

**CREATE project sites celebrated World TB Day with a variety of activities and programs**



**"TB Anywhere is TB Everywhere"**

**THRio** informed the community about TB and DOTS with a community-wide distribution of TB pamphlets in Rocinha, one of the largest favelas in Rio de Janeiro. The local community health workers presented a program of lectures, poetry and a play about TB. **ZAMSTAR** in collaboration with the Desmond Tutu TB Centre sponsored a TB awareness drive at Nyanga Taxi

rank and a photo exhibition "Dialogues Understanding TB" by Damien Schumann in Cape Town, and an award ceremony of City of Cape Town in Khayelitsha. Activities were conducted at numerous clinic sites and one clinic in Kabwe launched a new project to enhance TB/HIV activities. At the **JHU** site, activities included an education table to promote TB awareness among public health students and faculty as well as a seminar led by the TB Center faculty. Topics focused on the dual problem of TB/HIV and integration of TB/HIV programs in addition to epidemiological data regarding TB and HIV.



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<http://www.GlobalHealthFacts.org>

Since it was first identified as a public health emergency more than a decade ago, the global tuberculosis (TB) epidemic has leveled off for the first time, according to a World Health Organization (WHO) report released on March 22, 2007. [More Details](#)

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**CREATE Recent Publications**

**Statistical Design of THRio:** a phased implementation clinic-randomized study of tuberculosis preventive therapy intervention. *Clin Trials* 2007; 4; 190. LH Moulton, JE Golub, B Durovni, SC Cavalcante, AG Pacheco, V Saraceni, B King, RE Chaisson.

The online version of this article can be found at: <http://ctj.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/4/2/190>

**THRio and FioCruz**

[Details](#)

A partnership for performance of demonstration phase studies to assess the performance and utility of the **BACTEC™ MGIT™ 960** Mycobacterial Detection System in settings of high TB and HIV prevalence.



**THRio Policy and Advocacy**

A seminar will be held in Rio de Janeiro, May 3-5, 2007, to stimulate community activists and organizations engagement in research. The objective of the seminar is to identify the obstacles for a greater participation of community activists and organizations in research, and plan activities that can contribute to improve this picture. [Initiative Details](#)

**General TB / HIV News**

**14th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections**

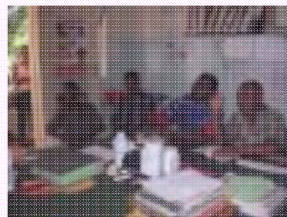
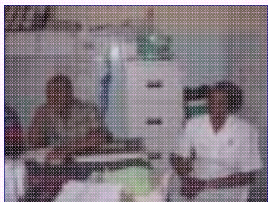
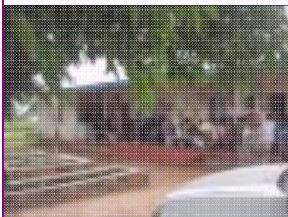
The Stop TB Partnership in collaboration with CREATE organized a TB/HIV meeting in conjunction with CROI in Los Angeles, USA. About 40 leading researchers in the field attended the meeting. The main objective of this meeting was to share and discuss key TB/HIV research issues and ongoing efforts. The "TB prevention for HIV patients: priorities and ongoing research efforts" was presented. [Details](#)

**XDR TB Update**

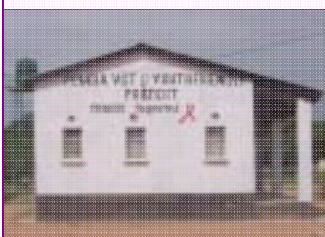
[XDR-TB March 2007 update](#)

In the wake of the newly-identified extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) and continuing challenges such as TB and HIV co-infection, the 2007 WHO Global TB Control Report underlines the major issues affecting TB patients, health workers and governments today.

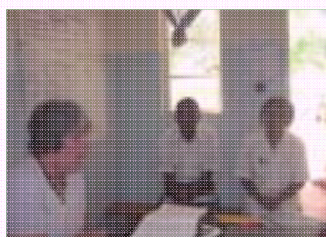
**ZAMSTAR**



Site Protocol Monitoring visit in December, 2006. The pictures are of the Shampande and Pemba clinics at the Choma site, southwest of Lusaka, Zambia.



\* Photographs courtesy of Grace Barnes, BSN, MPH, CREATE Protocol Specialist



• Look for **CREATE** at the Global Health Council's 34th Annual International Conference May 29th -June 1st in Washington, DC, USA.

- [Should Sick People Be Put in Jail?](#) Man with tuberculosis is jailed after refusing to wear his mask. Good Morning America. (R Chaisson)
- Comparison of two interferon-gamma assays and tuberculin skin test for tracing tuberculosis contacts. [Am J Respir Crit Care Med](#). 2007 ; Mar 15;175(6):618-27.
- The new IGRA and the old TST: making good use of disagreement. [Am J Respir Crit Care Med](#). 2007 Mar 15;175(6): 529-31
- The March issue of Nature Medicine focused on TB, from basic science to disease control. Click to see articles, including: [From Magic Bullets back to the Magic Mountain](#): the rise of extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis. S Dorman, R Chaisson.