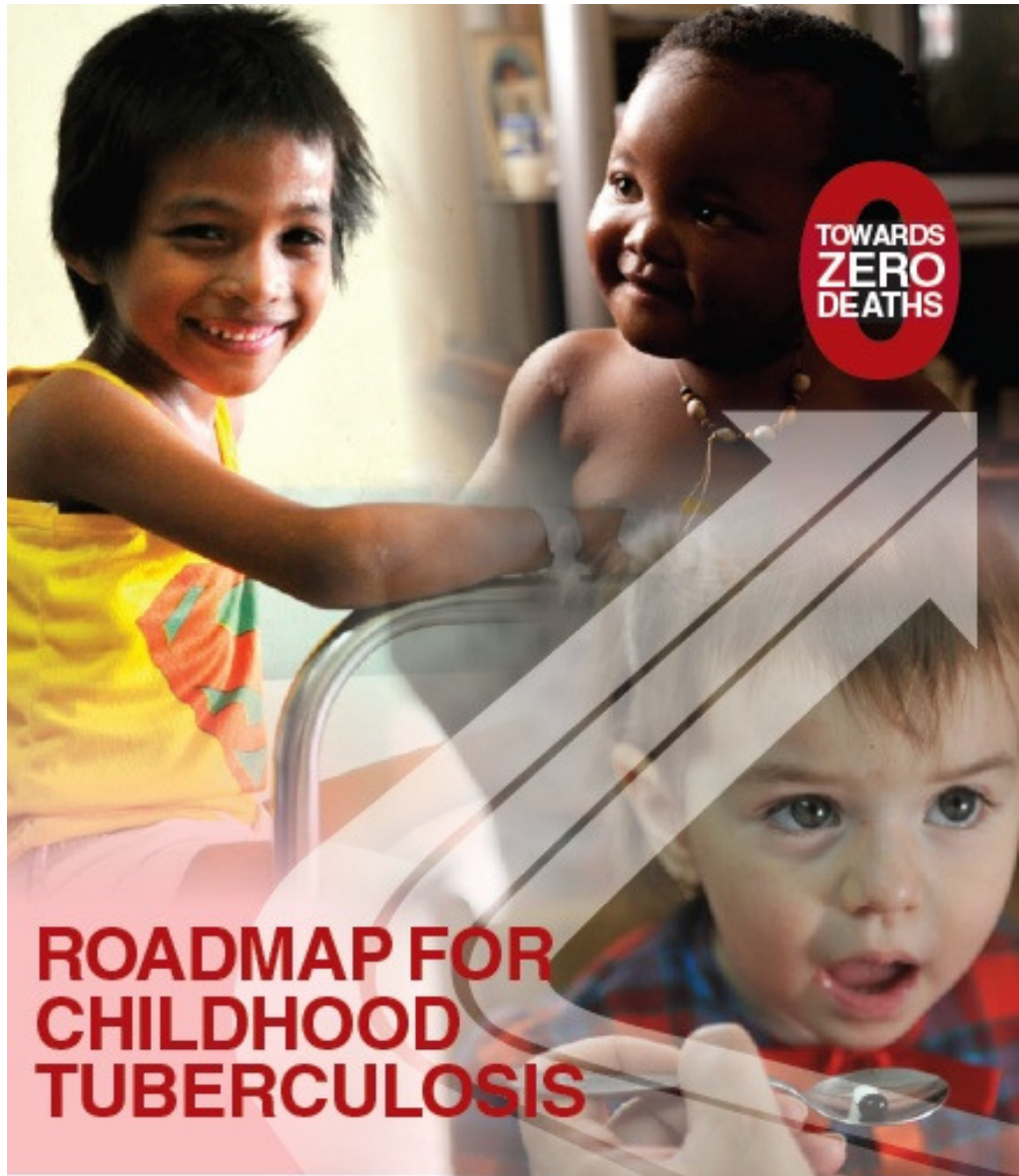
**Innovative approaches**

**Community-based**

**Wider health sector**

**Preventive therapy**

**Operational research**



TOWARDS  
ZERO  
DEATHS

# ROADMAP FOR CHILDHOOD TUBERCULOSIS



# Increasing recognition that TB is an increasingly important cause of morbidity and mortality in infants and young children globally

Viewpoint

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## Importance of tuberculosis control to address child survival



