Eliminating TB as a public health problem

THE TB CHALLENGE
With 1.5 million people dying and 10 million affected each year worldwide, tuberculosis (TB) is a leading cause of death and suffering from an infectious disease.

Consequently, new drugs and shorter regimens for the treatment of TB, and their rapid uptake, are urgently needed if we are to reach the ambitious targets of 95% death reduction and 90% incidence decline by 2035 set by the World Health Organization in its End TB global strategy.

UNITE4TB
With 30 partners from 13 countries, UNITE4TB aims to accelerate and improve the clinical evaluation of novel compounds and drug combinations to develop new and effective anti-TB treatments for drug-resistant and drug-sensitive TB.

Our vision is to be the start of a major enterprise, in collaboration with centres of excellence around the world, that ensures there is sustained investment in TB drug development in the years to come so that the elimination of TB as a public health problem is finally achieved.

UNITE4TB aims to deliver more effective and shorter regimens through innovative clinical trial designs that conform to the highest regulatory standards.

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It’s encouraging to see this promising innovative initiative that could make the world of difference for people affected by TB who struggle to get the right medications in the right combinations at the right price. UNITE4TB gives people affected by TB hope!

Blessina Kumar, UNITE4TB Community Advisory Group member

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UNITE4TB will be active in four WHO regions (Europe, Asia, Africa and South America), with the goal of delivering novel phase 2 clinical trials that will accelerate the development of new anti-TB drugs and regimens.