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World TB Day 2017

March 24, 2017 -- To mark the occasion of World TB Day and raise awareness of the tremendous burden of tuberculosis around the world, Lilly's Amy Israel offered the following statement on behalf of the Lilly Global Health Partnership:

“Through decades of collaboration to stop multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, we’ve seen firsthand the toll this disease takes on families. We’re proud to continue to work alongside the brave women and men in communities, clinics, hospitals and research labs who are fighting tirelessly to stop it.

This year’s theme for World TB Day, “Unite to End TB,” is important because as we learn more about TB’s interaction with chronic diseases like diabetes and hypertension, the need for investments in primary and integrated care only grows.

To this end, Lilly remains committed to reaching more people with TB and MDR-TB by expanding access to and improving outcomes closer to the primary care level in resource-limited settings, where TB burden is greatest – and where the impact of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is rapidly growing.

In Chennai, India, for example, we are continuing to build on our efforts to address TB. By working with organizations to implement programs in private and public primary care settings we are helping to better detect, refer and treat TB alongside other diseases that complicate the delivery of care. Also, in Durban, South Africa, we are working with international and local organizations to integrate care to address multiple burdens of diseases – including TB – at the primary care level, ultimately optimizing the health system and best addressing the needs of individuals.”

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