



ENDING WORKPLACE **TUBERCULOSIS**

PROJECT OVERVIEW



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BUILDING
COMMITMENT



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TECHNICAL SUPPORT



LEADING
CAMPAIGNS

ABOUT US

Tuberculosis (TB) kills more people than any other infectious disease. It is a lethal respiratory pathogen, transmitted through the air, and found in nearly every country in the world. Last year, ten million people worldwide contracted the disease.

But it can be beaten.

Ending Workplace TB (EWTB) exists to bring new partners to the fight against TB. We believe that the private sector can play a defining role in overcoming the disease by leveraging the untapped potential of businesses around the world, we can reach millions of workers and their communities, and drive new progress in the highest-burden areas.

Research suggests that up to 50 per cent of cases of some infectious diseases originate in the workplace. If we can break the chains of TB transmission in workplaces, we can break them around the world.

If you're interested in joining our effort to end TB, contact partners@ewtb.org.

HOW WE WORK

Ending Workplace TB (EWTB) partners with companies of all sizes to tackle four challenges that are at the heart of why TB is so difficult to beat. They are:

1. TB stigma;
2. Access to TB services;
3. The cost of TB to patients; and
4. TB in the community

Our partner companies pick one or more of these areas to tackle. We provide **resources and technical support**, helping partners build new systems, or strengthen existing ones, to tackle their chosen challenge(s). In doing so, we help companies build more productive, resilient workplaces, equipped to handle TB and other lethal respiratory pathogens. Partner companies also commit to sharing their ideas and innovations with others who work with us, helping all our partners learn from the best of their experiences.

In addition to our corporate partners, we're keen to collaborate with any organisation interested in improving workplace health, building more resilient, sustainable, supply chains, and driving progress in the fight against TB. Get in touch to find out how you could help.

6 REASONS TO TACKLE TUBERCULOSIS IN THE WORKPLACE

Our four core challenges are fundamental drivers of the TB epidemic and we welcome any partner with an interest in finding new and innovative solutions to them. However, tackling TB is also good for businesses. Here are five ways your company could benefit.

1. **Reduce the risk of an outbreak.** Even one worker falling sick with TB could result in up to fifty per cent of the workforce being infected with the disease.
2. **Prevent spread.** Research has found that simple policies, rigorously implemented, can almost eliminate the spread of respiratory diseases in the workplace.
3. **Tackle absenteeism and presenteeism.** People who are ill with TB lose the most amount of time from work *before* they are diagnosed. Getting people on treatment quickly means better health outcomes, and a more productive workforce. People affected by TB often lose months of work whilst recovering, resulting in major costs for employers in overtime, additional shifts, or recruiting new team members.
4. **Build pandemic resilience.** TB is a lethal respiratory pathogen and shares many symptoms and testing procedures, with diseases like COVID-19. Strong workplace health systems for TB can help protect companies from the impact of pandemics.
5. **Strengthen your brand.** Research has shown that the COVID-19 pandemic has made the public more conscious about the how companies look after the health of their workers. Investing in TB and respiratory health could boost your brand.
6. **Value for money.** Workplace health programmes can pay for themselves. One company that implemented a comprehensive TB programme for its employees found a net benefit of USD\$15 per employee.

Protecting your workers from a lethal respiratory pathogen like TB is not only the right thing to do, it's also good for businesses. Contact us at partners@ewtb.org to find out how you can join our movement to end TB.