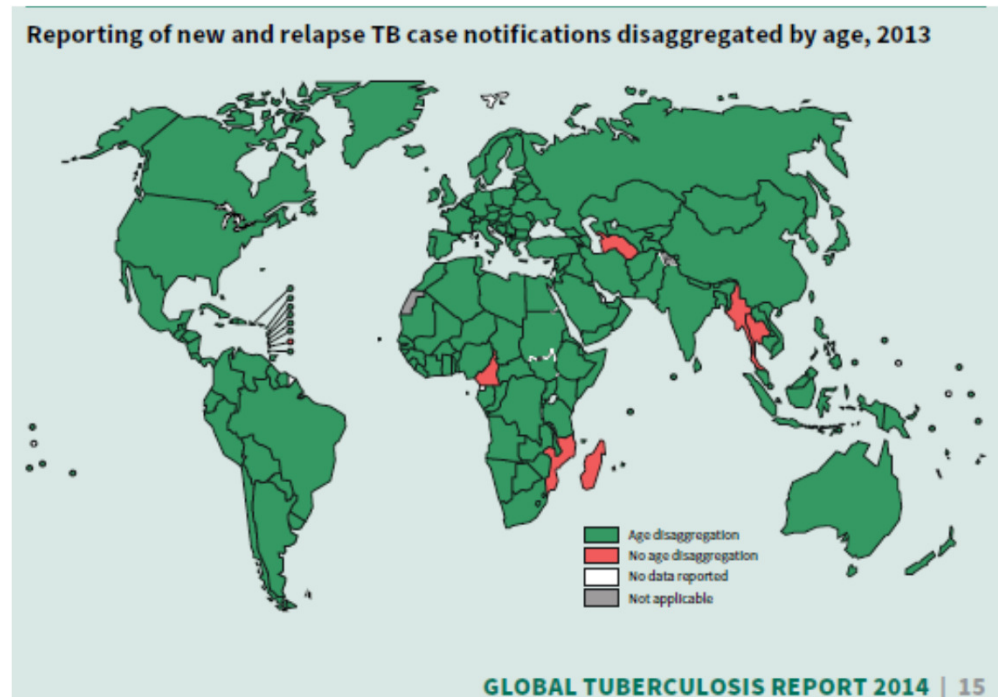
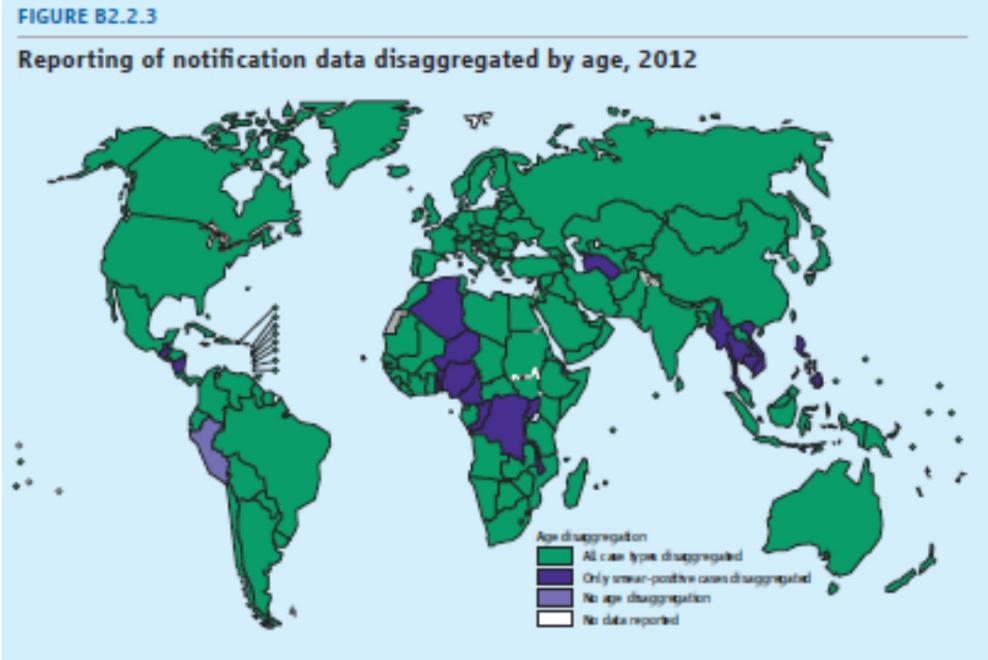
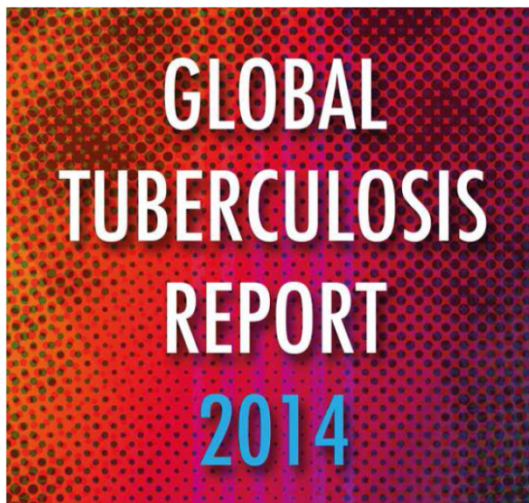
*Stephen M Graham, Charalambos Sismanidis, Heather J Menzies, Ben J Marais, Anne K Detjen, Robert E Black*

