



**ANNUAL MEETING OF NATIONAL NTD
PROGRAMME MANAGERS IN THE WHO
AFRICA REGION**

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Introduction to the meeting

Santa-Mika Ndayiziga



Session 1: Opening session

Moderator - Dr Elizabeth Juma

Opening from UCN Director - Dr Benido Impouma

Remarks from NTD stakeholders - Kikundi CoP Chair

Keynote Address WHO NTD programme Director - Dr Socé Fall



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Stronger together, towards 2030: Progress & priorities for Africa

Dr Ibrahima Socé Fall
Director, WHO Global NTD Programme





Strategic priorities



Continue advocacy and visibility of NTDs internally & externally

Advocacy into Action



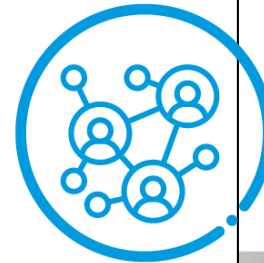
Partnership

Continue strengthening the Global NTD Programme and leveraging partnerships in and outside the community



Costing

Global Action Plan 2025-2030
(comprehensive costed implementation plan for delivery of the road map)



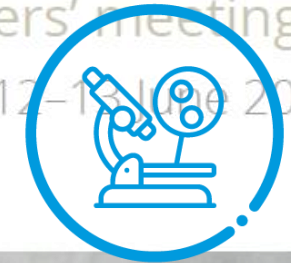
Sustainability and Sustainable funding

Pilot flagship programmes
Global Arbovirus Initiative
Accelerate GW programme with Health Emergencies
ONE Health
Skin NTDs and PHC



WHO Leadership

Implementation of functional review and also implementation of key flagship programmes
Working Groups
Global and country platforms



Technical Quality

Climate change
M&E
Supply Chain
R&D Blueprint
Diagnostics
Key high quality Technical Products

Report of the WHO Global Neglected Tropical Diseases Programme partners' meeting
Geneva, Switzerland, 12-13 June 2023

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Strategic priority: advocacy

Strategic Engagement & Advocacy at all levels are essential to the delivery of the NTD road map.

NTDs are intricately linked to **poverty and health disparities**. Addressing them is a critical step towards achieving Universal Health Coverage.

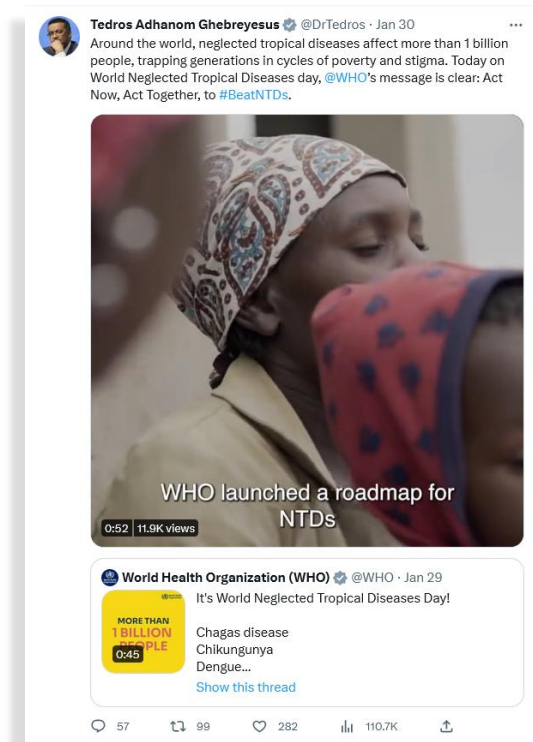
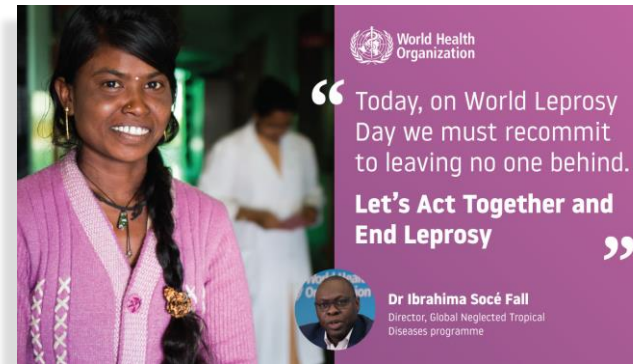
By prioritizing NTDs, we acknowledge their devastating impact on some of the world's most vulnerable populations, and we emphasize the principle of equitable access to healthcare for all.

Advocacy efforts contribute to the realization of high-level commitments such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The fight against NTDs aligns with the overarching SDG agenda by addressing health inequalities, poverty alleviation, and partnerships for sustainable development.

