

The burden of Tuberculosis (TB) disease

- TB disease is a global problem and South Africa is one of the countries with the highest TB burden in the world.
- According to the National Department of Health, one person in South Africa falls ill with TB every seven minutes. (NDoH)
- In the Western Cape TB is the leading cause of death, and has been for more than a decade.
- As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been:
 - An increase in the number of people with undiagnosed and untreated TB,
 - An increase in the transmission and then, with a lag time, an increase in the number of people becoming infected with TB.
 - An increase in the number of people dying of TB.

