



Building Effective Community Advisory Boards (CABs)

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Community Engagement (CE) at the TB Alliance

Purpose

- Strengthen relationships and improve communications
- Increase community understanding
- Ensure appropriate and respectful approach
- Obtain feedback and address concerns
- Inform communities about trial, outcomes and potential risks
- Promote participation and transparency

Guiding Principles

Empowerment

Education

***Sustainable
Change***



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Community Engagement Initiatives

Small Grants Program

- Supports site-level community engagement strategies and Community Advisory Boards (CABs)

Research Literacy Training Program

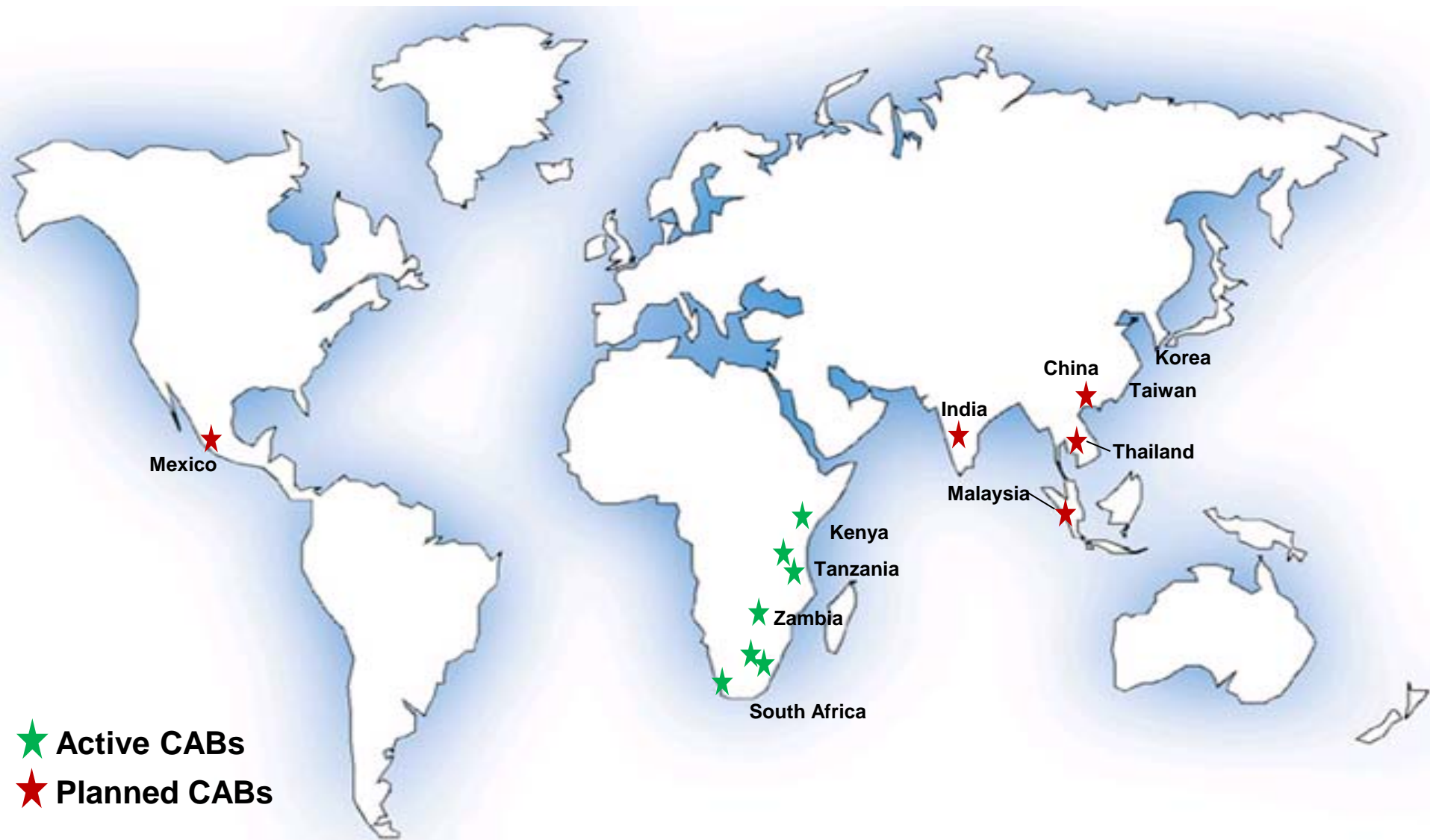
- Intensive training on concepts and principles of research; skills and tools to do trainings in the community

Community Engagement Forum

- Cross site forum to share information, learn from one another, and get new ideas



TB Alliance Community Advisory Boards (CABs)



★ Active CABs
★ Planned CABs



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TB Alliance Community Advisory Boards (CABs)



Cape Town, South Africa



Brits, South Africa



Nairobi, Kenya



Moshi, Tanzania



Mbeya, Tanzania



Lusaka, Zambia



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Community Engagement in Mbeya, Tanzania

Mbeya Medical Research Programme (MMRP) CE activities:

- Educational events to clear TB myths and misconceptions, raise community understanding of TB issues and access to TB services
- Research literacy training to increase community understanding of TB drug research
- Collaborating with regional health facilities to strengthen relations
- Radio programs to reach a wider community base



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Challenges and Lessons Learned

<i>Challenge</i>	<i>Solution</i>
Unfamiliarity with research process	Research Literacy Toolkit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic concepts of TB drug research.• Training techniques and tools for CABs
CE less established in TB drug research	Guidance and technical assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard materials• Community Engagement Forum
Lack of knowledge about TB disease	Identify and provide resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building CAB capacity• Community education• Traditional Healers



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Challenges and Lessons Learned

<i>Challenge</i>	<i>Solution</i>
Monitoring & Evaluation/Measuring Impact	<p>Pilot Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge assessment• Community surveys• Work plan development
Sustainability	<p>Maximizing Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative funding sources• Linking with other local NGOs/CBOs
Community Engagement in Asia	<p>Working through partners</p>



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Next Steps for CE Program

- Strengthen and Expand
- Intensify Research Literacy Efforts
- Global/Regional-level Community Engagement
- Advocacy for Regimen Change



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Constituency Advisory Committee (CAC)

Provides input and guidance on TB Alliance CE objectives, strategies and initiatives, and on how to proactively and appropriately engage various constituencies in a dialogue about TB drug development.

- High-level activists, advocates, representatives of PLWTB and TB/HIV, clinical researchers and healthcare providers
- Represent geographic regions where TB drug research is being conducted
- Expertise in community engagement, good participatory practice (GPP), research literacy, ethics, advocacy, policy change and regulatory issues



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Thank you!



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