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**ZARIA:** The United States yesterday donated a multi-million dollar facility for the detection and treatment of tuberculosis to Nigeria, where around 400,000 people suffer from the disease.

Located on the outskirts of the northern city of Zaria, the facility includes a state-of-the-art bio-safety laboratory and a medical staff training centre as well as clinics for people living with HIV and AIDs.

"For Nigeria, this is a new facility to increase its ability to diagnose and treat those with tuberculosis and HIV," said Thomas Frieden, director of the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, is ranked fourth among the 22 countries with the world's highest tuberculosis prevalence.

It also has one of the world's highest HIV burden with a prevalence rate of 4.5 per cent where more than three million people are infected with HIV, according to official figures. — AFP

