

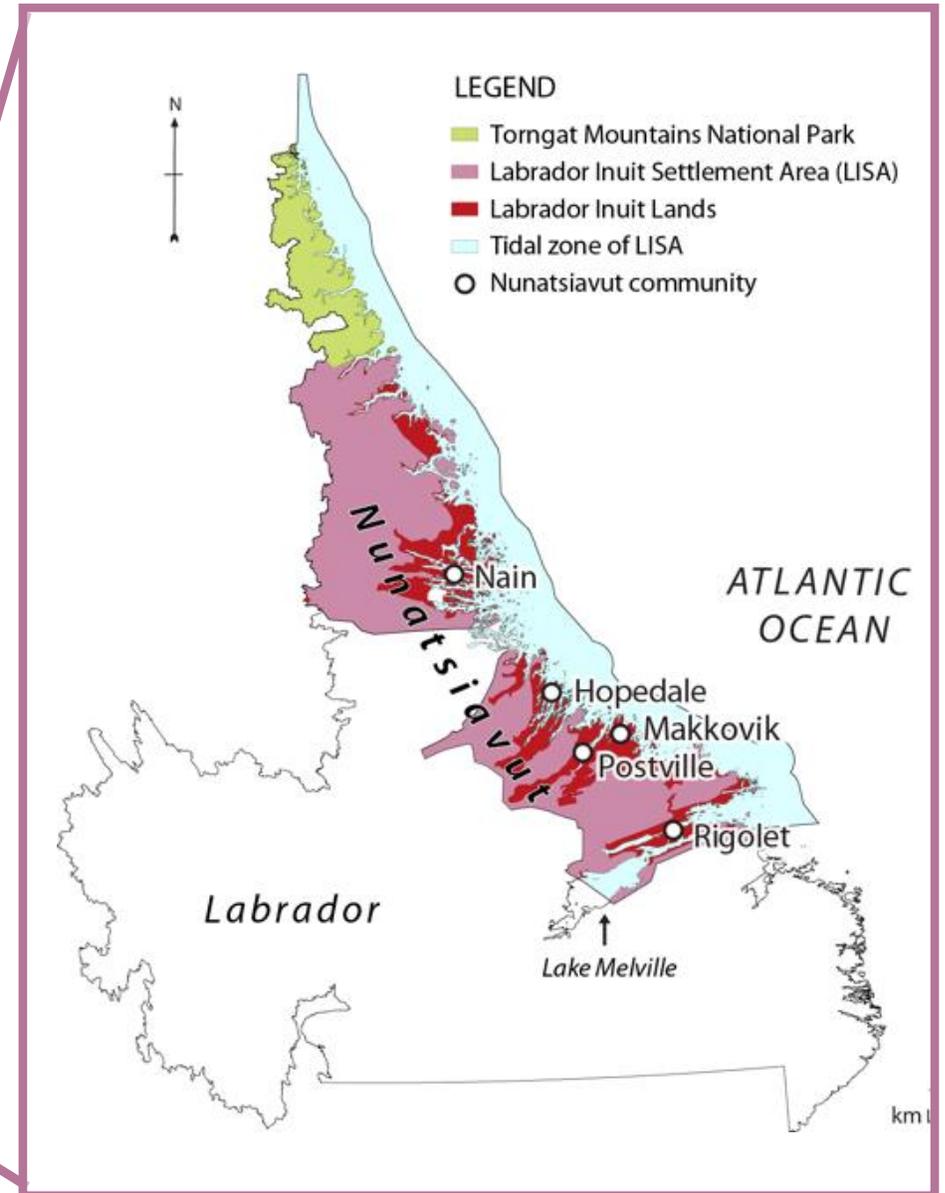
Our Land, Our Air: TB Free Together

Community Health Nursing Conference

June 2018

Nunatsiavut: The Labrador Inuit homeland

- First of the four Inuit regions in Canada to have achieved self-government
- Comprised of 5 Inuit communities: Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet.
- Total population of 2,558 – 89% Inuit
- All communities are remote, no road access (fly-in only with short shipping season)