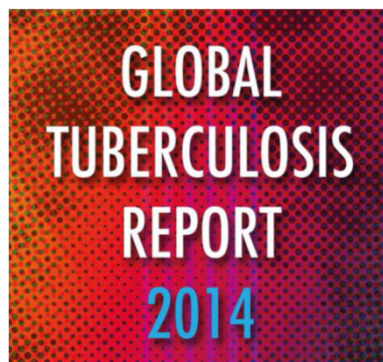
Tuberculosis commonly affects young children (<5 years) in countries that have high rates of child mortality.<sup>1</sup> The global public health focus to control tuberculosis has traditionally aimed to reduce transmission through early

death and not contributory causes to WHO, vital registration data cannot be used to estimate the number of tuberculosis deaths in people living with HIV. Further, vital registration data are available for only 3% of global

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“Know your epidemic”





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### BOX 2.3

#### The burden of TB disease among women and children

With increasing global attention to maternal and child health, there has been growing demand for and interest in estimates of TB disease burden among women and children. Estimates of the global burden of TB disease among children (defined as people aged <15 years) have been published in this report since 2012 and this is the second year in which the report includes estimates of the burden among women (defined as females aged ≥15 years) disaggregated by WHO region and HIV status.

Mortality data disaggregated by age and sex from VR systems were used to produce estimates of TB deaths among HIV-negative adults for 111 countries. TB deaths were calculated for women and men, after adjustment for incomplete coverage and ill-defined causes (see [online technical appendix](#) for further details). For countries without VR data, the ratio of the adjusted male:female number of deaths due to TB was estimated using an imputation model that included risk factors known to be asso-

### TB in women – best estimate

3,300,000 cases

Deaths:

330,000 HIV negative

180,000 HIV positive

### TB in children (0-14 yrs)

actual reported 275,000

15% smear-positive

54% smear-negative

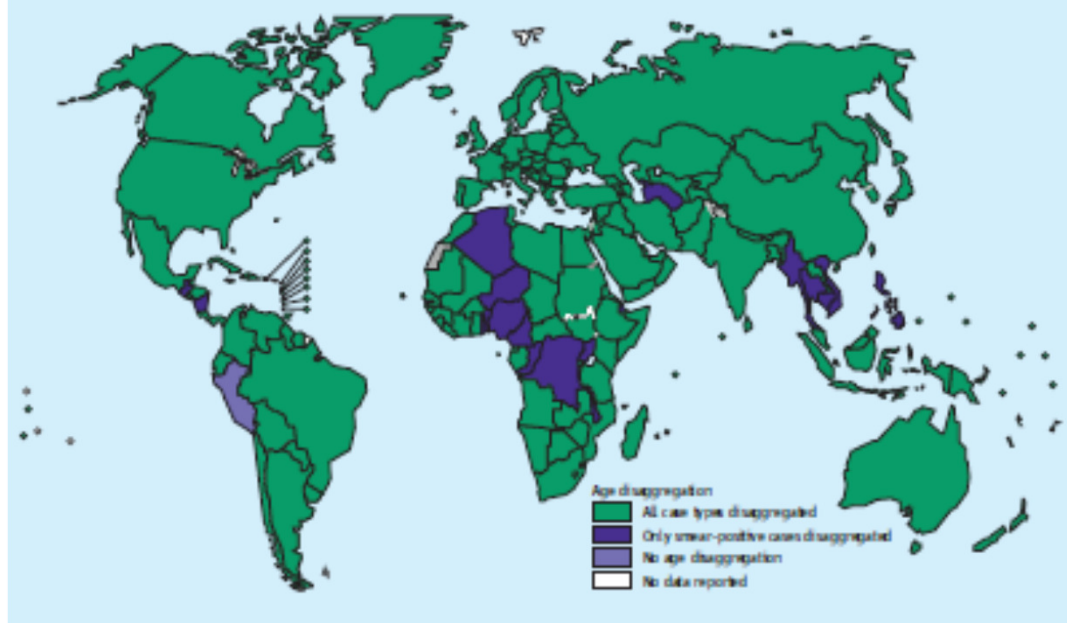
31% EPTB

Best estimates:

550,000 cases and 80,000 deaths

FIGURE B2.2.3


#### Reporting of notification data disaggregated by age, 2012



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**Xpert MTB/RIF should be used as the initial diagnostic test in children:**

**suspected of having MDR TB or HIV associated TB**  
**– *strong recommendation, very low quality of evidence***

**suspected of TB (incl extrapulmonary TB)**  
**– *conditional recommendation acknowledging resource implications, very low quality of evidence***

