10 facts about tuberculosis

● Almost 2 million people died of tuberculosis in 2000.

● More than 8 million people become sick with TB each year.

● One-third of the world’s population is currently infected with the TB bacillus.

● TB kills more youth and adults than any other infectious disease.

● Someone gets sick from TB every 4 seconds.

● Someone dies of TB every 10 seconds.

● TB is a contagious disease but only people that are sick with pulmonary tuberculosis are infectious.

● Like the common cold, TB spreads through the air when infectious people cough, spit, talk or sneeze.

● Left untreated, a person with active TB can infect between 10 and 15 people every year.

● TB usually kills a person by gradually eating holes in the lungs.

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