The mission of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) is to bring innovation, expertise, solutions and support to address health challenges in low- and middle-income populations.

The Union has joined international efforts to raise awareness of the threat caused by the increase in NCDs. Many infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes and tuberculosis, are linked, creating complex challenges for health care systems. It is The Union's goal to help meet these challenges and find health solutions for the poor.
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About The Union

The Union is a global scientific organisation with the mission to improve health among people living in poverty. We do that by conducting scientific research, working with governments and other agencies to translate research into better health for people around the world, and delivering projects directly in the field. The Union is made up of a global membership body of people who help to advance our mission, and a scientific institute that implements public health projects within countries. For close to 100 years, we have been leaders in the fight against some of the world’s biggest killers, including tuberculosis, lung diseases and tobacco use.

The Union and lung health

The Union calls for policies and actions that contribute to improved lung health globally. We provide a global platform for the latest research on all aspects of lung health through the Union World Conference on Lung Health, Region Conferences and two scientific, peer-reviewed journals. We promote the importance of poverty reduction and address the social determinants of health to improve health outcomes worldwide.
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