

Community Coordination Objectives for 2026

Community Coordination Objective #1: Utilize Community Partners (CP) to provide input and recommendations to facilitate and enhance community representation and input at all levels in HIV and related clinical research including TB and other comorbidities within the networks. This is a key mission of CP.

CP Executive Committee strategies and activities to support this objective are:

- Provide leadership on behalf of CP, including identifying priorities and setting agendas for calls with full CP membership.
- Report regularly to CP general membership on Executive Committee activities.
- Develop strategies to assist the four diverse networks/communities on their prioritized research activities.
- Lead or collaborate on letters of support for international or domestic advocacy.
- Identify opportunities for improvement, and work in collaboration with DAIDS and Network Leadership, to ensure dissemination of research results (HANC to share NIAID press releases with CP, communities, and sites).

Community Partners Objective #2: Review topics across networks; identify areas where there are challenges for research participation or community representation and involvement; identify opportunities for improvement and work in collaboration with the Network Leadership and DAIDS to address those issues.

Community Partners activities include:

- Address issues as raised by Network and/or DAIDS leadership and the global CABs.
- Encourage Community Partner members to actively relay CP related information and work with Network Community Coordinators to include CP updates in CAB and Network newsletters and network public websites and organize existing network CAB newsletters to post on the HANC Website. Share information in the HANC newsletter.

- Promote training materials developed by CP and information on how to access materials during webinars and GCAB calls, Network meetings, and conferences.
- Continue partnership with CRAG in developing TB/HIV presentations, materials, best practices, and a comprehensive TB vaccines community engagement strategy.
- Members of CP to participate in TB Vaccine Community Engagement Strategy Work Group.
- Continue engagement and collaboration with Martin Delaney Collaboratories for HIV Cure Research.
- Submit abstracts for workshops/presentations to engage communities and promote work and activities of Community Partners, including our collaboration efforts with TBTC CRAG and other organizations.
- Explore possibilities and partner with WHRC, ATN, Soweto Youth CAB, and other international groups to develop or disseminate materials addressing HIV in the context of sexual violence against girls and women.
- Host or co-host community-focused workshops/presentations/webinars on ongoing network research and community engagement activities.
- Develop strategies and tools to address the intersecting priorities of emerging infectious diseases & HIV pandemics.

Develop Capacity-building regarding note-taking during community events to document questions and comments raised by the audience. The notes would be used for updating CRS study staff and developing study-specific FAQ documents and publications.

Develop a training on destigmatizing substance use.

Consider developing a document/infographic on how to make sites more youth friendly.

Continue developing/piloting mentorship program that sites can reach out to for support with training new community educators and CAB liaisons. Establish a pool of experienced CAB liaisons that sites across the networks can reach out to for mentorship (ex. how to run a CAB meeting, develop your program, schedule trainings, identify critical training needs, prepare bylaws, organize a CAB).

Community Partners Objective #3: Form ad-hoc groups to complete the list of projects below. It is expected that each CP member will participate in at least 1 project from the list below.

- Work with TBTC CRAG community representatives to develop new strategies and tools and utilize existing tools to address HIV and TB stigma.
- Develop a White Paper to highlight the collaboration of CRAG and CP in addressing issues around TB/HIV co-infection from a community perspective. (IN PROGRESS)
- Identify presenters and host webinars on a variety of topics. We will choose topics from the list below:
 - Effectively using AI for (community) research.
 - Destigmatizing substance use
 - Engagement of youth and what does that mean in the next funding cycle?
 - Brain and mental health and community consultations
 - Operationalizing Equity in Clinical Trial Design and Implementation
 - Other ideas?