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"I didn't have to stay at the hospital long. I could come back to my job after three month.... My family is very happy again."

..Vi Thi Thaplan, nurse, Viet Nam

Rapid improfment

Three weeks after treatment begins, most patients start to have an improved appetite and feel better. After a month, they gain back weight. Two months later, the vast majority will be free of TB bacteria. These patients then begin the "*continuation phase*." A small minority will test positive for TB bacilli, in which case they will continue the initial treatment for another month.



**"DOTS cured me -
it will cure you too!"**