



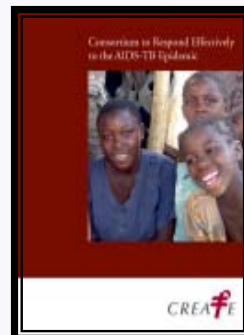
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February 2007 E-Newsletter

New CREATE Project Director Hired

Lois J. Eldred, Dr.P.H., M.P.H., will become the new Project Director for Consortium to Respond Effectively to the AIDS/TB Epidemic (CREATE) effective February 1, 2007. Dr. Eldred brings strong international HIV/AIDS policy and program experience that will support CREATE's emphasis on transforming global health policies and practices to control HIV-related tuberculosis. As CREATE Project Director, Dr. Eldred will coordinate the multi-year, \$47 million project that is evaluating the impact of novel public health strategies to decrease TB incidence in areas of high HIV-prevalence. [Full Press Release](#)



The [CREATE glossy](#) is now available on our website in .pdf format!

CREATE Website Launch

A new and improved CREATE website was launched on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2006. The new site contains more information and an improved navigation scheme as well as a full section of resources for public use. Please take the time to navigate our pages and check back regularly for updates and new developments. [More Details](#)

Conference Updates

During the 2006 International AIDS Conference (IAC), THRio, one of the three CREATE studies, presented data concerning the use of Isoniazid Preventive Therapy (IPT) in combination with HAART. The study results have tremendous implications for areas of high HIV prevalence and incidence of TB. The THRio study was covered on [National Public Radio](#). Visit our website to read more on the THRIO study and for the latest publications and results. [Highlights from XVI IAC](#)
[Highlights from 37th IUALTD](#)

Study Site News and Updates

News from Thibela TB



Read about the latest [Thibela Developments](#) in the Thibela TB News!

ZAMSTAR-Training and Education at work

Musonda Simwinga from the ZAMSTAR study in Zambia recently arrived in Baltimore to pursue advanced studies with the Berman Bioethics Institute through Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health as part of the CREATE Education and Training Core team development.



General TB / HIV News

Bill Gates Receives Honorary Degree

He is aptly described as one of the most remarkable pioneers of the digital era. As a global entrepreneur and philanthropist, he is best known internationally as the man whose vision for "a computer on every desktop and in every home" helped launch the digital information revolution. Bill Gates, founder of the software giant Microsoft, received an honorary doctorate by Stellenbosch University. [More Details](#) [Acceptance Speech](#)

XDR TB Update

Several CREATE projects have been closely involved in the global response to the XDR TB outbreak in South Africa. Following the [guidelines issued by the WHO](#), three of the four project sites are generating strategies for surveillance and assessment of stored samples to aid in the understanding of this important issue as it develops.

Bill and Melinda Gates Visit ZAMSTAR



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TB/HIV News

- [Drug costs imperil Brazil AIDS fight.](#) Globe Jan 3, 2007
- [Treatment Action Group Receives \\$4.7 Million from the Gates Foundation](#) to Expand TB/HIV Research & Treatment Advocacy. TAG Press Release, Jan 10, 2007.
- [“Satan’s Disease”—Research uncovers new disease stigma.](#) DFID Press release, Nov 23, 2006.
- [The cost-effectiveness of DOTS in urban Brazil.](#) Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 11(1):27-32, IUATLD

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