Global Allies Program
Partners Ending Poverty with RESULTS

July Webinar
Developments in the Fight Against TB

July 13, 2023
At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.

With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn’t fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.

Read our full anti-oppression values statement here at results.org/values.

Check out the Anti-Oppression Workshop Schedule for training opportunities.

Find these resources and more at results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression:

- Resource Guides from our Diversity & Inclusion trainings, including:
  - Interrupting Microaggressions
  - Creating Space for Critical Conversations
  - Information on how RESULTS responds to oppressive incidents
Tonight’s Webinar

• Welcome and Introductions

• Developments in prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis

• Update on Dear Colleague Letter to Biden Administration on UN HLM

• Deepening your advocacy action this month

• Closing
Developments in TB Vaccines
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• 26,000-person, Phase 3 study, set to begin next year, will test a vaccine known as M72/AS01 that showed promising results from a smaller trial in 2019.

• Being developed by the Gates Medical Research Institute, affiliate of Gates Foundation. It will cost $550m, of which the Gates Foundation will contribute $400m (their largest investment in a single product.)

• Tuberculosis vaccine first developed in 1921 - French team created what’s known as the BCG vaccine from the bacteria that causes bovine tuberculosis.

• Current vaccine given to many children in low- and middle-income countries, however effectiveness have shown mixed results, and it doesn’t protect adolescents or adults.

• Little progress on vaccines due in part because of scientific hurdles — tuberculosis is a far more complex pathogen than, say, SARS-CoV-2

• In part because the disease primarily affects the planet’s poorest, providing little financial incentive for pharma companies.
Getting back to pre-COVID levels
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• In the first year of the pandemic (2020), the rate of TB cases fell to 2.2 per 100,000, rising to 2.4 per 100,000 in 2021.

• 2022 increase was due to more cases among people newly arrived in the United States as well as a higher incidence of cases among American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

• Increases among persons aged 15–24 years, and in children aged 4 and younger. More devastating impact on children, including meningitis and disseminated TB, as well as impacts on neurologic development.

• TB cases were confused with COVID, causing delays in diagnoses.
Developments in Treatment

Drug-resistant TB is a deadly infectious disease that mainly affects the lungs.

Overcoming Drug Resistant TB in the Ukraine
Devex & Stop TB Partnership Series
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• Resources to learn more about the dynamics of TB
• Listen to testimony from people who are living with TB,
• Learn how technology is being leveraged to develop tools for impact,
• Learn how we learning from the past and gaining momentum to shape future successes
UN High-Level Meeting on TB

September 22, 2023
UN High-Level Meeting on TB

The letter, co-led by Reps. Bera (D-CA-6), Salazar (R-FL-27) McCaul (R-TX-10), and Meeks (D-NY-5), urges the Administration to:

• Demonstrate U.S. leadership against TB by bringing ambitious commitments with specific, measurable targets to the HLM;

• Develop a whole of government strategy for advancing the global targets to be endorsed at the HLM;

• Send high level representation to attend the HLM; and

• Encourage other global leaders to bring bold leadership, commitments, and investments to the HLM.
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• Check out this link to the final letter here.

• Closed today with 108 signers
  o 95 Democrats
  o 10 Republicans

• Ranking members:
  o Chairman McCaul (R-TX)
  o Meeks (D-NY)
  o Smith (R-NJ)

• Signers who are not yet co-sponsors of End TB Now Act (H.R. 1776)
  73 House members!

• Signers of $1 Billion TB Appropriations Letter, but did not sign current Dear Colleague Letter – 53 members
What does it take to get a response?
Senate Letter?

• Contact your Senators on Dear Colleague Letter to Biden Admin *Letter to be released soon!*

• Likely the same language
  o Specific measurable targets
  o Develop a while government strategy
  o High level representation to attend UNHLM
  o Encourage other global leaders
We want to pass the End TB Now Act this year!

See if your member of Congress has supported TB in any way using our Congressional Scorecard.
End TB Now Act (S.288, H.R.1776)

1. Requires the U.S. to establish bold goals for reaching the most vulnerable populations
2. Strengthens U.S. bilateral coordination to develop comprehensive global TB response
3. Catalyzes support for TB research and development (R&D)
4. Improves the capacity of countries and affected communities with high burdens of TB
5. Requires annual reporting to Congress on U.S. TB activities and their impact
6. Evaluates the performance of TB programs that are supported by U.S.
Next Steps
Choose your own adventure...

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• Send a follow up email or make a phone call

• Meet with your Representative and Senators during their time in the district (August Recess)

• Inform other RPCVs in your network about the impact of TB in your country of service and how they can make a difference through advocacy (online action)

• **Write a letter to the editor** (LTE) or other media

• Other ideas? Get creative!
Progressive Advocacy Actions

• Summer
  - June: Signers on UNHLM Dear Colleague Letter (House)
  - July: UNHLM Dear Colleague Letter (Senate), Writing media (Op Eds, Letters to the Editor)
  - August: In District Lobby Meetings

• Fall
  - September: UN HLM takes place
  - October - December: Passing the End TB Now Act!
Global Allies Program Coaching Support

Sign up for additional coaching support between webinars!

https://results.salsalabs.org/globalalliesprogram
Upcoming Events

- Next GAP Webinar: August 10, 8:30 PM ET

- RESULTS Global Policy Forum – Thursday, July 20 9:00PM ET

- Peace Corps Upcoming Events:
  Peace Corps Connect 2023 September 8 – 9
  Learn more and register here.

- Effective Advocacy Tools and Practices
  Advocacy Training for Country of Service Groups
  September 27, 8:00PM ET
  Learn more and register here.
Thanks for joining us tonight!