World TB Day 2016 - Message from FIND

On World TB Day every year, we unite with our many partners to remind the world and each other that the fight to end TB is not yet over — and it won’t be over until effective and affordable TB tests and treatments are available to all people in all countries. Read more...

Well-characterized MDR-TB samples available to researchers in May

For several years, FIND has worked with partners to create and maintain repositories of reference materials. FIND manages a tuberculosis sample bank that also includes the WHO sample bank. These collections contain plasma, serum, saliva, sputum, and urine samples. FIND receives requests for samples and distributes them to researchers and developers working on promising solutions for unmet diagnostic needs in limited-resource settings. Read more...

FIND launches multi-centre study of Xpert Ultra for TB & drug resistance detection

FIND is leading a four-country study to assess the accuracy and feasibility of the Xpert Ultra test for the detection of tuberculosis (TB) and rifampin (drug) resistance in adults suspected of
having pulmonary TB. Two of the primary objectives of the study are to estimate and compare the sensitivity and specificity of the Ultra versus the standard Xpert MTB/RIF test for the detection of culture-positive pulmonary TB and for rifampin resistance detection compared to the optimal phenotypic drug susceptibility testing (and sequencing). Read more...

**Work Plan Template for Xpert MTB/RIF implementation and scale-up now available**

The work plan template was developed by FIND, with support from Expand-TB and the Global Laboratory Initiative and provides step-by-step instructions for completing an implementation and scale-up work plan for the Xpert MTB/RIF assay in your country. Read more...

**DRC meeting reviews progress in sleeping sickness elimination**

A meeting of more than 50 participants from Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of Congo reviewed the results of cross-border activities to eliminate human African trypanosomiasis, also known as sleeping sickness, from the region. Read more...

**Invitation for expressions of interest in joining FIND Access Team Roster 2016/2017**

FIND maximizes the impact of new diagnostic tools by supporting their scale-up through implementation, quality assurance, lab strengthening and connectivity. Across all four areas there is a focus on quality, using data to support decision-making and measure impact, and building sustainable local capacity through training, mentorship and long-term, in-country support. FIND is calling for expressions of interest from consultants for its 2016-2017 Access Team Roster, for potential consultancy assignments in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and the Latin America/Caribbean region. Read more...

**From our partners on World TB Day**


Also from The Global Fund, Lucica Ditiu tells us why we need to change the way we fight TB in order to succeed

World TB Day video: IOM celebrates World TB Day

UNITAID's Chair, Philippe Douste-Blazy has appealed for more public funding of research to help defeat tuberculosis, a disease which kills 1.5 million people every year. Op-ed in *The Guardian*.

UNITAID plans to invest in effective approaches to end tuberculosis. [Press article.](#)

Stop TB Partnership: Mobile populations: STOP TB Key Populations Brief

TDR News on World Tuberculosis Day

WHO Global TB Programme: Infographic calling to action to end TB epidemic

More partner news

ASLM 2016: Public Webinar Session - Save-the-date: ASLM to offer public webinar session on Tuesday, 29 March

Global Health Strategies presents an exciting new video on antimicrobial resistance and how it's caused, lays out consequences, and calls for increased R&D to prevent potentially dangerous outcomes

ASLM's Global Health Security Newsletter, plus an article on their New Approach to Global Health Threats

Scientific articles by FIND staff, Board members, partners


Hotez PJ, Pecoul B, Rijal S, Boehme C, Aksoy S, Malecela M, Tapia-


- [Market Assessment of Tuberculosis Diagnostics in India in 2013](#)
- [Market Assessment of Tuberculosis Diagnostics in China in 2012](#)
- [TB Diagnostics Market in Select High-Burden Countries: Current Market & Future Opportunities for Novel Diagnostics](#)
- [Market Assessment of Tuberculosis Diagnostics in South Africa, 2012-2013](#)
- [Market Assessment of Tuberculosis Diagnostics in Brazil in 2012](#)