



Our National Strategic Plan addresses both HIV and TB. Our large Anti-Retroviral programme has led to decrease in TB incidence.

5. Following a negative impact from Covid-19, South Africa developed a TB Recovery Plan through involvement by all stakeholders, particularly Civil Society. This plan aims at finding missing people with TB and linking them to care. Advocacy and communication aim at creating demand for TB testing. TB prevention and improvement of data systems are also prioritized.
6. The South African TB recovery plan reflects our commitment to leaving no one behind. South Africa moved from symptom-based approach for TB testing, to testing regardless of symptoms among high-risk groups. This approach increased TB testing significantly and contributed to a drop in the notification gap from 46 % in 2017 to 26 % in 2022.
7. We also managed to find and treat 75,694 children with TB against a target of 95,500 (79 % achievement). We have achieved 97 % of a target of 1.97 million people living with HIV provided regarding TB preventive treatment. South Africa has been at the forefront of introducing and scaling up new tools for diagnosis and shorter treatment regimens for drug-resistant tuberculosis. However, there is a need to do more to improve linkage to care and retention in care.
8. Recent progress in TB vaccine development offers a glimmer of hope, and u7.33 T2 758.64