Outline

Historical context of TB in Nunatsiavut

Current TB outbreak

Response

Results

Looking ahead

Historical Context of TB in Nunatsiavut



- History of Colonization
- Thought to be introduced by Europeans who came to Labrador for exploration
- Endemic since the 1950s
- Government screening programs
- Sanatoria in the South
- Legacy of fear and stigma

TUBERCULOSIS IN INUIT NUNANGAT

 AVERAGE RATE OF ACTIVE TB PER 100,000 (2006–2016)

Source: Canadian Tuberculosis Reporting System - Active cases

The rate of TB among Inuit living in Inuit Nunangat is

OVER 300X

the rate of non-Indigenous, Canadian-born population in 2016.*

* The rate of TB among the non-Indigenous, Canadian-born population in 2016 was 0.5 per 100,000.



Commitment to eliminate TB across Inuit Nunangat by **2030**



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TB in the Region

Year	Labrador Grenfell Health Region	Nunatsiavut
2014	5	2
2015	30	24
2016	22	16
2017	10	7
2018	16	16
Total	84	65



TB in Nunatsiavut



Clinical presentation:

- Pulmonary TB, disseminated TB, TB meningitis
- Three deaths in past 4 years

Source:

- Reactivation of old TB
- New infections and re-infections
- Sharing smoking devices

Response:

- Contact tracing (extended)
- Holistic care (e.g. social issues, mental health)
- Operational and strategic coordination
- **Community engagement and awareness**

Community Engagement



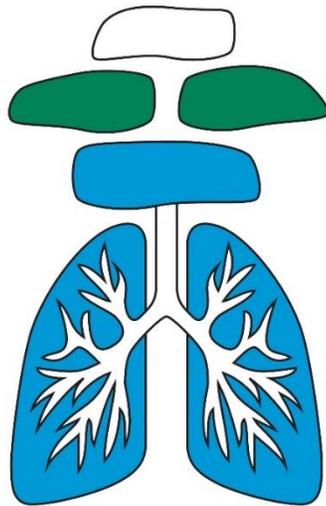
Collaborative Team



- Collaborative team members:
 - Youth
 - Health Promotion
 - Labrador Grenfell Regional Health Authority
 - Public Health Nursing
 - Mental Health