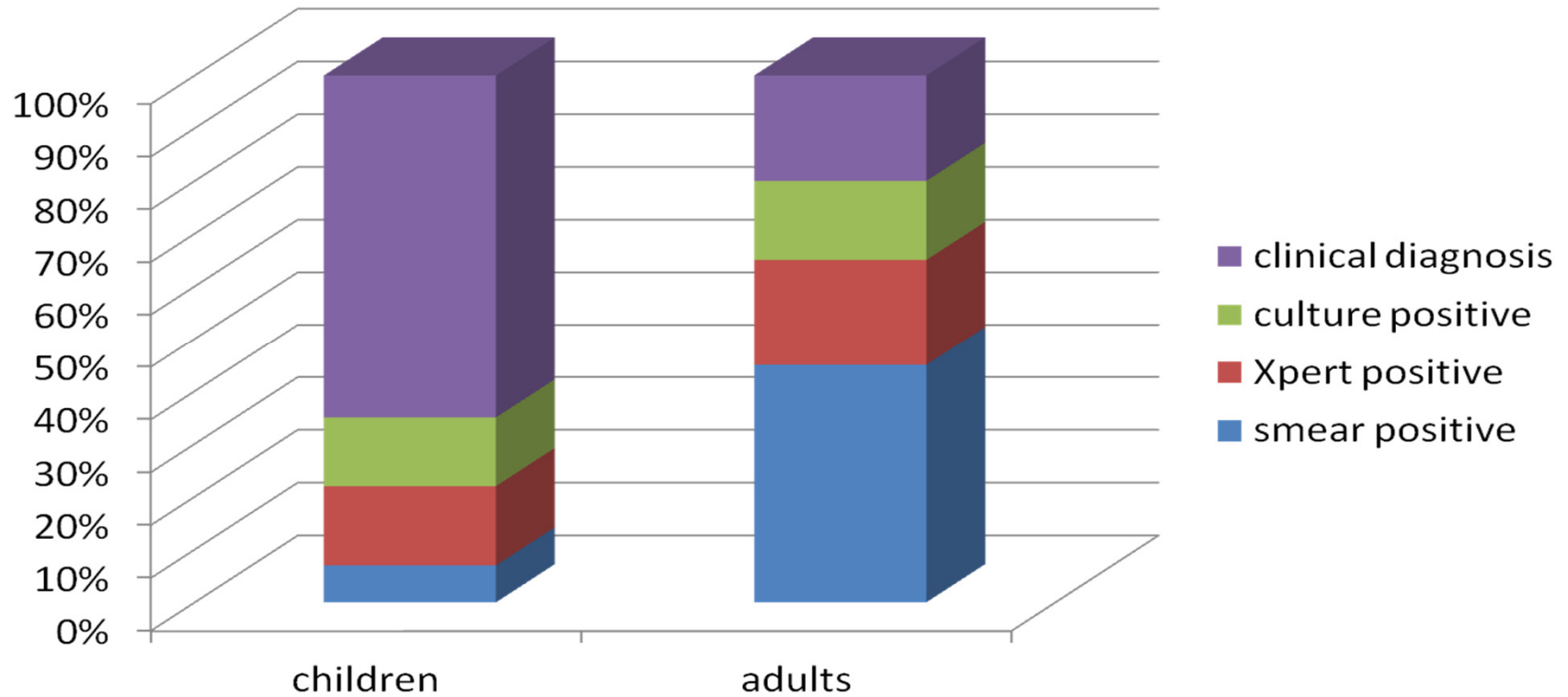


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# Diagnostic yield for pulmonary TB comparing children to adults



Xpert cannot be used to rule out TB

Xpert needs research on implementation to inform optimal usage in children

These are the revised dosages (WHO 2014) for children up to 25 kgs:

Rifampicin	15 (10-20) mg/kg/day
Isoniazid	10 (7-15) mg/kg/day
Pyrazinamide	35 (30-40) mg/kg/day
Ethambutol	20 (15-25) mg/kg/day

**From 25 kgs**, can change to adult dosages and preparations

*- Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*

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## Weight band table when using the FDC RHZ 60:30:150

Weight bands	Numbers of tablets		
	Intensive Phase		Continuation Phase
	RHZ	E	RH
	60/30/150	100	60/30
4-6kg	1	1	1
7-10kg	2	2	2
11-14kg	3	2	3
15-19 kg	4	3	4
20-24kg	5	4	5
25 kg+	Go to adult dosages and preparations		

