

Berlin Story Winners

- What social conditions permit the spread of TB? In poor countries, the burning of biofuels inside homes elevates risk, along with lack of sunlight and ventilation. The risk is even greater for women and children, who spend more time inside. Both homes and public transportation tend to be crowded, increasing the chance of spreading the disease. Who is working to improve things, and what is being done?
- Once diagnosed, most TB patients face a long and difficult recovery, even if their disease is sensitive to the standard drugs. They must down a handful of pills every day, often under the watchful eyes of a family member or community health worker, and the pills sometimes make them feel sick. How many successfully complete the treatment, and who is keeping track? Treatment is important to a patient's personal health, as well as that of her family and community. What are the best practices for ensuring completion?
- The face of TB; Who has the disease today, and how does the profile differ in different countries, or regions within a country?