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World Tuberculosis Day 2022: Invest to End TB. Save Lives

Each year, we commemorate World Tuberculosis (TB) Day on March 24 to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of TB, and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic. The date marks the day in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes TB, which opened the way towards diagnosing and curing this disease.

TB remains one of the world's deadliest infectious killers. Each day, over 4100 people lose their lives to TB and close to 28,000 people fall ill with this preventable and curable disease. Global efforts to combat TB have saved an estimated 66 million lives since the year 2000. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has reversed years of progress made in the fight to end TB. For the first time in over a decade, TB deaths increased in 2020.

The theme of World TB Day 2022 - 'Invest to End TB. Save Lives.' – conveys the urgent need to invest resources to ramp up the fight against TB and achieve the commitments to end TB made by global leaders. This is especially critical in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic that has put End TB progress at risk, and to ensure equitable access to prevention and care in line with WHO's drive towards achieving Universal Health Coverage.

More investment will save millions more lives, accelerating the end of the TB epidemic.

CDC observed World TB Day on 24 March 2022

The Communicable Disease Center observed World TB Day on 24 March 2022, as part of World Health Organization (WHO) global health awareness events, with a series of educational activities to raise public awareness about the health, social and economic consequences of TB, and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic.

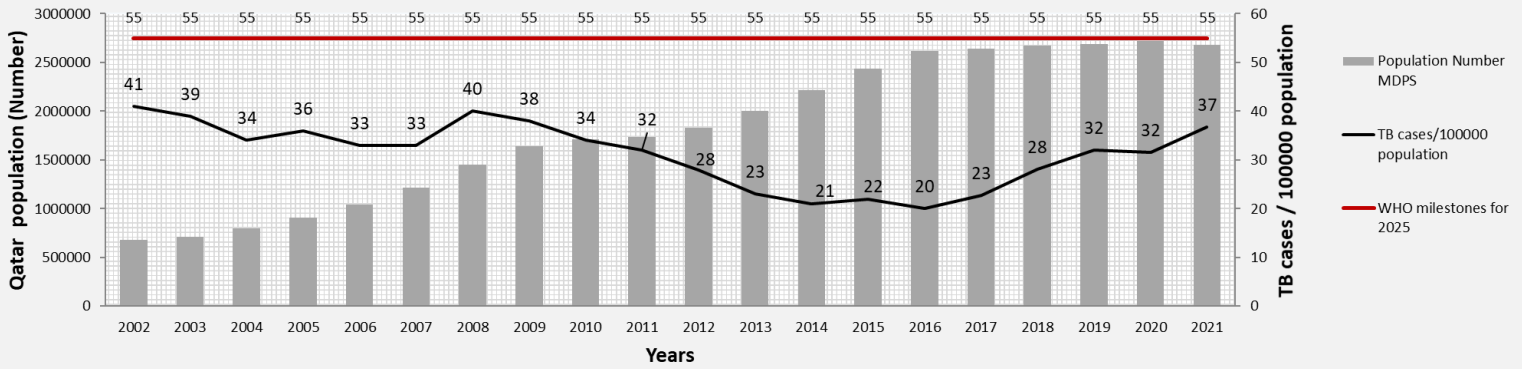
As a part of the event, CDC conducted a banner design competition and the winning design was selected as this year's TB Day logo for CDC, and were presented with awards by Dr. Muna Al Maslamani.



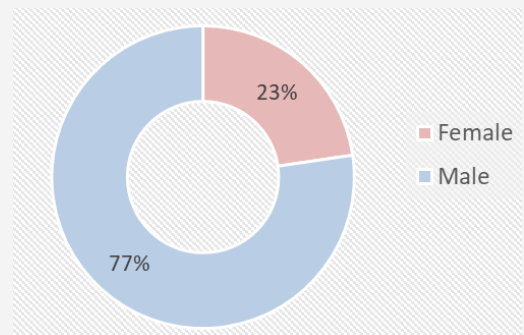
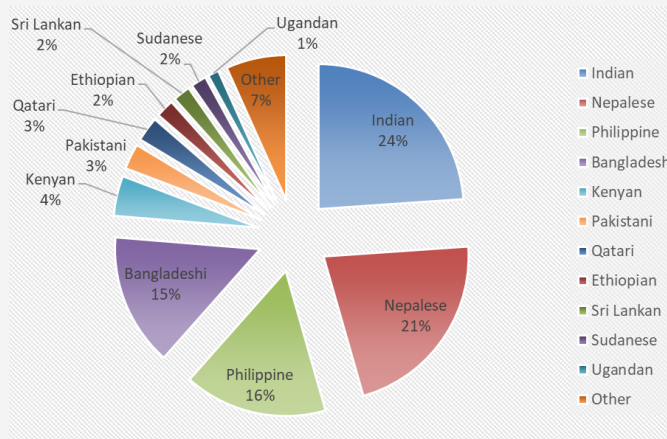
CDC organized a one-hour virtual seminar on Tuberculosis Management and Control in Qatar presented by Dr. Faraj S. Howady (Senior Consultant Infectious Diseases) to raise public awareness of tuberculosis, diagnose it earlier, and provide appropriate treatment to support the 2022 World TB Day theme. 240 people registered for the event and 180 people attended, including healthcare workers from HMC, MOPH, PHCC, Qatar Red Crescent and many other private healthcare sectors participated in the lecture questions and answers session.

TB in Qatar

TB incidence rate - Qatar Population



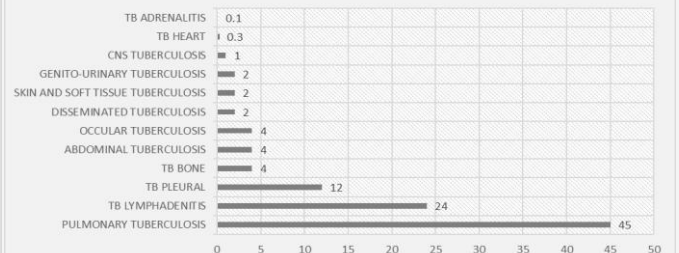
NEW CASES OF ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSED IN 2021



Total Active TB by years



TB types 2021(%)



Classification by Age Group