Example of a weight band table when using the “new” FDC being developed

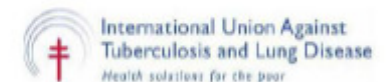
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	<b>Intensive Phase</b>		<b>Continuation Phase</b>
	<b>RHZ</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>RH</b>
	<b>75/50/150</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>75/50</b>
<b>4-7kg</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>8-11kg</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>12-15kg</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>16-24 kg</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
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# **CHILDHOOD TB TRAINING TOOLKIT**





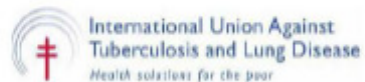
# CHILDHOOD TB TRAINING TOOLKIT

In addition,

Freely available on-line training and assessment aimed at health worker in secondary and primary care setting

To be finalised, end 2014

TB Care I project





## Desk-guide for diagnosis and management of TB in children



## Guide de diagnostic et de prise en charge de la tuberculose chez l'enfant



## NTP reviews – 2013/14

- PNG
- Tanzania
- Kenya
- Bangladesh
- Mozambique
- Swaziland
- Malawi
- DPR Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Bhutan
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Madagascar
- Congo
- Benin
- Palestine
- Myanmar

# Practical guidance

NTP reviews and child TB

Implementation of community-based  
contact screening

# Suggestions to Global Fund

A lot can be done with what we already have:

1. Political will and prospective planning
2. Improve data recording and reporting
3. Engage the child health sector
4. Support training – emphasizing integration into ongoing training related to TB, TB/HIV, IMCI, MCH
5. Support operational research to determine constraints and barriers

“ There are many contributions which the pediatrician can make to a TB control program.

First the negativism about tuberculosis so prevalent in pediatrics must be overcome...”