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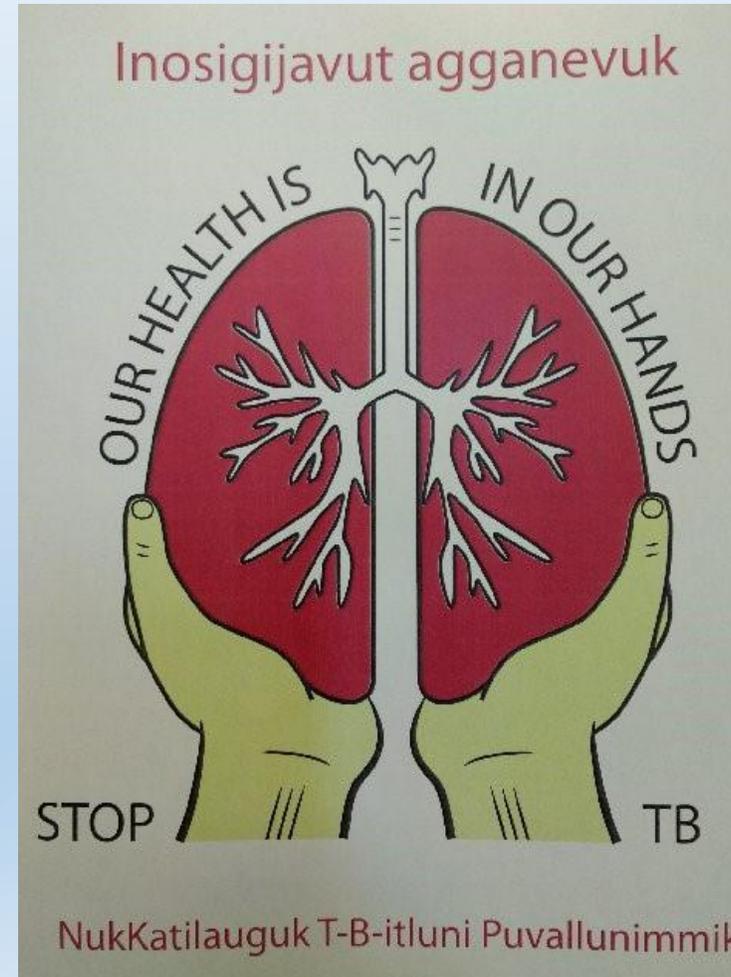
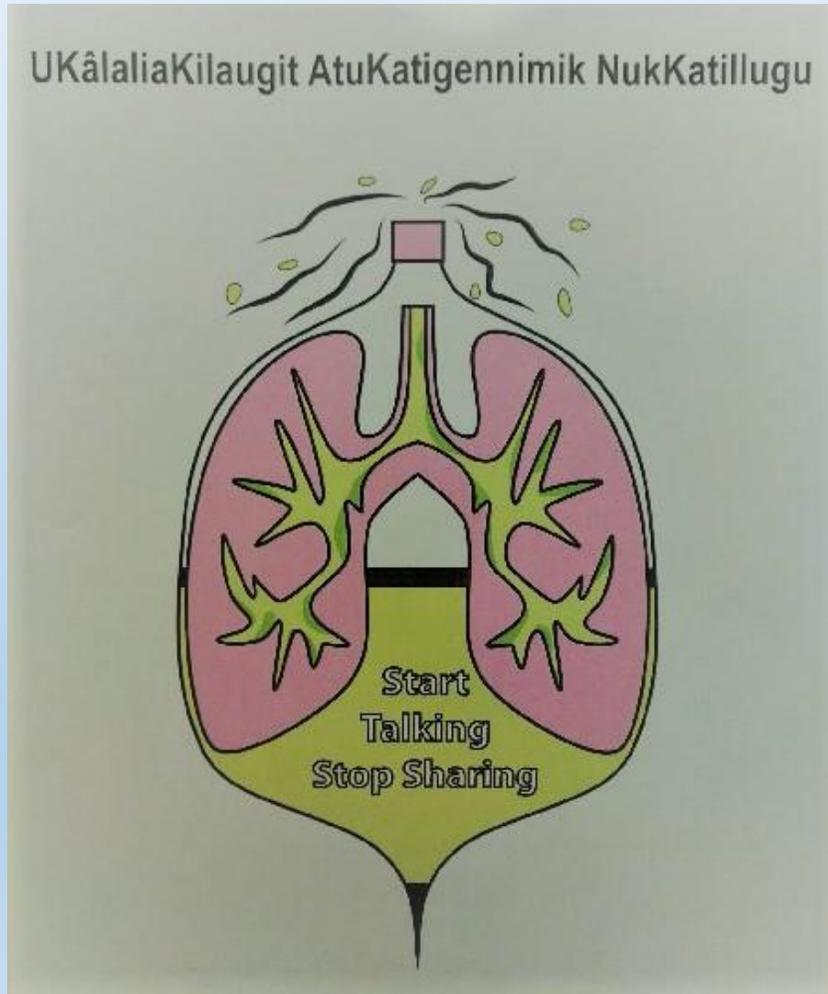
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- Contest open to youth ages 13-25
- Prizes for the winning submission
- Runner up submissions



