"Every year, more than 9 million new cases of tuberculosis (TB) occur and nearly two million die of the disease globally."

"Pharmacy services offer major opportunities to improve tuberculosis control."

"About half a million cases are also afflicted with the multi-drug resistant form of the disease."

"Tuberculosis often manifests with non-specific symptoms such as cough and fever."

Who and FIP have jointly drawn up the basis for action-oriented collaboration between national TB programmes and national pharmacy associations in the fight against TB and MDR-TB.

Indian Pharmaceutical Association-Lilly MOR Project
National plan/strategy to engage Pharmacists
Establishing a Pan-India Working Group
Collecting evidences of Pharmacists’ Role in TB

Early identification of TB suspects
Support delivery of DOTS
Improving rational use of anti-TB medicines.
Public Education and communication campaigns on TB and MDR-TB awareness

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
The major outcome of the project was realized when a MoU between the RNTCP and relevant stakeholders viz. IPA, AIQCD, PCI and SEARPharm-Forum on the role of Pharmacists in TB Care and Control in India. The MoU has outlined Pharmacists role in national TB Care and Control thus paving the way for Pharmacists in India to be involved in the National Health Programme for the first time.

Remembering Ton Hoek