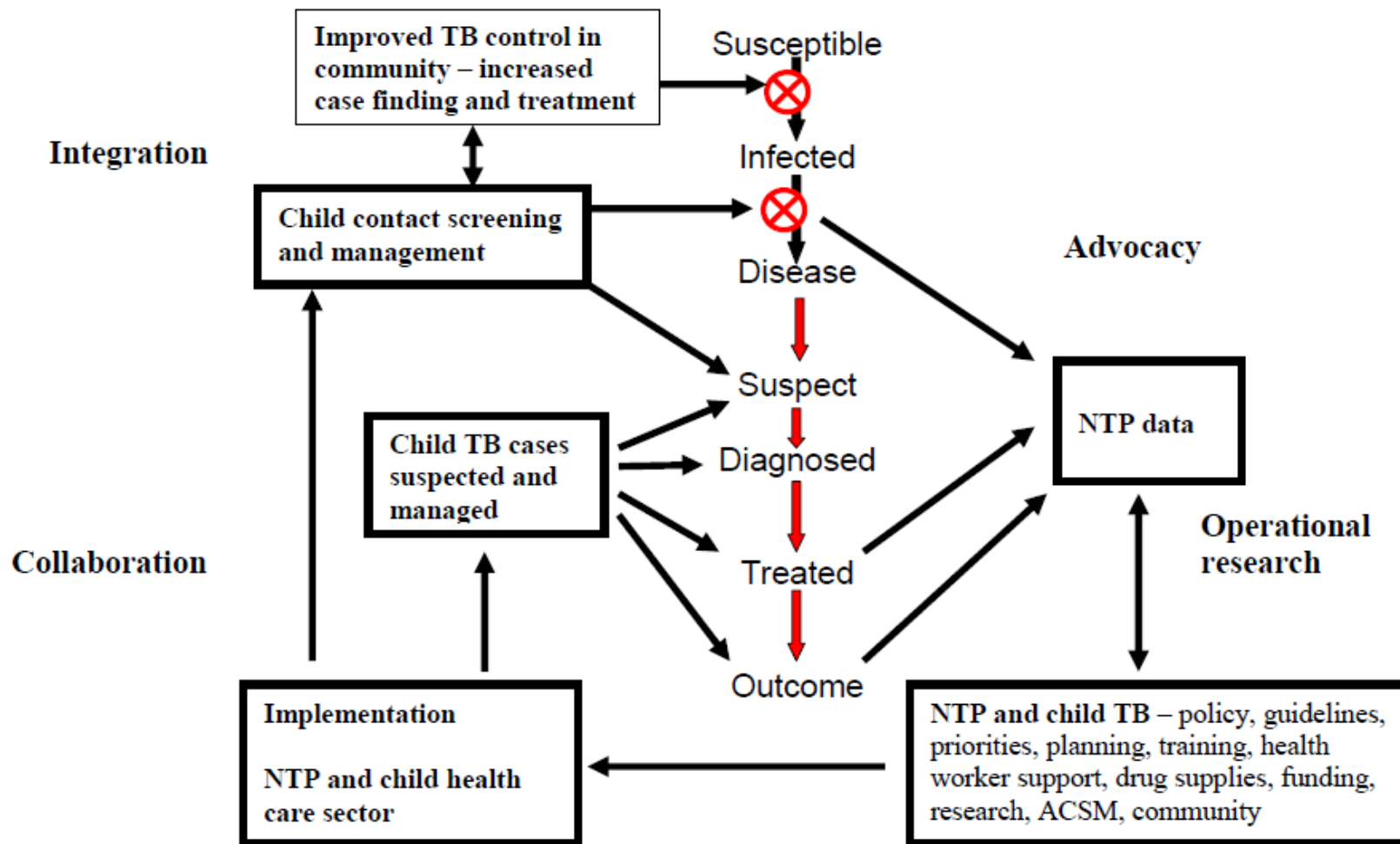
Edith Lincoln, 1961



FIGURE 1. Edith Lincoln at the commencement of her studies

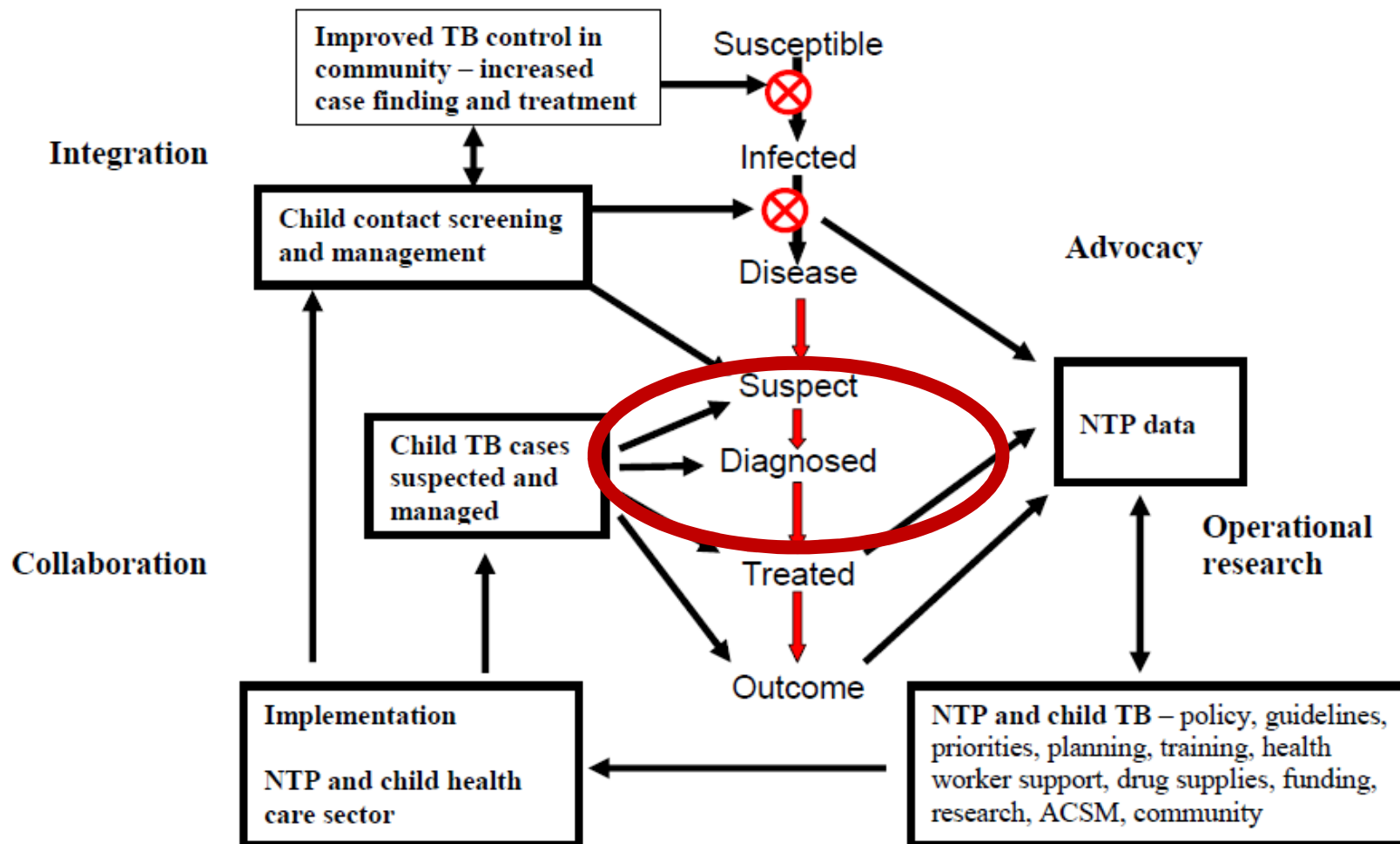
# Child TB working group and NTP

Figure. Interventions that target stages of the continuum in children from susceptibility to disease and outcome



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# Regional/national workshops

