



Welcoming Speech Ministry of Health

MSF / MoH 4th TB Symposium - Eastern Europe and Central Asia: *“New treatments and approaches to tuberculosis”*

We are delighted to welcome participants and guests in the regional “Tuberculosis Symposium –Eastern Europe and Central Asia”. This scientific forum has brought together the potential of local and international experts in treatment of tuberculosis, giving an opportunity to represent the best practices, new approaches and models of TB treatment in the countries, including Armenia, as well as issues existing in the region due to migration. The discussions will include the new methods and approaches of TB control and care. On the background of development of medicine and pharmacology, tuberculosis remains one of the main the main issues of the public health.

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia is currently implementing the National Tuberculosis Control Program for 2007-2015, covering all the TB control events in our country. In recent years, Armenia’s health system reforms in this field recorded positive changes. Armenia comes forward with the best experience of MDR-TB treatment, a new generation of anti-tuberculosis drugs, new funding mechanisms in TB system and the introduction of new criteria for hospitalization, different models, outpatient treatment in the European region. These changes resulted in reducing tuberculosis morbidity and mortality.

Let’s hope, the two-day discussions in this forum will be effective in exchange of information and experience.

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