



Expanding The TEA Network: From Connection to Community Action

Tuberculosis Elimination Alliance (TEA) Impact Report | 2024-2026

The Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Alliance is a national partnership of community leaders, changemakers, and health providers dedicated to eliminating TB disease and latent TB infection (LTBI) and improving health outcomes across the United States and the United States Affiliated Pacific Islands. TEA advances education, raises awareness, and drives innovation to reduce the burden of TB among communities that have been medically underserved. Through partnerships, responsive resources, and expanded access to testing and treatment, TEA works toward a future where no community bears an unequal burden of this preventable and curable disease.

Two Years of Progress

Across the first two years of its 2024-2029 strategic direction, TEA moved from building its network infrastructure to activating it through shared learning, communications, cross-sector partnerships, and community-led action.

Year 1 (2024-2025) focused on broadening TEA's reach, engaging new partners, strengthening communications, and establishing the Mini-Grant Program pipeline.



Year 2 (2025-2026) built on that foundation by investing in community-led projects, expanding learning opportunities, and strengthening relationships between community organizations, health departments, healthcare providers, and other partners working toward TB elimination.



2,000+

community members reached

23%

Year 1 (2024-2025) network contact growth

\$100,000

invested in 10 community-led projects

372

TB/LTBI screenings completed

104

Mini-Grant Program applications

Our Strategic Direction

TEA's 2024-2029 strategy is guided by four interconnected priorities focused on achieving its mission to eliminate TB and LTBI among populations at risk through education, awareness, and innovation.

- Expand and deepen partnerships
- Strengthen community engagement and outreach
- Increase access to TB/LTBI testing and treatment
- Identify and share data-driven strategies and systems-level approaches

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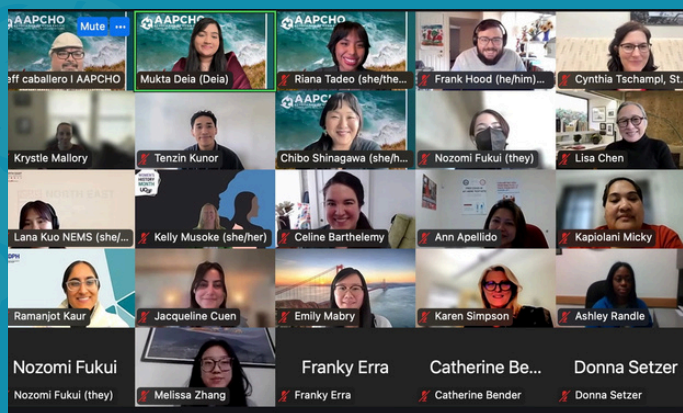
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Year 1: Expanding the reach of TEA

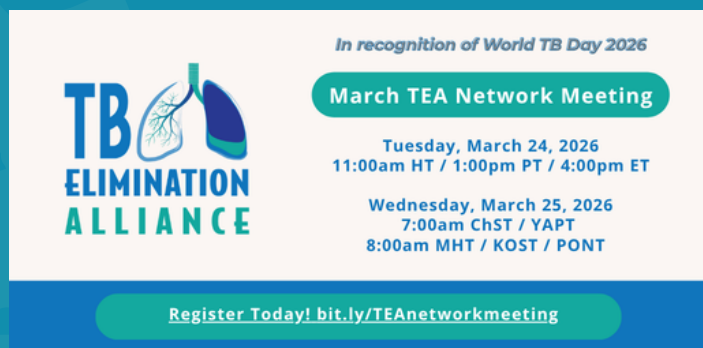
TEA's first year broadened the range of organizations and communities connected to TB elimination efforts — and created new pathways for participation.



- TEA expanded its network contact base by approximately 23%, increasing the number of organizations and individuals connected to the initiative.
- The March 2025 network launch meeting brought together **40 participants from 11 states and Guam**, establishing a multi-jurisdictional foundation for continued collaboration.
- TEA brought **new public health and community partners into strategic planning**, strengthening connections with organizations serving populations at increased risk for TB.
- Outreach through the Mini-Grant Program reached substantially beyond TEA's existing applicant base: **nearly 80% of the 52 applicants were new to the program**, signaling growing awareness of — and access to — TEA resources.