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Posters



Promotional Items



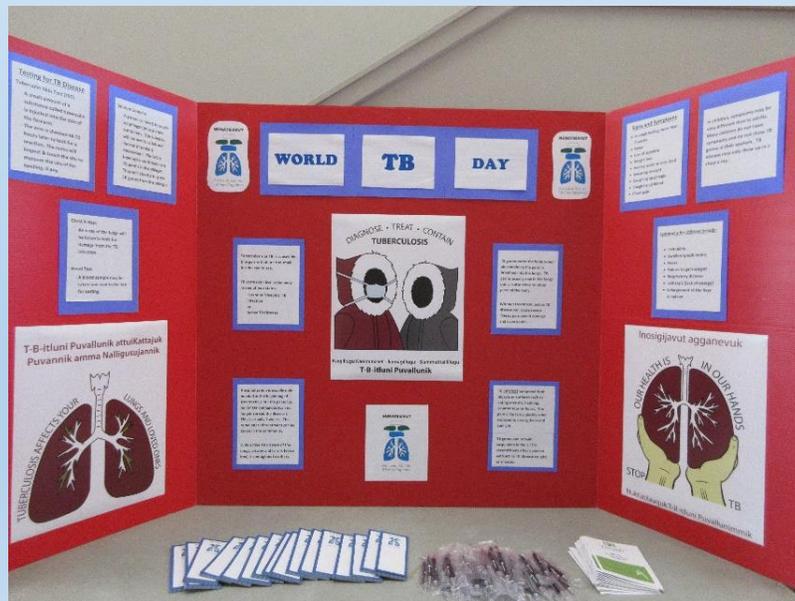
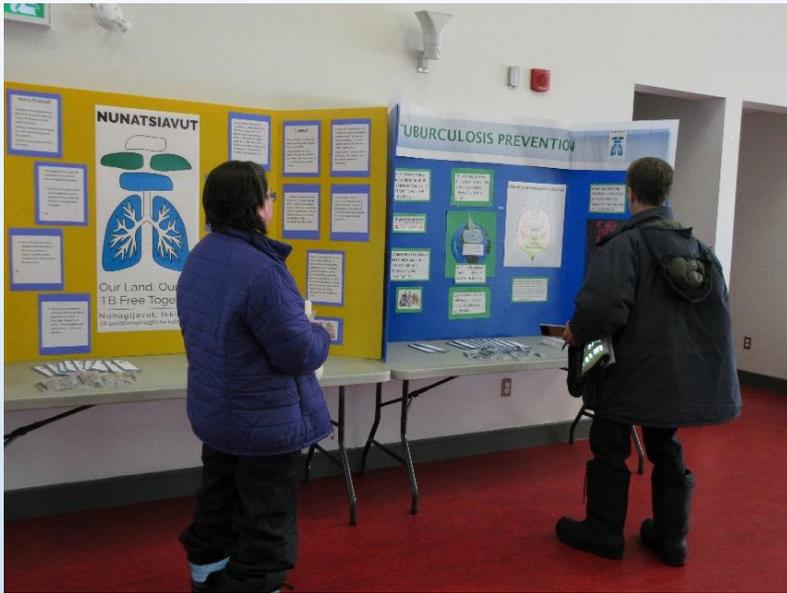
- Youth engagement
- Community launch
- TB program resources
- Positive feedback
- Ordered additional items

