

# Hepatitis by the numbers: Global Burden of Diseases Compared\*

**2,000,000,000+**

Number of people who have been exposed to hepatitis viruses  
(HIV: 70+ million)

**360,000,000**

Number of people living chronically with viral hepatitis

The hepatitis B virus is

**50-100x**

more infectious than HIV

Number of people living with HIV/AIDS: 37 million

Today, in the Asia-Pacific region, more people die from hepatitis than from HIV, TB, and malaria **combined.**



*Every year, 1,000,000 newborns are infected with hepatitis B- a resounding failure to preventing mother to child transmission despite the availability of the hepatitis B birth dose vaccine. These babies join the 360 million people living with viral hepatitis around the world and every 30 seconds, one of these people die. We have the tools for putting an end to the hepatitis B and C epidemics, but these interventions urgently need to be made available for everyone living with hepatitis. Hepatitis is one of the greatest global health tragedies, overlooked by international funders and development partners. Hepatitis Fund provides a much-needed funding vehicle to support and accelerate hepatitis elimination worldwide and save these lives. #HepCantWait*

**Dr. Su Wang**, president, World Hepatitis Alliance

**940,000**  
Annual mortality attributed to  
HIV/AIDS

**80%**  
of liver cancer cases  
globally are caused by  
viral hepatitis

**1,000,000+**  
Number of newborns infected with  
hepatitis B virus

**1,450,000**  
Annual mortality attributed to  
viral hepatitis

If no drastic actions are taken, by  
2040, more people will be dying  
**globally** from hepatitis than from  
HIV, TB, and malaria **combined.**

Sources: WHO Global Hepatitis Report. 2017.  
CDA Foundation Polaris Observatory 2018.