Global Allies Program
Partners Ending Poverty with RESULTS

September Webinar

September 14, 2023
Our Values & Resources

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

• Celebrations: Senate TB Letter

• Keeping Momentum: TB in the Media, Making Local Connections & UN HLM Meeting

• Advocacy Action

• Closing
Senate TB Letter

- Prioritizing the following five priorities:
  1. a measurable goal to reach everyone sick with TB with quality testing and treatment;
  2. specific, bold new financial commitments to close the global funding gap;
  3. priority for a human rights and a person-centered approach to the pandemic;
  4. faster development and broad access to new tools, including diagnostics, treatments, and vaccines; and
  5. commitment to ongoing high-level accountability against the declaration’s
Senate TB Letter

• Closed with just over 1/3 of the Senate signed on! (34 Senators)

• Lead Senators were Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Todd Young (R-IN)

• Check out this link to the final letter here.

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Senate TB Letter

Signers:

Asks on TB Right Now

Ask Reps and Senators to cosponsor the End TB Now Act and speak to House/Senate leadership about passing it ASAP.

*Tip: Leverage your work on the House and Senate TB sign-on letters:

• Share final letter and thank those who signed. Ask them to cosponsor End TB Now Act and speak to leadership.

• Share final letter with those who didn't sign as well and let them know they can still make a difference on TB by cosponsoring the End TB Now Act.
Progress on End TB Now Act (S. 288/ H.R. 1776)

• Passed House Foreign Affairs Committee & Senate Foreign Relations Committee!

• More co-sponsors = more support to move bill to floor for a vote in both chambers

• Current co-sponsors, congressional scorecard

• Rep signed House letter? Ask them to co-sponsor the bill! Any Global Fund or TB action!
UN High-Level Meeting on TB

September 22, 2023
TB in the Media

8/28/23: NY Times: "We Thought We'd Beat These Three Diseases, But They Are Still Killing Us."

• Article reminds us that we ended smallpox, but we still have malaria, TB, and polio to end. And somehow, ending diseases has been politicized. We're also less concerned about diseases not affecting us, even though we can end them (like TB). There are new tools in development that can help us, like GeneXpert, better drugs, shorter treatments.

• "The lack of determination is really the stumbling block." "But donors still fall short by more than half on the funding the W.H.O. says it needs to end the TB epidemic by 2030"
TB in the Media

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• "Until we get the job done, we need to have a broader sense of what “our share” could yet entail: Up to 13 million Americans currently live with latent TB infection, according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The realities of modern travel mean that none of us is protected from a TB resurgence until we have protected people everywhere."

• "Appealing only to our selfishness, though, is a mistake. What we need is a powerful sense of our shared humanity in the fight against some of our most ancient killers, and the courage and determination to win this fight now."
TB in the Media

Stop TB’s Global Drug Facility Announces Historic Price Reductions up to 55% for Bedaquiline, a Life-Saving Drug to Treat Drug-Resistant TB (Stop TB)

An investigational TB vaccine candidate (M72/AS01E) was found to be significantly protective against TB disease in a Phase IIb trial conducted in Kenya, South Africa and Zambia, in individuals with evidence of latent tuberculosis infection. The point estimate of vaccine efficacy was 50% over approximately three years of follow-up (Lancet)

Among family members living with a person with active lung TB, improving nutrition resulted in a 40 to 50% reduction in new TB cases. (Forbes)
Making the Local Case for TB

• TB cases in your state: check your state department of health and the CDC for data:
  --https://www.cdc.gov/tb/default.htm

• Does your states university system have involvement in global health? Research? Vaccines? It's worth sharing your state's connection to global health.
Advocacy Action
Let’s take action!
Next Steps: *Choose your own adventure*...

- Send a [follow up email](#) or make a phone call on the End TB Now Act
- 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
Global policy

Our Fall Goal

Congress prioritizes equity and impact in the fight against global poverty
Equity & Impact

- Who does it reach? Who gets left out?
- Are we working in partnership?
- How is funding delivered?
- Are interventions based on evidence?
Part 1
How the **U.S. government** spends money and designs programs

Part 2
How the **World Bank** spends money and designs programs
Global Advocacy Campaigns

- Malnutrition Prevention & Treatment Act
- The End Tuberculosis Now Act
- The READ Act
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Asks on READ Act Right Now

• **READ in the House:** Ask Reps. to cosponsor the READ Act and speak to Foreign Affairs leadership (McCaul, Meeks) about moving the bill out of committee ASAP.

• **READ in the Senate:** Ask Senators to cosponsor READ Act and speak to Senate leadership about passing it ASAP.
Global Allies Program Coaching Support

Sign up for additional coaching support between webinars!

https://results.salsalabs.org/globalalliesprogram
Additional Volunteer Opportunities

Global Allies Program (GAP): Advocacy Training for RPCV Country of Service Groups
Thu, Sep 14, 2023, 8:30-9:30pm (ET)
Type: Volunteer/Service Opportunity
Listed by The NPCA Continuation of Service program · Virtual/Remote

Global Allies Program (GAP): Effective Advocacy Tools and Practices,
Wed, Sep 27, 2023, 8-9pm (ET)
Type: Volunteer/Service Opportunity
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Environmental Action: Letters to the Editor (LTE) Workshop
PEACE CORPS CONNECT 2023
September 8–9
Upcoming Events

- Next GAP Webinar: October 12, 8:30 PM ET  

- RESULTS Global Policy Forum, September 21 at 9:00 PM ET  
  *We will be going live from the UN High Level Meeting in New York*  
  [Register here](#).

- Effective Advocacy Tools and Practices  
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  September 27, 8:00PM ET  
  [Learn more and register here](#).
Thanks for joining us tonight!