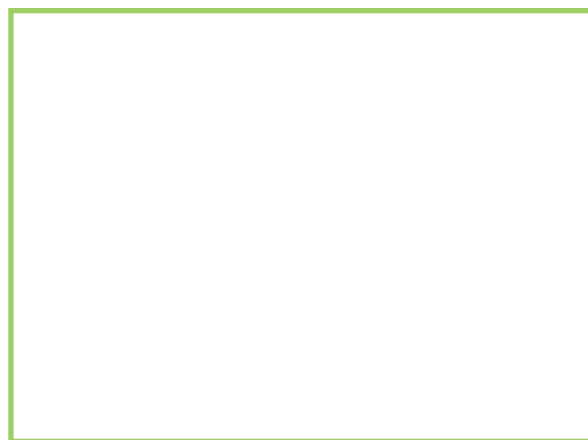


Communities can work together to eliminate TB!



TB is CURABLE
and **PREVENTABLE...**

For more information
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What is tuberculosis (TB)?



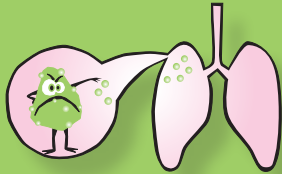
TB is caused by bacteria (germs) and is spread when a person with **TB** disease of the lungs coughs the germs into the air. People sharing that air may breathe in the germs and develop either...

TB infection...

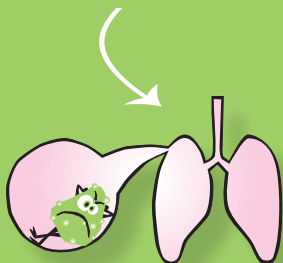


The germs are asleep, not causing damage and cannot be spread to others.

TB disease...



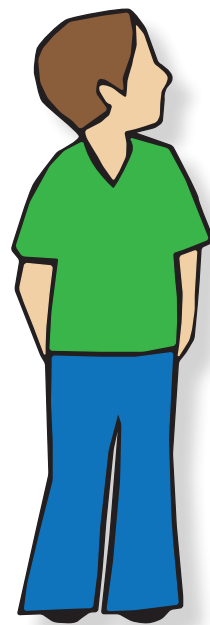
The germs are awake and causing damage. **TB** disease of the lungs can be spread to others.



The germs can wake up and cause **TB** disease later in life.

Symptoms of TB disease in young children

Young children often don't have obvious symptoms of TB. However, they may have these general symptoms:



- Cough
- Mild difficulty breathing
- Fever
- No appetite
- Weight loss
- Feeling sick
- Noises in the chest when breathing
- Lack of energy

If your child has these symptoms talk to your doctor or nurse.

Why is it so important to protect children against TB?

Children are more likely to develop **TB** disease after being infected with the **TB** germ. They are also at greater risk of developing serious forms of the disease (e.g. **TB** of the brain and spinal cord).

Protect your child

THINK TB!

To help protect your children, think carefully about the people spending time with them. Are they healthy? Do they have any of the symptoms of **TB** disease? If they do, encourage them to see the nurse or doctor.



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