In 2014 there were 9.6 million TB patients worldwide. Each year, 1.5 million people die from TB, leaving families behind in despair and poverty. TB is the leading cause of death among people living with HIV.

The WHO estimates that about 3 million people who become ill with TB remain without effective treatment.

In the long term, KNCV strives for the complete elimination of TB worldwide. For the Netherlands, by 2035 we aim to reduce the rate of TB incidence to reach the elimination target of less than one case per million inhabitants.

KNCV follows the WHO strategy.

This strategy aims for a 95% reduction in deaths and a reduction in the global incidence of TB to less than 10 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, all by 2035.
KNCV STRATEGY 2015-2020

1 ACCESS
To improve access to early TB prevention and care for patients with all forms of tuberculosis and achieve better individual outcomes and public health impact.

Approach
Developing and delivering a comprehensive country-specific package of interventions for prevention of transmission, prevention of progression from infection to disease, early diagnosis and effective treatment of TB disease, and overcoming barriers for special patient groups.

Key result areas:
1. Implementation research: evidence for scale-up
2. Operational research
3. Population epidemiology
4. Research capacity building in these areas

2 EVIDENCE
To generate a solid evidence base for new and new and existing tools and interventions.

Approach
Generating evidence about the TB epidemic, the control response and specific interventions through implementation research, operational research, population epidemiology and building research capacity in these areas.

Key result areas:
1. Implementation research: evidence for scale-up
2. Operational research
3. Population epidemiology
4. Research capacity building in these areas

3 SUPPORTIVE SYSTEMS
To bolster the governance and management capacity of the National TB Programs (NTPs) to ensure robust, responsive and inclusive National TB Control systems (supportive systems).

Approach
Developing and delivering comprehensive, needs-based, country-specific managerial assistance packages that cover strategic and operational planning, resource mobilization, engagement and coordination of other sectors and partners and monitoring and evaluation.

Key result areas:
1. Strategic and operational planning
2. Resource mobilization
3. Engagement and coordination of other sectors and partners
4. Monitoring and evaluation

GOALS 2020

1 Find more missing cases by increasing notifications that are bacteriologically confirmed to 60%
2 Reduce mortality among notified TB patients by 35%
3 Complete treatment for 90% of all detected drug-sensitive TB patients
4 Initiate treatment for all identified drug-resistant patients
5 Test all TB patients for HIV and start all TB/HIV co-infected patients on anti-retroviral therapy
6 Introduce national measurement of catastrophic health care expenditures for TB patients and their families
7 Prevent more people from developing active TB disease