Year 2: Turning connections into collaboration

In Year 2, TEA built on this expanded reach by creating repeated opportunities for partners to engage, exchange expertise, and work together.

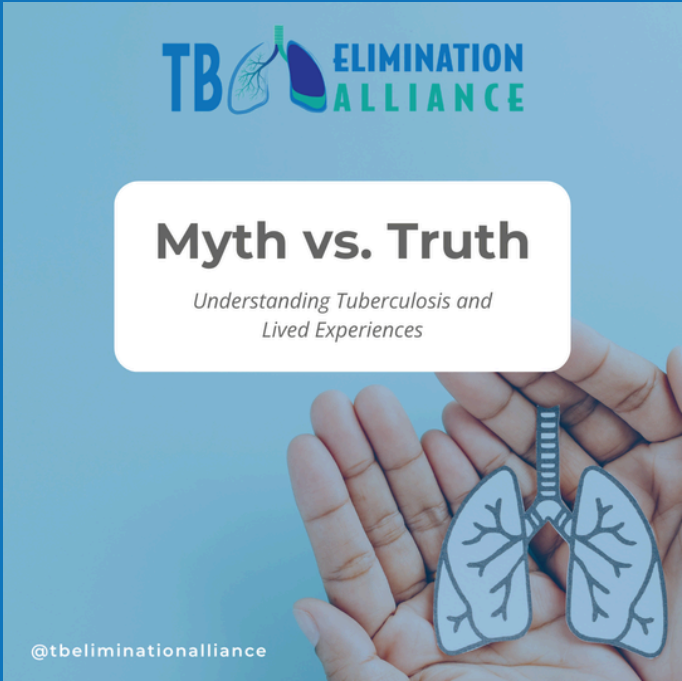


- **Nine network meetings generated 137 participant attendances** between August 2025 and July 2026, providing an ongoing forum for connection rather than a one-time point of engagement.
- Programming shifted toward **peer learning, relationship building, resource sharing, and collaborative problem-solving**.
- Mini-Grants translated partnership-building into action: **90% of proposed projects included formal partnerships with local or state health departments**, strengthening connections between community-based efforts and public health systems.

Together, these results show a network moving from reach to engagement—and from engagement toward coordinated action.

Strengthening Communications & Network Reach

Across two years, TEA strengthened its communications efforts to connect partners and communities with timely TB resources, funding and training opportunities, network updates, and stories from across the field.



Year 1: Building Reach

4,345

people reached through six mass communications

~10,000

website and social media interactions

23%

network contact growth

In Year 2, TEA expanded its communications presence by launching a dedicated Instagram account, creating a new channel to share TB education, resources, opportunities, and network updates with partners and communities.

Year 2: Sustaining & Expanding Engagement

10

newsletters

328

Instagram followers

18

Instagram posts

8,613

Instagram views

415

Instagram interactions

Network feedback reinforced the value of TEA’s communications. Among 13 partners who responded to TEA’s 2026 Marketing & Communications Feedback Survey, 12 reported being very satisfied and one satisfied with TEA’s communications. Partners consistently highlighted timely updates, useful TB resources, and information about funding, training, and partnership opportunities as key strengths. Looking ahead, respondents expressed interest in more funding opportunities, TB research updates, practical tools and templates, community success stories, and partner and Mini-Grant Program highlights.

Connecting Partners to Knowledge & Resources

Across two years, TEA strengthened partners’ capacity to act on TB knowledge, creating opportunities to build skills, exchange expertise, and translate learning into practice.

TEA connected hundreds of partners with learning opportunities addressing community-driven TB solutions, outbreak response, media engagement, and TB elimination in the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands.



