

## March 2010: Easy learning exercise

In 2010, **2 million people** will die from tuberculosis worldwide. This is similar to the number of people who die each year from **HIV/AIDS**.

TB is a **growing problem** in the **developing world** and in **the UK**.

In 2006, the UK government supported the launch of the ***Global Plan to Stop TB***, an action plan for how to reduce the number of new TB cases and deaths by **half** and save **14 million lives**.

We are not on track to achieve **global TB control targets** by 2015 and face an annual funding gap of more than **\$2 billion**.

The new UK government can play a leading role in the fight against TB by making TB a **global health priority**.

World TB Day is on **24<sup>th</sup> March**. This is the perfect opportunity for **Prospective Parliamentary Candidates** and **political parties** to confirm their commitment to fighting TB.

They should commit to supporting **increased funding** for **TB programmes** and for developing new, more effective **drugs, diagnostics** and **vaccines**.