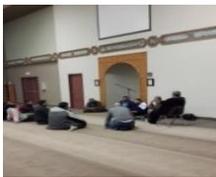


September 15, 2015 to January 15, 2016

## **Community Workshops on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Tuberculosis (TB)**

The Canadian Ethnocultural Council's model of community engagement continues to work well with the full participation of selected trainers and communities in this project.

A total of 25 workshops were held on the topic of STIs and TB between September 15, 2015 and January 15, 2016 for each of the five communities (Chinese, East Indian, Egyptian, Filipino, and Vietnamese) in five cities (Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg) across Canada. Approximately 300 participants attended the workshops facilitated by CEC lead trainers. Overall, the workshops were rated very highly. Participants found that the workshops were very successful in increasing awareness and knowledge about both STIs and TB. The sessions themselves generated further interest and information about them was disseminated through local ethnic media (e.g., Vietnamese newspaper in Vancouver and Manitoba Times in Winnipeg).



Comments and feedback:

*“More educational sessions like this to make people aware how serious the illness can affect you.”* Toronto Filipino participant

*“Very informative and lively.”* Calgary East Indian participant

*“I really hope that there will be more of these events in the future because in my circle of friends, I know a few who are affected.”* Calgary Egyptian participant

The participants found that the workshop objectives were very clear.

*“Very informative session. Workshop facilitator was very knowledgeable.”* Toronto East Indian participant

The participants felt the workshops were relevant to them and their communities.

*“Very useful to the people, the whole community.”* Winnipeg Filipino participant

Participants felt strongly that the workshops increased their knowledge and awareness about STIs and TB.

*“The session is very useful and informative. I have been working with clients who are affected by these diseases. Some disclose and some don't. It is helpful to know about these topics.”* Vancouver Vietnamese participant.