

#ItsTimeToEndTB



I didn't know about tuberculosis, that it existed here in Canada; I didn't have any known symptoms. TB is everybody's disease. It's not a disease of the past, it's a disease of today, one that we want to eradicate. Anybody can get it.

- Priya Amin, TB survivor and advocate, Toronto

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With the launch of our #ItsTimeToEndTB campaign, the international community puts the spotlight on tuberculosis (TB) by highlighting **World TB Day** on March 24. It is an occasion for people around the world to stand in solidarity with the millions who have lost their lives to the world's deadliest infectious disease and is an opportunity to build the political will necessary to end the epidemic.

While Canada has demonstrated leadership in the fight against TB through supporting organizations like **TB Reach**, the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria** and the **Global Drug Facility**, research and development (R&D) represents a critical gap in our response and is the missing key to ending the disease once and for all.

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neglected diseases, we want Canada to support non-profits like **TB Alliance** and **FIND**. Driven by people and not profit, they are stepping up to make sure no one is left behind. We need to ask our Canadian decision makers to honour their 2018 commitment to increase efforts in ending TB and reach all affected people with prevention and care.

The ask: Canada lives up to its commitments made at the 2018 United Nations High Level meeting on TB by accelerating the development of essential new tools to end TB.

about TB

Alliance

TB Alliance is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the discovery, development and delivery of better, faster-acting and affordable tuberculosis drugs that are available to those who need them. Through innovative science and with partners around the globe, they aim to ensure equitable access to faster, better TB cures that will advance global health and prosperity. In 2019, TB Alliance became the first non-profit organization to develop and register an anti-TB drug.

about

FIND

The Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) is a global non-profit organization driving innovation in the development and delivery of diagnostics to combat major diseases affecting the world's poorest populations. Since 2003, they have been instrumental in the development of 24 new diagnostic tools. Over 50 million FIND-supported products have been provided to 150 low- and middle-income countries since the start of 2015.

latest campaign wins

- In **August 2019**, Canada stepped up the fight against TB with a pledge of \$930.4 million over 3 years to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
- Volunteer Stephen St. Denis secured a statement in the House of Commons for World TB Day from his **MP Anita Vandenbeld**
- The **Calgary Tower**, the **Montreal Tower**, **Niagara Falls**, the **Civic Centre Clock Tower** in Mississauga, the **CN Tower** and the **Toronto sign** will be lit up in red thanks to the efforts of Results volunteers. **Vancouver's City Hall** and **Science World** will also be lit up for **World TB Day** on March 24

Learn more about tuberculosis and our campaign milestones [here](#), and see the volunteers who have already **taken action.**



Dr. Saurabh Rane

TB survivor and advocate, Mumbai (India)

Saurabh is a survivor of drug resistant tuberculosis and is a fierce advocate for the right treatment, and right diagnosis at the right time. He is travelling to Canada in March to support Results Canada's TB campaign activities and based on his lived experience, speaks powerfully about the need for TB R&D.

"I am going through this problem and knowing that there is a solution out there but not being able to do something, that really boils my blood and that's when I turn to advocacy".

Meet more of our tuberculosis **champions**.



resources

See all our resources under **your tools**. Action sheets for other recent campaigns can be found under *your tools, education tools, about campaigns*. For other past action sheets, **email us**.

key dates

Mar 1: National Call with Results Canada

Mar 8: International Women's Day

Mar 20: International Day of La Francophonie

Mar 22: World Water Day

Mar 24: World TB Day

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