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According to the World Health Organization, one third of the world's population, about 2 billion people, are currently infected with the TB bacteria. Most of them live in developing countries. Called a poor man's disease, it is infecting one new person every second and killing 5,000 people a day. With globalization and growing worldwide travel, experts warn that tuberculosis may come back to haunt the First World as well.

WHO has recently launched a 10-year campaign (2006-2015) to stop the spread of TB. What does this new strategy hope to achieve? Will it be able to eradicate this age-old epidemic that has plagued mankind for over 5,000 years? What are the lessons learned that can help fight against tuberculosis? These are some of the questions addressed in this World Chronicle interview with Dr. Mario Raviglione, Director of Stop TB at WHO.

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