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Despite much progress, infectious diseases such as Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV still threaten the lives and well-being of millions of people around the world. For 25 years, Project HOPE has implemented infectious disease programs that support the prevention, management and control of these diseases, with our approach specifically targeting the needs of the countries and communities in which we work.

## The Need

- In 2012, 8.6 million people fell ill with TB and 1.3 million died.
- 3 million people with TB are unreached every year.
- 35.3 million people were living with HIV at the end of 2012.

Source: World Health Organization



World TB Day Public Awareness Event – Uzbekistan

## Case Studies

### *TB Control in the Central Asian Republics*

In 1993, Project HOPE piloted the Directly Observed Treatment Short-Course (DOTS) strategy for TB control in Kazakhstan. The program's success has led to HOPE's implementation of the largest and most comprehensive regional TB control program in the Central Asian Republics. Over 11 million health care workers have been trained.

### *Fighting Pneumococcal Infections in Nicaragua and Honduras*

In 2010, Project HOPE and Merck & Co., Inc. joined forces to vaccinate a total of 1.7 million people in Nicaragua and Honduras against pneumococcal infections – a major cause of pneumonia, meningitis and serious sinus conditions. In coordination with the Nicaraguan and Honduran Ministries of Health, Project HOPE staff has also trained more than 6,200 health care workers in both countries on the implementation of successful vaccination programs while also ensuring proper storage of the vaccines through the installation of refrigerators and solar panels at health facilities.



PNEUMOVAX\*23 Vaccination Program - Honduras



Community volunteers play an important role in fighting TB – Malawi

## Our Expertise

**Tuberculosis:** Project HOPE has more than 20 years of experience implementing TB prevention, control and treatment programs that also address multidrug resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) and TB/HIV co-infection. These programs are tailored to suit the needs of individual countries and their communities and provide extensive trainings for health care workers with an emphasis on increasing diagnosis and awareness of the disease as well as access to quality care. HOPE's approach to TB management focuses on strengthening health systems by improving the skills and knowledge of health professionals and upgrading laboratory services and equipment.

**HIV/AIDS:** Project HOPE's HIV work began in 1989, through programs aimed at the prevention of HIV/AIDS. Our work has expanded to address not only the prevention

and treatment of individuals with HIV/AIDS, but also to address the needs of orphans and vulnerable children who have lost one or both parents to the disease as well as those infected with HIV/AIDS. These programs focus on community-wide education on HIV and how it is spread and increasing disease diagnosis and treatment through health care provider trainings. We also help people stay in and adhere to treatment.

**Vaccinations:** Project HOPE has extensive experience acquiring and providing critical, donated vaccines to communities and countries in need. These efforts include working with Ministries of Health to support their national immunization programs as well as shipping vaccines to countries requiring humanitarian assistance.