- Seven francophone African countries, Benin, January
- WHO WPRO, Regional taskforce, Viet Nam, March
- China National Child TB, Beijing, August
- International Child TB training course, South Africa, Sept-Oct
- Global consultation on child TB for high burden countries in EMRO, SEARO and WPRO, Indonesia, Sept



**REGIONAL CHILDHOOD TUBERCULOSIS ACTION PLANS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP  
IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION**



**Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam  
26-28 March 2014**

# Meetings

- iCCM meeting, Ghana
- Save the Children and Nutrition, Nepal
- CORE group, May, Silver Spring, USA
- STAG TB, June, Geneva
- Global TB TEAM meeting, Geneva
- Adolescent AIDS clinical trials group
- Advisory Panel for Global TB Alliance, NY

## Comparison of research on TB diagnostics between adults and children 2011

Test	Publications	
	Adults	Children
Fine needle aspiration	> 6000	140
Fluorescence Microscopy (FM)	299	1
LED-FM	33	0
MODS	31	2
BACTEC 960	49	0
Fully automated BACTEC	13	0
Line Probe assays	113	1
LAMP	13	0
Automated NAAT (Xpert)	32	1

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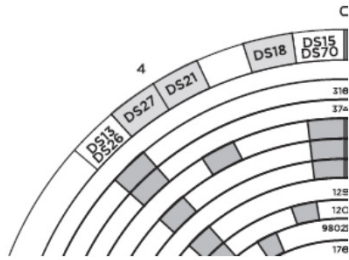
## STEP-TB project

development of child-friendly formulations



TUBERCULOSIS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

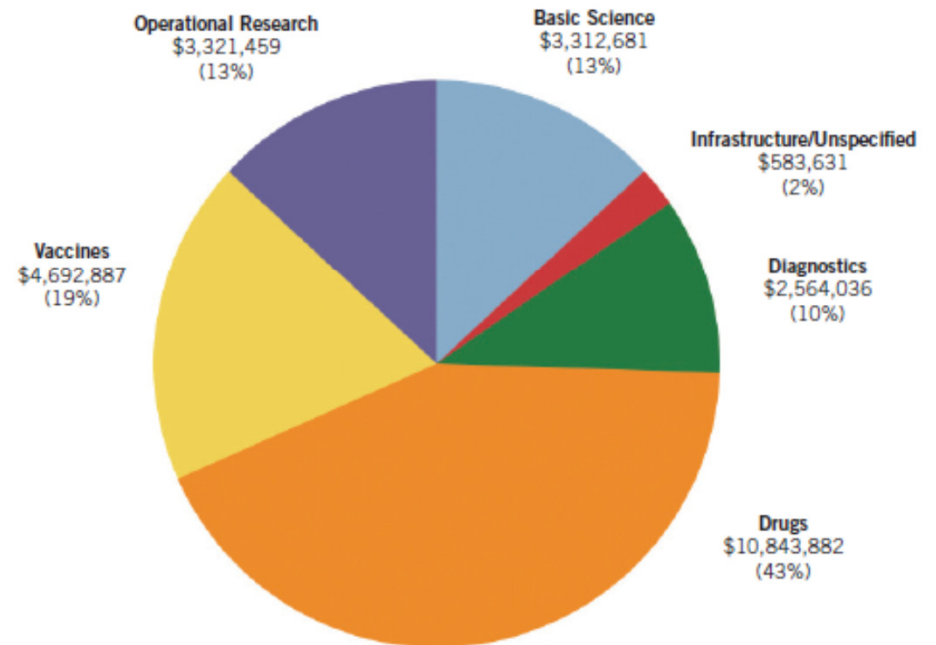
2014 Report on Tuberculosis  
Research Funding Trends,  
2005-2013



Increase in 2013 compared to 2012

Still only around 25% of what is needed

**Pediatric TB R&D Funding by Research Category, 2013**  
Total: \$25,318,577



# Research

- New diagnostics
- Preventive therapy – DS and DR
- Shorter regimens

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Diagnosis of Childhood Tuberculosis and Host RNA Expression in Africa

Suzanne T. Anderson, Ph.D., M.R.C.P.C.H., Myrsini Kaforou, M.Phil., Andrew J. Brent, Ph.D., M.R.C.P., Victoria J. Wright, Ph.D., Claire M. Banwell, Ph.D., George Chagaluka, M.B., B.S., Amelia C. Crampin, F.F.P.H.M., Hazel M. Dockrell, Ph.D.,

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### Assessment of the novel T-cell activation marker-tuberculosis assay for diagnosis of active tuberculosis in children: a prospective proof-of-concept study

