Regional training workshop on tuberculosis data management and analysis in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

18 September 2023

To better measure the impact of efforts to reduce the burden of tuberculosis (TB) and end the TB epidemic by 2030, we must more effectively harness the power of data. Regionally, it's time to develop and put in place case-based reporting of TB as a priority. This will generate high-quality data that national TB programmes can use to make evidence-based decisions. Moving from paper-based to digital systems will also strengthen TB surveillance. To support such efforts, the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean has organized a regional training workshop. This will...

WHO holds consultative meeting to support countries of the Region prepare for the second United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis

13 June 2023

On 22–23 May, the regional tuberculosis (TB) programme of the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean held a virtual consultative meeting in order to support countries of the Region prepare for the second United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis in September 2023. Countries will be reporting on progress towards achievement of the targets set out in the 2018 Political Declaration, WHO's End TB Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals, and also on the challenges that they have faced. The meeting brought together representatives of national TB programmes, partners...

Updating countries on case and programmatic management of drug-resistant TB cases in the Region

04 June 2023

1 June 2023 – WHO's regional tuberculosis (TB) programme is holding two back-to-back meetings on the latest updates on TB and drug-resistant TB case management and the 14th meeting of the Regional Green Light Committee (rGLC) in Cairo, Egypt, from 5 to 8 June. The aim is to support countries in the Region strengthen their health systems to deliver on condition-

and disease-specific service coverage results and improve access to quality essential health services. The intercountry meeting on the latest developments on TB and drug-resistant TB case management aims to provide...

World Tuberculosis Day 2022: Invest to end TB. Save lives.

04 October 2022

March 2022, Cairo – On 24 March, the world marks World Tuberculosis Day and WHO invite leaders to invest to end TB and Save lives. Investing in this disease that has devastating health, social and economic impacts on people can find missing cases, reduce mortality and improve productivity. One dollar well invested in TB prevention and care yields more than 40 dollars in return. In 2020, the number of TB deaths in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region rose for the first time in over a decade, from 77,700 to 83,000. In...

Training workshop on programmatic management of drug-resistant tuberculosis

11 November 2021

11 November 2021 – From 23 to 25 November 2021, the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean's TB programme will be conducting a 3-day online training workshop for TB consultants and WHO staff on programmatic management of drug-resistant tuberculosis in the Region. The objectives of the workshop are to: brief TB consultants and WHO staff on the latest WHO recommendations for the treatment of drug-resistant TB, including considerations for the implementation of all-oral and shorter regimens for eligible groups of patients; discuss the current regional Green Light Committee (rGLC) review mission process, including...

Webinar on latent TB infection management, prevention and screening in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

16 September 2021

16 September 2021 – On 20–21 September 2021, WHO's regional TB programme will hold a 2-day webinar on latent TB infection management, prevention and screening in the Region for WHO staff from the 3 levels of the Organization, national TB programme managers and staff, and representatives of UN agencies, partner organizations and civil society organizations. The objectives of the event are to: brief participants on the current WHO guidance on TB preventive therapy and systematic screening/early case finding, including considerations for country-level implementation; discuss partner perspectives in supporting scale-up of TB preventive therapy and...

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