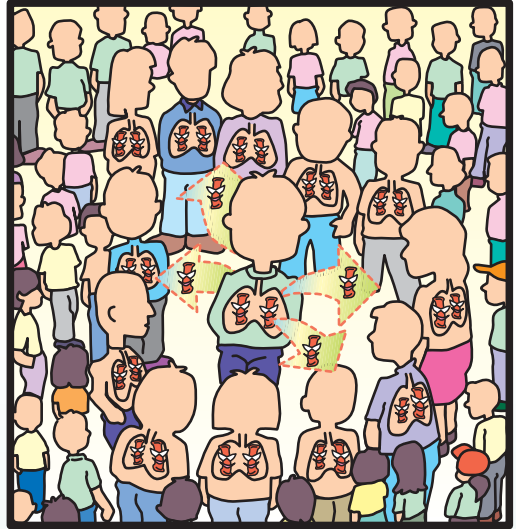


# TB affects everybody



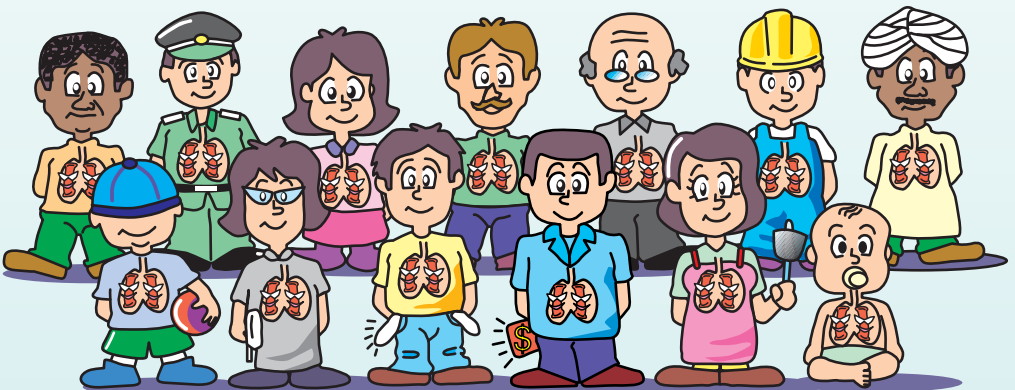
Tuberculosis (TB) is spread by air and caused by a bacteria called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* that can affect any part of the body, especially the lungs. TB infection generally occurs after close contact or in poorly ventilated environment.

If left untreated, a person with active TB disease can infect 5-15 persons in a year through close contact.



Without proper treatment, active TB disease can kill. Active TB disease can cause death in 45% on average in the absence of HIV, and in nearly 100% in people living with HIV.

TB can affect anyone of any age



Reference: <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/tuberculosis>