

## Policy and Advocacy Bulletin

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### "KICK TB 2010" Under Way



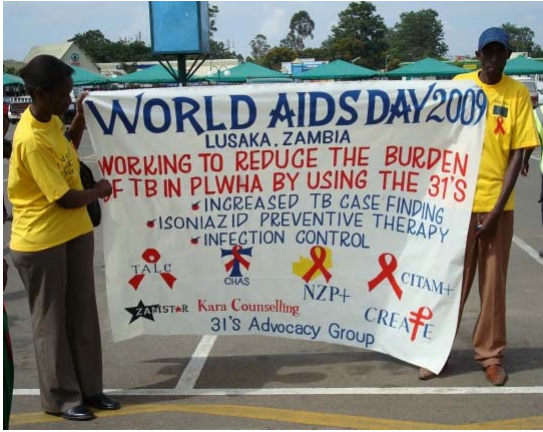
**Kick TB 2010**, South Africa's national TB awareness campaign (developed by DTTC) was successfully launched at the 40th UNION World TB Conference in Cancun, Mexico on 6 December 2009 when Mr. David Mametja, Chief Director of the TB Programme, Department of Health, publicly announced South Africa's onslaught against TB in the year 2010. He encouraged and invited other countries to join the international 'Kick TB 2010' team and to feel free to implement this cutting edge campaign in their countries as well. Each delegate attending the conference received a 'Kick TB 2010' soccer ball together with instructions on how to implement the campaign in their country - putting South

Africa on the foreground when it comes to combating TB/HIV.

### Fourth ZamLab CTL installed in Kabwe

In late January 2010, the fourth and final ZamLab CTL was installed in Kabwe, Zambia. However, the positioning of the lab next to the ART clinic and between a substantial anthill and a water logged field (with a cement slab running through the middle of it) didn't make it an easy process. As a result, a large crane had to be sourced from Lusaka and driven up to Kabwe to lift the container lab around the building and rest it firmly on its specified moorings. After four lifts of the massive crane the container lab reached its final resting spot.





## 2009 World AIDS Day commemoration in Lusaka

The Zambia AIDS-Related Tuberculosis (ZAMBART) Project through its Strengthening TB, AIDS, and Malaria Prevention Programme (STAMPP) and Three 'I's Advocacy Group (a network of HIV activists working in the country organized by ZAMBART) publicized the need to fight TB and HIV collectively at the 21st annual World AIDS Day commemoration held in Lusaka, Zambia. The team took part in the

ceremonial march through the city of Lusaka and also distributed various TB/HIV and Three 'I's information, including hundreds of brochures and flyers, to other participating HIV-specific organizations at the event. This push is timely, due to the fact that the Zambian government is in the process of drafting and reviewing policies relating to implementation of the various facets of the World Health Organization's recommended Three 'I's including the distribution of isoniazid preventive therapy (IPT) for people living with HIV, increased TB case finding at community-level and better infection control measures in health care settings.

## TB/HIV radio program series set to begin in Zambia

Over the next couple of months, ZAMBART Project will be embarking on an 11-week long radio program series, whose theme centres on the symbiotic relationship between TB and HIV. The goal of the series is to raise public awareness on TB and HIV in Zambia as well as the organization's profile in the country as a research expert on TB and HIV while continuing to prepare a welcoming environment for the end of study results for ZAMSTAR. Airing on the country's widest-reaching radio station, each week a member of ZAMBART staff will tackle different topics, some of which include the TB and HIV relationship, the ZAMSTAR study, Isoniazid Preventive Therapy and TB and communities. It is anticipated that the series will be edited and rebroadcast on community radio stations in the various ZAMBART/ZAMSTAR areas of operation to increase the reach and impact of the public health messages in the programs.

## Three I's Guidance Materials

CREATE's Policy and Advocacy Core is developing case-based guidance material for Isoniazid Preventive Therapy (IPT), Intensified Case Finding (ICF) and Infection Control (IC) using experience and cases from the CREATE studies, as well as other sources. The guidance material is intended for HIV nurses, program managers, and public health officials (draft distributed). It will include WHO rules on symptoms screening and a section on infection control based on the JHPIEGO/WHO Infection Control Guidance. The guidance material will be launched in a nurse-based training conducted with JHPIEGO and TB Cares in Spring 2010.

## **TB/HIV Video Corner**

Here you can see videos produced by CREATE and other institutions focused on creating awareness to the need of better tools to curb the increasing TB epidemic.

[Union World Conference 2009: Nuestra Casa by Damien Schumann](#) - An exhibit to highlight the living conditions of TB patients in the border between Mexico and the U.S.A.

[Thibela TB - South Africa Tuberculosis Prevention](#)

[THRio - Tuberculosis Prevention in Rio de Janeiro](#)