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BEST PRACTICES IN PREVENTION, CONTROL AND CARE FOR DRUG- RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS

A resource for the continued implementation of the Consolidated
Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively
Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region,
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Abstract

The WHO European Region has the highest proportion of multidrug- and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (M/XDR-TB) patients in the world. In response to this alarming problem, the Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region, 2011–2015, was developed for all 53 Member States and endorsed at the sixty-first session of the WHO Regional Committee on 15 September 2011. In the two years since the implementation of the plan, much progress has been made, however critical challenges also remain. In order to improve the transfer of knowledge and experiences between countries, and help in improving the health system approach, the TB and M/XDR-TB Control Programme of the WHO Regional Office for Europe launched an initiative to collect examples of best practices in M/XDR-TB prevention, control and care. Submission of best practices was open to all stakeholders in the Region, and examples were collected from May to August 2013. In total, 82 best practices were submitted from 30 countries. All practices, for which there was enough information (76 practices), were evaluated against defined selection criteria by an expert committee. The selected best practices were compiled to form this compendium. This compendium is intended to be a resource for stakeholders at all levels of health systems for the continued implementation of the Consolidated Action Plan in the Region.

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