

10 facts about **tuberculosis and AIDS**

- TB is **the leading cause** of death among people who are HIV-positive.
- TB and HIV are **a deadly duo**: each speeds up the progress of the other.
- **One third** of people who are HIV positive are co-infected with tuberculosis.
- **70 %** of people with tuberculosis are also HIV positive.
- **One-third** of the increase in the incidence of TB in the last five years can be attributed to HIV.
- HIV is currently the **single most potent factor** to cause sickness to break out in someone infected with TB.
- Someone who is HIV-positive and infected with TB is **30 times** more likely to become sick with TB than someone who is HIV-negative.
- At the end of the year 2000 there were **36.1 million** people living with HIV/AIDS; **70.1 %** of them live in sub-Saharan Africa.
- In India, **2 million** people are jointly infected with HIV and TB.
- TB accounts for **40 percent** of AIDS deaths in Africa and Asia.

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