

Embedding the Principles Across ALIGN-T1D

This document outlines how ALIGN-T1D will embed the Meaningful Engagement Principles across governance, funding, country engagement, implementation, reporting, and shared learning processes. It is intended to support consistent application of the Principles across ALIGN-T1D's governance bodies, Secretariat functions, partner engagement, and funded work. These operational approaches align with ALIGN-T1D's shared governance model and are intended to strengthen transparency, accountability, and the influence of people with lived T1D experience across alliance processes.

Governance and Accountability

- Strategic Steering Group (SSG) Community Representatives will lead a review of Principle implementation at least twice a year during SSG meetings.
- SSG and Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) Community Representatives will support the design, dissemination, and review of a periodic partner survey, including input from SAG members, ALIGN-funded grantees, and partners engaged through concept note processes.
- The Secretariat (Breakthrough T1D) will revise and update the Principles annually, informed by community feedback, partner learning, and implementation experience.

Body of Work 1: Invest in Countries and Communities

- Government expressions of interest for new country inclusion will include a summary of how people living with T1D, caregivers, community-based organizations, and other relevant community actors have been or will be involved in planning.
- Government-endorsed concept note convenings will include representatives of people living with T1D and community-based organizations.
- Government-endorsed concept note templates will include recommended activities to advance Objective 5: amplify the role of T1D communities.
- Implementer full proposals will include a dedicated section on meaningful engagement and will be encouraged to integrate these Principles throughout project design, implementation, monitoring, and learning.
- Implementer full proposals will identify specific opportunities for community involvement across all objective areas, including roles in project design, implementation, monitoring, and ongoing advisory structures such as government technical working groups. Budgets should include appropriate resources to support this engagement, based on the proposal scope.

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Body of Work 2: Enhance Access to Insulin, BGM, and Other Supplies Across Countries

- Implementer concept notes will identify opportunities to engage and strengthen the capacity of local organizations, peer leaders, and communities as part of the proposed approach.
- Implementer full proposals will clearly demonstrate a dedicated program design that integrates these Meaningful Engagement Principles across all activities and objectives.
- Implementer full proposals will identify specific opportunities for community involvement in project design, implementation, monitoring, and learning. Budgets should include appropriate resources to support this engagement, based on project scope.

Body of Work 3: Coordinate, Convene, and Advocate Globally

- The Secretariat will develop and annually update a public landing page on the ALIGN-T1D website for the Meaningful Engagement Principles and related resources.
- The Secretariat will develop a simplified one-page version of the Principles for download and expedited translation in ALIGN-T1D activity countries.
- The Secretariat will monitor a meaningful engagement reporting channel to enable partners and community representatives to share feedback, concerns, and learning.
 - Note: Breakthrough T1D, as the grantmaker and ALIGN-T1D Secretariat, may request, as appropriate, internal policies and procedures related to safeguarding, including sexual harassment; training and professional development logs; verification of a posted whistleblower policy or other anonymous reporting mechanism; and other resources as necessary to ensure compliance with both these Principles, relevant laws, and existing organizational policies.
- The Secretariat will gather and synthesize meaningful engagement measures across ALIGN-T1D-supported projects, including:
 - Number of peer or community networks established
 - Number of people living with T1D engaged in community networks
 - Number of peer support leaders or educators trained
 - Number of facilities providing linkages to community networks
 - Number of people with lived experience meaningfully engaged in project design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation
 - Number of people with lived experience meaningfully engaged in end-to-end ALIGN-T1D strategy and governance processes
- The Secretariat may also integrate meaningful engagement into routine narrative reporting processes. Partners could be asked to describe how engagement has been implemented over the reporting period, including specific examples of how people with lived experience have influenced program design, implementation, and adaptation. In addition, partners may be encouraged to submit brief community stories that highlight how community members are actively shaping programs and decisions, complementing quantitative indicators with qualitative insights.