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Abbreviations

AFB	acid-fast bacilli	NTP	national tuberculosis [control] programme
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ART	antiretroviral therapy	PEPFAR	US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
BCG	Bacille-Calmette-Guérin	PK	pharmacokinetic
BRICS	Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China, South Africa	PMDT	Programmatic Management of Drug-resistant TB
CDR	case detection rate	PPM	public-private mix
CFR	case fatality rate	PTB	pulmonary TB
CFU	colony forming units	rGLC	Regional Green Light Committee
CI	confidence interval	RR-TB	rifampicin-resistant tuberculosis
CPT	co-trimoxazole preventive therapy	SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
DR-TB	drug-resistant tuberculosis	SRL	supranational reference laboratory
DST	drug susceptibility testing	SRL-CE	SRL National Centre of Excellence
EBA	early bactericidal activity	STAG-TB	WHO's Strategy and Technical Advisory Group for TB
EPTB	extrapulmonary TB	STEP-TB	Speeding Treatments to End Pediatric Tuberculosis
EQA	external quality assessment	TAG	Treatment Action Group
FDA	US Food and Drug Administration	TB	tuberculosis
GDI	Global Drug-resistant TB Initiative	TBTC	TB Trials Consortium
GDP	gross domestic product	TBVI	Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative
GLC	Green Light Committee	TPP	target product profile
GLI	Global Laboratory Initiative	TST	tuberculin skin test
HBC	high-burden country	UHC	universal health coverage
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	UN	United Nations
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases (10th revision)	UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
IHME	Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation	UNITAID	international facility for the purchase of diagnostics and drugs for diagnosis and treatment of HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB
IGRA	interferon-gamma release assay	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
IPT	isoniazid preventive therapy	VR	vital registration
IRR	incidence rate ratio	WHA	World Health Assembly
ITT	intention-to-treat	WHO	World Health Organization
LED	light-emitting diode	XDR-TB	extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis, defined as MDR-TB plus resistance to at least one fluoroquinolone and a second-line injectable
LPA	line-probe assay	ZN	Ziehl-Neelsen
LTBI	latent TB infection		
MDG	Millennium Development Goal		
MDR-TB	multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, defined as resistance to at least isoniazid and rifampicin, the two most powerful anti-TB drugs		
MGIT	Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube		
MNCH	maternal, newborn and child health		
NAAT	nucleic acid amplification test		
NDWG	New Diagnostics Working Group		
NGO	nongovernmental organization		
NIAID	US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases		

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DEDICATION

This global tuberculosis (TB) report is dedicated to Glenn Thomas and Amal Bassili.

Glenn Thomas died in the Malaysian Airlines tragedy on 17 July 2014, on his way to the 2014 International AIDS conference in Melbourne, Australia. Glenn worked with the Global TB Programme in WHO headquarters as TB Communications Adviser for nearly a decade before joining the WHO Department of Communications in 2012. He was a passionate TB communicator, advocate and liaison with the media community. He contributed significantly to raising global awareness of and attention to the TB/HIV co-epidemic and the emergence and spread of M/XDR-TB, to spreading the news on WHO policies, findings and new tools, and to the launch of ten global TB reports.

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