Year 1 Learning Outcomes

- 86 Request for Proposals Information Session registrants
- 83% survey respondents reporting high-to-extremely-high knowledge gained
- 75% knowledge-gain target

Year 2 Learning Opportunities

Learning opportunity	Registrants/participants	Live attendees
September 2025 - Innovating Against TB: Community Driven Solutions to TB Challenges	366	74
March 2026 - Community Power in TB Response: Lessons from the Kansas Outbreak	392	304
March 2026 - Post-TB Hill Day Media Education Training	54	37
July 2026 - The Fight to End TB an Ocean Away: NTCA/AAPCHO U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands SIG Webinar	187	71

Community-Led Action: The Mini-Grant Program

Over two years, TEA moved from building an accessible grantmaking pathway to funding community-led action, enabling partners to design and deliver projects responsive to communities at increased risk for TB and LTBI.



As the TEA mini-grant program continues, TEA members and partners can implement community-centered, locally designed approaches to TB/LTBI prevention, treatment, and education. I look forward to partnering and working alongside members and partners.

Jeffrey B. Caballero, MPH
AAPCHO Executive Director



Year 1: Building an accessible pipeline

52

applications received

~80%

applications to the new program

10

organizations selected

TEA established the Mini-Grant infrastructure needed to move funding into communities, including the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, outreach and information sessions, reviewer training, and evaluation criteria. Promotion through five partner newsletters expanded visibility of the opportunity to an estimated 8,000–10,000 recipients.

Year 2: Investing in community-led solutions

\$10,000

award per grantee

\$100,000

total funding

6

key geographic regions

90%

proposed projects with health
department partnerships

Mini-Grants supported community-based solutions, supporting projects in outreach and education, provider learning, and quality improvement while strengthening grassroots partnerships and locally informed approaches to TB elimination.

Increasing Access to TB/LTBI Services

TEA Mini-Grant recipients translated community outreach, education, and partnerships into opportunities to connect more people with TB/LTBI information and services. Across funded projects, grantees engaged community members, strengthened local partnerships, supported provider learning, and helped connect individuals to screening and care.



2,000+

community members reached directly by grantees

7,109

reached indirectly through educational materials

372

TB/LTBI screenings

~70

community and educational events

56

providers engaged

25

additional non-clinical staff trained

39

relationships established or strengthened

80%

grantees proposing community engagement and education

Mini-Grant Spotlight: Congolese United Foundation

Through its TEA Mini-Grant project, the Congolese United Foundation reached approximately 2,000 community members in Washington state with TB/LTBI education and gathered community feedback through more than 159 survey responses and 10 in-depth interviews. Findings highlighted language access, trust in healthcare systems, and challenges navigating care as key barriers to TB/LTBI engagement, providing insights to inform more accessible education, outreach, and connections to care.



Community Insight: Congolese United Foundation

"The results clearly demonstrate that challenges related to language access, trust in healthcare systems, and difficulty navigating complex care pathways are the primary obstacles to engagement with TB and LTBI, rather than the physical availability or geographic proximity of TB services. This distinction is critical, as it enables TB elimination efforts to be more precisely targeted toward addressing structural and communication barriers that meaningfully affect uptake and retention in care."

Jean-Jacques Kayembe, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Congolese United Foundation



Emerging Lessons from the 2025-2026 Mini-Grant Program

- Community-based organizations can serve as trusted messengers for TB prevention and education.
- Culturally and linguistically responsive approaches can make TB/LTBI information more relevant and accessible.
- Partnerships with TB programs, health departments, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) TB Centers of Excellence can expand reach and strengthen referral pathways.
- Community listening can reveal structural and communication barriers that may not be visible through service availability data alone.

Looking Ahead: From Early Progress to Sustained Impact

The first two years of TEA have demonstrated the power of strong partnerships, community leadership, and shared learning to move TB elimination efforts forward. Looking ahead, TEA is poised to build on this momentum by deepening community partnerships, expanding opportunities for connection and collective learning, and strengthening pathways that link communities to TB prevention, screening, treatment, and care.

Over the next three years, TEA will continue to elevate community voices, invest in approaches that are responsive to local needs, and strengthen the relationships, knowledge, and infrastructure needed to sustain progress. Together, these efforts will help advance a more connected, community-driven, and equitable path toward TB elimination.



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