Damien Portevin, Felicien Moukambi, Petra Clowes, Asli Bauer, Mkunde Chachage, Nyanda E Ntinginya, Efirehema Mfinanga, Khadija Said, Frederick Haraka, Andrea Rachow, Elmar Saathoff, Maximilian Mpina, Levan Jughefi, Fred Lwilla, Ben J Marais, Michael Hoelscher, Claudia Daubenberger, Klaus Reither\*, Christof Goldmacher\*



# Union – MSF Operational Research Courses

## TOTAL: 212 participants

### Europe

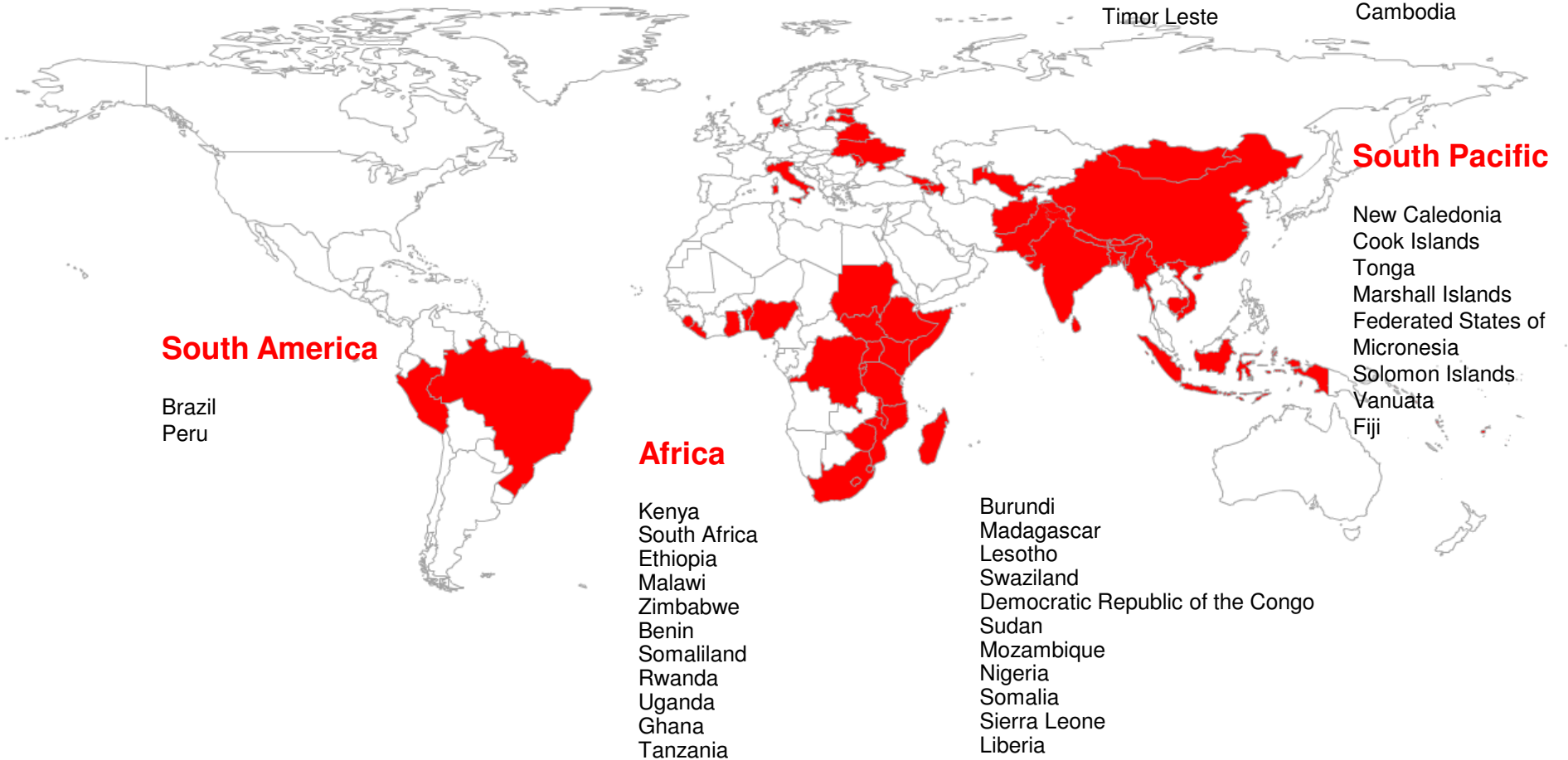
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Ukraine  
Estonia  
Latvia  
Belorussia

Moldova  
Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Denmark  
Italy

### Asia

India  
Bangladesh  
Pakistan  
Afghanistan  
Nepal  
Bhutan  
Sri Lanka  
Timor Leste

Singapore  
China  
Mongolia  
Uzbekistan  
Vietnam  
Myanmar  
Indonesia  
Cambodia



Thank you

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