TOP LINE NEWS

Help make TB a global priority after 2015
The Stop TB Partnership encourages partners and friends to vote in two influential global surveys on the post-2015 development agenda.

Update from the Global Drug Facility
Kicking off the new year, GDF has secured lower prices for second-line drugs and is now offering microscopes with LED fluorescence.

Cochrane Library review shows Xpert to be highly accurate
A review published in The Cochrane Library, which assesses the diagnostic accuracy of the Xpert test, has found it can accurately and quickly detect TB.

Stop TB Partnership welcomes focus on TB by BRICS health ministers in Delhi Communiqué
Ministers of Health place focus on TB, including multidrug-resistant TB and TB/HIV as major health threats in need of urgent attention.

2013 kicks off with focus on Global Fund replenishment, community engagement and post-2015 targets
The New Year kicks off with a series of meetings whose outcome could have an influential role in stimulating scaled up efforts on TB.

TB Alliance receives grant from UNITAID to develop pediatric TB drugs
UNITAID has provided TB Alliance with a three-year grant to accelerate the development of pediatric TB regimens.

Union project shows how low-income countries can deliver integrated TB/HIV care
Partners have reported results from operational research projects in Benin, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Zimbabwe.
United States Government announces $11 million in additional support for rapid TB test in 14 countries
The United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief has announced US $11 million to provide Xpert MTB/RIF instruments and test cartridges.

TB PEOPLE

BD’s Gary Cohen to serve as chief executive for GBC Health and MDG Health Alliance
Gary Cohen, Executive Vice President of Becton, Dickinson and Company has been appointed CEO of the MDG Health Alliance and acting CEO of GBC Health.

Jordan’s national TB champion inspires donations to flood-hit Syrian refugee camp
The Omani embassy in Jordan has teamed up with TB Champion Rania Ismail to provide support to Syrian refugees at the Zaatari camp in northern Jordan.

Global leaders in Davos put spotlight on tuberculosis in Afghanistan
An event organized by Global Health and Diplomacy and Roll Back Malaria focused on TB as a major health and development challenge for Afghanistan

Sue Etkind appointed as Executive Director of Stop TB USA
Former Director of TB Prevention and Control for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health succeeds John Seggerson as Executive Director.

Jim Connolly steps down as President and CEO of Aeras
Chief Scientific Officer Dr Tom Evans will serve as interim CEO while Aeras’s Board of Directors selects a permanent successor.

Video interviews from TB’s front lines
Advocate David Bryden interviews doctors and nurses who are working to stop TB and, in some cases, have become ill with the disease themselves.

The Union elects new board members
The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease has elected four new members to serve on its board of directors.

KNCV staff win Nigerian award
KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation’s Emmy van der Grinten and Gidado Mustapha have received Gold Awards from Nigeria’s national TB and leprosy programme.
NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

Opinion: No one wants to be a TB suspect
Danielle Doughman from ACTION argues that we can learn a lot from the disability community about using more inclusive language.

Implementers gather to assess effectiveness of new TB diagnostics
The meeting provided a forum to share data, conclusions and research models from studies being carried out in countries on the Xpert diagnostic.

Rinat Akhmetov Foundation launches new TB information campaign
The Development of Ukraine foundation has launched the second wave of an information campaign that aims to reduce TB-associated stigma.

Azerbaijan shares best practice on TB in prisons
The Main Medical Department of the Azerbaijani Ministry of Justice hosted a series of visits in 2012 aimed at sharing best practice on TB care in prisons.

Immbio enters into co-development agreement with China for TB vaccine
Vaccine developer Immbio has entered into a research, co-development and license arrangement with the Lanzhou Institute of Biological Products.

Winners of Viet Nam’s national painting and poster contests announced
Viet Nam’s National TB Programme, in collaboration with PATH, has announced the winners of two national painting contests for children and artists.

New funding for two vaccine candidates
The vaccine candidates MTBVAC and HBHA have been awarded financial support for further development.

BEMFAM training programme boosts Brazil’s fight against TB/HIV
The Attention project of BEMFAM Family Welfare in Brazil has come to completion, having achieved the training of more than 1300 health professionals.

Former patients help PASADA carry out TB/HIV activities
PASADA, an NGO working with communities affected by HIV/AIDS, has recruited a number of former patients to help provide TB/HIV services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global Green Light Committee seeks two new members
The World Health Organization and the Stop TB Partnership are recruiting two new members to serve on the Global Green Light Committee.
**TBVI opens call for applications for vaccine evaluations**
The Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) has opened a call for applications from organizations wishing to test vaccine candidates.

**Deadline for Indian journalism award approaches**
The deadline for submissions to the REACH-Lilly MDR-TB Partnership Media Awards is Friday 2 February.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Drug-resistant TB drugs under the microscope: second edition now available**
The Union and Médecins sans Frontières have published a second edition of the guide DR-TB drugs under the microscope: sources and prices of medicines.

**Review suggests that more operational research would support scale-up of TB interventions**
PLOS Medicine review concludes that rigorous operational research would support the implementation of WHO-recommended TB interventions.

**WHO publishes tuberculosis laboratory safety manual**
New manual is aimed at directors and managers of laboratories and TB programmes as well as laboratory technicians who test for TB.

**Two new publications on Xpert by WHO authors**
Articles in the European Respiratory Journal cover the cost and affordability of Xpert and evidence, policy making and global implementation.

**CORE Group handbook shows how civil society organizations can contribute to the fight against TB**
The CORE Group has published a handbook for nongovernmental organizations and civil society organizations that are considering joining the fight against TB.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February**

4 February  Community Task Force meeting. GDF “open house”  Geneva  [Info](#)

7 February  Workshop on post 2015 goals and targets  Geneva  [Info](#)
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