Campaign

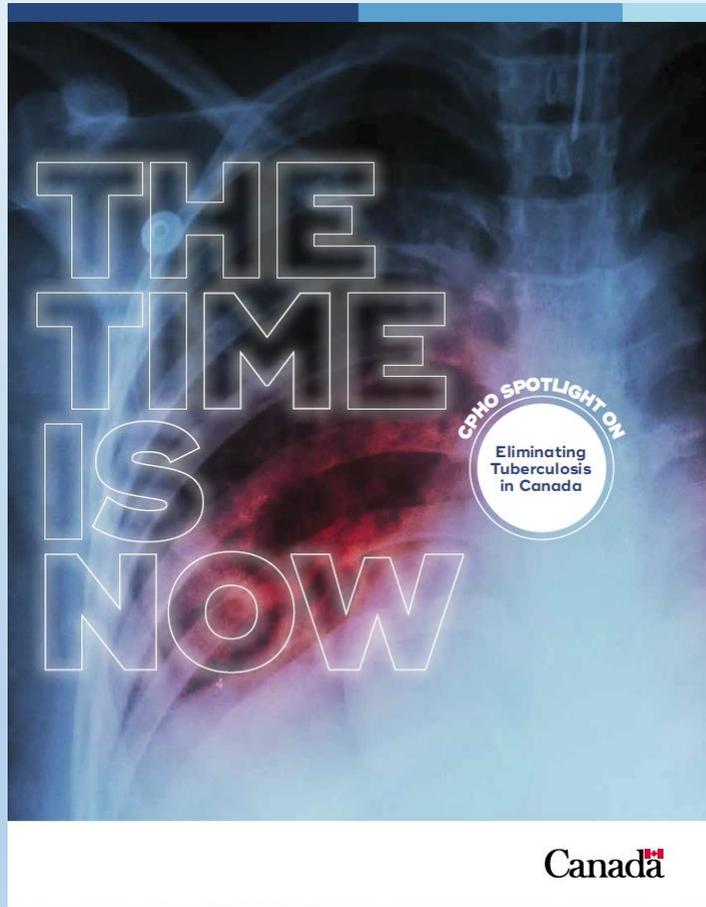


- Rolled out on World TB Day 2017
- All five Nunatsiavut communities (including Upper Lake Melville – Homeless Shelter)
- Community feast and prizes
- TB Education

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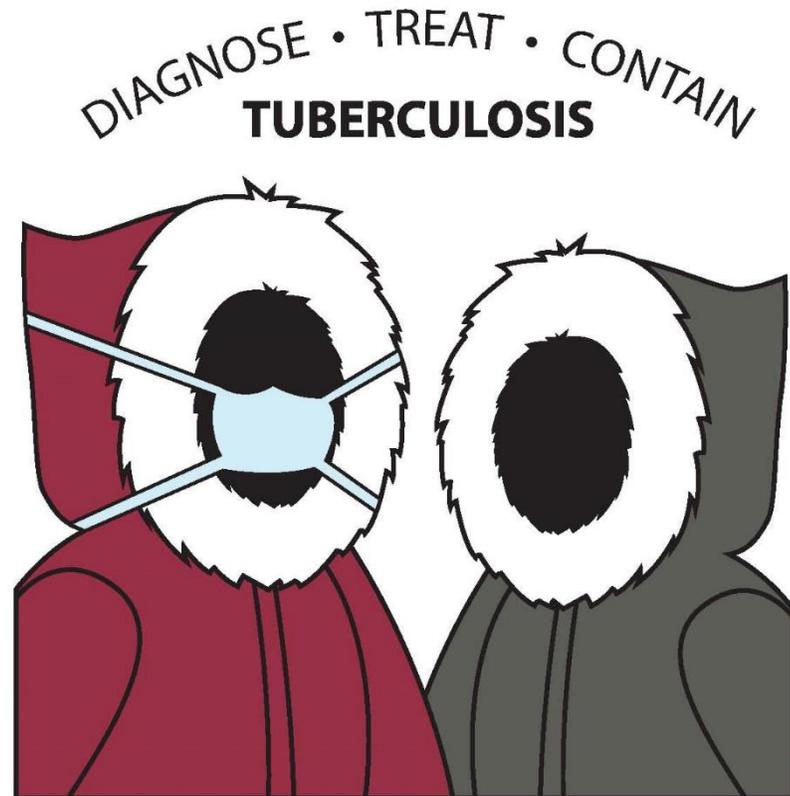


Success



- Youth Champion
- Campaign featured in the CPHO Spotlight on TB in Canada
- Posters at the 48th Union World conference on Lung Health in Guadalajara, Mexico
- National Inuit Youth Council (ITK)

Looking ahead



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- World TB day events
- Partnering with Regional youth coordinator
- Building youth capacity
- Community engagement
- Media



Questions?



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