END TB IN CHILDREN

KEY FACTS

1 MILLION children fell ill with TUBERCULOSIS (TB) in 2014

400 children die each day from TB

CHALLENGES IN REACHING CHILDREN WITH TB

DIFFICULTIES IN TB DIAGNOSIS lead to children often getting missed or overlooked

TB TREATMENT NOT CHILD-FRIENDLY leading to poor health outcomes and development of drug-resistance

INCREASED COLLABORATION NEEDED between actors in TB, HIV and maternal and child health

NEW HOPE FOR CHILDREN WITH TB

CHILD-FRIENDLY TB TREATMENT NOW AVAILABLE

FIXED-DOSE COMBINATIONS OF 3 DRUGS IN ONE TABLET

After sustained advocacy and new investments, child-friendly formulations that do not need to be cut or crushed to achieve an appropriate dose are available, offering the opportunity to simplify and improve treatment for children everywhere. These new formulations are available thanks to a project lead by TB Alliance and WHO, and funded by UNITAID and USAID. The formulations will be available in 2016.

BENEFITS

Accurately-dosed as per WHO recommendations - BETTER CHILD SURVIVAL

Fewer pills will:
- ease burden on health workers - SAVING MANY
- simplify procurement, and - LITTLE
- facilitate scale-up of pediatric treatment - LIVES

Improves adherence thus slowing the spread of drug resistance