



Controlling Tuberculosis on the Texas-Mexico Border

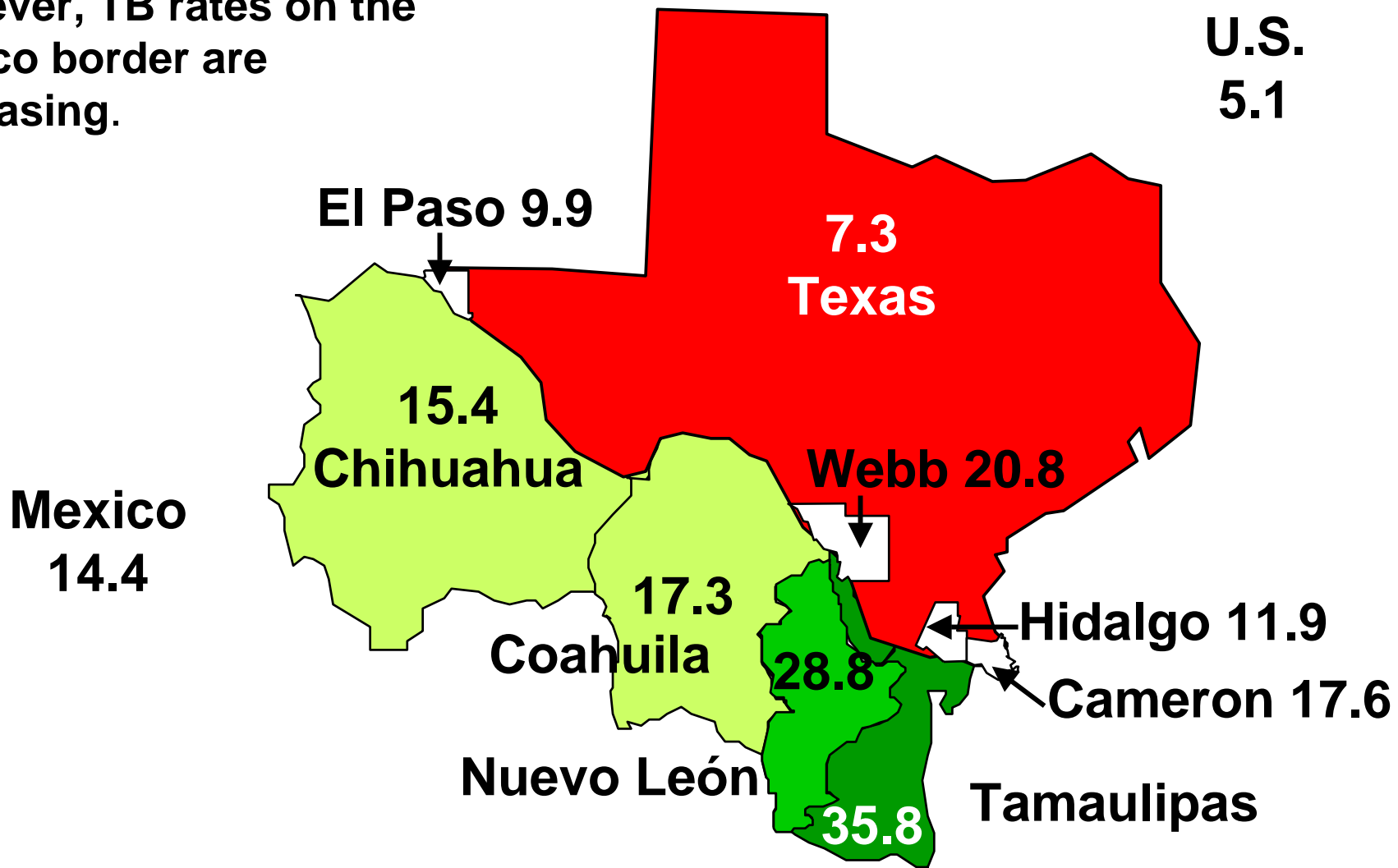
A Partnership of Rotary with Public Health



TB is creeping across the border from Mexico into Texas.

- **Disease of the past has reappeared on our border**
- **Our border firewall is failing as reported cases increase**
- **Resources to deal with the threat are inadequate**

However, TB rates on the Mexico border are increasing.



Rate: Cases per 100,000 in 2003

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Sistema Único de Información para la Vigilancia Epidemiológica (SUIVE)

Awareness

- Raise awareness among Rotarians
- Community educational campaign along the border
- Visit web site at <http://riborderTB.org>





Resources

- **Increase resources for the Binational TB programs**
- **Develop Rotary Foundation matching grants**
- **Ship surplus equipment and supplies to Mexico**



TB Laboratory Nuevo Laredo Health Department

Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) Basic Needs

- Assist TB workers and patients with transportation



Adopt a Patient

- Rotary clubs can adopt a patient undergoing therapy





Advocacy

- **Encourage governmental leaders to fund TB programs**
- **Rotary clubs can partner with churches, schools, businesses, and government**



Questions?