TB bacteria die very slowly. It takes at least 6 months for the combination drugs to completely kill the TB bacteria in the body. A patient may feel better after 2 weeks of uninterrupted treatment but the TB bacteria is still alive.

9th among 22 high TB burden countries worldwide (WHO Global Report on TB 2013)

4TH in Case Notification Rate among Western Pacific Countries (TB Control in the Western Pacific Region, 2009)

8th among the 27 Countries with the highest number of MDR TB Cases

6th leading cause of Morbidity and Mortality (DOH NTP 2013)

Tuberculosis is a major public health program in the Philippines, with it being the 6th leading cause of mortality of Filipino people with a rate of 26.3 deaths of every 100,000 population. About 63 Filipinos die of TB per day.

* More MALES died (17,103) compared to FEMALES (7,611) in 2010.

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