



Welcome to our quarterly newsletter

In this first edition of Trending on TB, we take a look at the year that was at TBAC. In 2025, we will be bringing you this newsletter on a quarterly basis. Keep an eye out for the latest in TB news and views.



World TB Day campaign



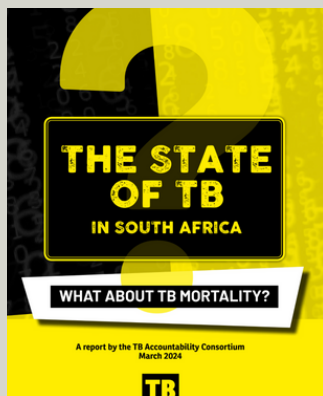
In March hundreds of activists marched to the National Department of Health to get it to declare TB a national health crisis. More info [here](#).

2024 TBAC National Convening

The importance and value of having open access to data to improve SA's TB response was one of the topics that was brought into the spotlight at this year's annual TB convening.

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2024 REPORT: State Of TB in South Africa



Since 2021 TBAC has been publishing The State of TB Report. The 2024 edition What about TB Mortality highlighted South Africa's high TB infection and death rates and asked some pressing questions.

You can check out this SOTB report and all the others [here](#).

The 8TH SA TB Conference:

In June TBAC attended the 8th SA TB Conference in Durban and hosted a session sharing the "The State of TB in South Africa report: Exploring challenges in the care cascade. The session highlighted South Africa's high TB infection and death rates.

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TB advocacy letter

South Africa's TB advocates urged the Health Minister to take political action and implement TB policies from the National Strategic Plan. Read more about this [here](#).



Reaching out to our communities

As part of our mission of empowering communities to make leaders more accountable we ensure that we engage communities and help them understand the country's TB programme. This is what we did this year with communities.



Outreach and partnerships embarked on a trip to document healthcare stories across the Eastern Cape, covering Buffalo City and Mankosi village. Read more [here](#).



TBAC undertook a trip to KZN and the Western Cape --both high risk provinces-- to strengthen provincial partnerships and improve TB outcomes. Check out the full story [here](#).

2024 State of TB webinar

This years report served as a foundation for a more in-depth discussion around TB mortality data, challenges to access to care & whether South Africa is improving in it's TB outcomes.

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Calling for public access to TB data

The Call to Action Report emphasizes the need for open access to TB data in South Africa to improve health outcomes and ensure advocacy for accountability. The report calls for a governance framework, and various elements to support evidence-based decision-making.

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Telling parliament about SA's TB crisis

TBAC presented their submission on the Division of Revenue Bill around protection around TB service provision in the midst of change in political arrangements.

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SITSHELE



In 2024 we also launched our national #SITSHELE campaign to make TB a national health emergency by asking people to share how TB has affected them and their families.

You can see more of these heartbreaking stories on our site. But we continue to invite you to share your story too.

Scan the QR code below to tell your Sitshele story too.



Thank you for your continued support!

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