

# TB Awareness



Do you have any of the following symptoms?

- ✓ A bad cough for more than two weeks?
- ✓ Fever
- ✓ Chest pain
- ✓ Night Sweats?
- ✓ Weakness
- ✓ No appetite
- ✓ Weight loss

## Hear Act Learn Treat TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease that affects the lungs and can spread to other parts of the body. It is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. TB is a leading cause of death and disability worldwide. It is preventable and curable. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/tb](http://www.cdc.gov/tb).

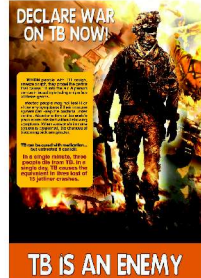
**Left untreated, each person with infectious TB will spread the germs to about 12 to 15 people every year.**

**More than 1 billion people in the world are infected with TB. Every second, one more person in the world's population is currently infected with TB.**

When you have TB, you should take medicine every day for 6 to 9 months. If you stop taking medicine, the TB germs will come back and you may become resistant to the medicine. It is important to take all your medicine as directed. If you have TB, you should also cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. This helps prevent the germs from spreading to other people.

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/tb](http://www.cdc.gov/tb). If you have TB, you should also visit [www.tbawareness.org](http://www.tbawareness.org).

**P019 - Stop TB**



**P042 - Declare War on TB**