



WORLD TB STATEMENT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Yes! We can #EndTB #WorldTBDay #HealthForAll

On this World Tuberculosis Day, the East Central and Southern Africa Health Community reaffirms its commitment to ending the scourge of tuberculosis (TB) in our region. TB remains a major public health challenge, causing immense suffering, loss of life, and patients experience catastrophic costs, particularly among the most vulnerable populations in our communities.

Aligned with the End TB Strategy, we recognise the urgent need for concerted efforts to eliminate TB as a public health threat by 2030 in our member states. To achieve this goal, we must strengthen our resolve and collaborate across borders to continue implementing comprehensive TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care interventions.

We are committed to supporting member states in scaling up access to quality TB services, including innovative diagnostic tools and effective treatments, to ensure that all individuals affected by TB receive timely and appropriate care. Furthermore, we emphasise the importance of addressing social determinants of health, such as poverty, malnutrition, and inadequate housing, which contribute to the persistence of TB in our communities.

We continue to advocate for multisectoral partnerships, including engagement with civil society organisations, academia, and the private sector to enhance TB surveillance, research, and advocacy efforts. Through political commitment and securing sustainable financing, we will be setting up TB programs and strengthening health systems to deliver integrated, people-centered care.

As we commemorate World Tuberculosis Day, let us renew our collective efforts to end TB in the East Central and Southern Africa region. Together, we can achieve a future where no one suffers from this preventable and curable disease. Let us work tirelessly until we reach our shared vision of a TB-free world.



Miners are a marginalised group within the key and vulnerable population addressed by the TB in the Mining Sector Project.

ABOUT THE SECRETARIAT

The East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) is an inter-governmental health organization that fosters and promotes regional cooperation in health among member states. Member states of the ECSA Health Community are Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Eswatini, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. ECSA-HC was established in 1974 to foster and strengthen regional cooperation and capacity to address the health needs of the member states. Through partnerships with diverse institutions, ECSA's activities also spread to other countries in Africa to address common health challenges facing the region. Within our projects, ECSA supports non-member states including Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Eritrea, Gabon, Liberia, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Sudan, Sudan, and Somalia.

The ECSA Health Community works with countries and partners to raise the standard of health for the people of the ECSA region by promoting efficiency and effectiveness of health services through cooperation, collaboration, research, capacity building, policy development and advocacy.

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