It demonstrates a commitment to **leaving no one behind** and ensuring that the most marginalized communities receive the care and support they need.

NTDs were included in the Political declaration on universal health coverage and the Political declaration on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, adopted by UNGA on 5 October 2023.



Strategic priority: costing

Committed to the production of a **Global Costed Implementation Plan**.

A costed implementation plan for the NTD road map is essential to allocate resources efficiently and ensure the effective execution of strategies outlined in the document.

Provides clarity on financial requirements for program implementation, enabling mobilization of necessary funding and resources.

It helps to ensure that NTD programs are adequately funded, minimizing the risk of interruptions and delays in critical activities.

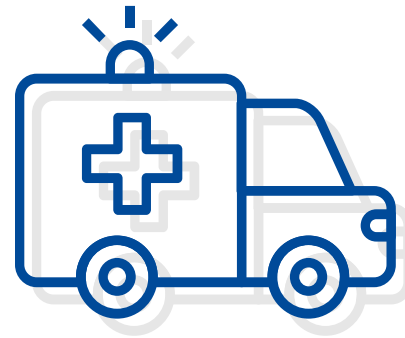
With the burden of NTDs disproportionately affecting marginalized communities, a costed implementation plan is instrumental in achieving equity in healthcare delivery and moving closer to the goal of NTD elimination.



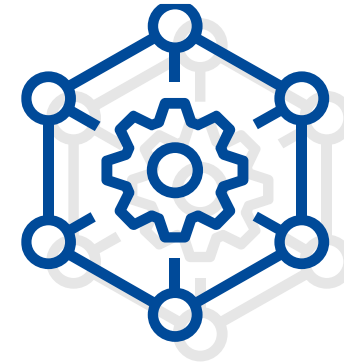
Strategic priority: **Sustainability and Sustainable Funding**



Strengthen **Political and Financial Commitment** and technical capacity to sustainably achieve global NTD targets and milestones aligned with the SDGs and UHC objectives



Integrate NTD Services and Mainstream NTD Programmes into the health system, wherever possible



Enhance Coordination and Collaboration across sectors to strengthen NTD services

Strategic priority: supply chain strengthening

Weaknesses in supply chain management of donated medicines contribute to **drug wastage** and **increased programme costs** for importation and storage.

We face serious and growing risks to existing and future progress against NTDs if these issues are not addressed.

April 2023:

Pharmaceutical partners formally raise issues.

June 2023:

Partners convene to discuss strengthened processes, built on accountability and transparency.

A new strengthened mechanism will soon be launched, ensuring stronger linkages between the global, regional and national levels of supply chain for NTD medicines.



Strategic priority: R&D Blueprint

Research and Development (R&D) blueprint: a vital strategic framework for guiding research and innovation in the prevention, treatment, and control of NTDs, contributing to improved health outcomes, disease elimination and eradication.

Coordination of the R&D blueprint with WHO's Science Division ensures that research efforts are aligned with clear strategic objectives

- optimizing resource allocation
- promoting research coordination across scientific disciplines
- facilitating data sharing
- enabling rigorous monitoring and evaluation
- enhancing policy influence.

Progress has already been made in coordination of the R&D blueprint for NTDs with Science Division, reflecting a organization-wide commitment to leveraging scientific expertise and data-driven decision-making.



Strategic priority: climate change

Complex links between climate change and NTDs pose a critical risk to achieving a number of the 2030 targets.

Reaching the Last Mile Forum coincides with COP28's first-ever Health Day in December 2023.

An evidence-based advocacy approach is crucial for driving action by funders, countries, and partners.

A climate health and NTD task team has produced a communiqué

Key Messages are:

Changes to the climate are leading to shifts in the behaviour, range, and intensity of filaria, dengue and malaria vectors. This is supported by growing evidence.

The ways in which climate change may impact all other NTDs are not well understood due to a lack of evidence.

Urgent action, advocacy and resources need to be guided by evidence. Therefore, there is a critical need to build evidence.

In relation to NTDs and malaria, effective mitigation and adaptation strategies for climate change need to be built based on evidence.



Stronger Together Towards 2030

- A **strong Global NTD Programme** is essential for achieving the NTD road map targets
- Strong **WHO leadership and partnership** are built on:
 - **Accountability**
 - **Transparency**
 - **Predictability**
 - **Equity**

We must continue to **elevate** NTDs in the global health agenda, working to advocate nationally, regionally and globally for NTDs with one **united** voice.

World NTD Day – 30 January 2024

Unite. Act. Eliminate.



Equity

HSS /
UHC

Resili-
ency /
PPR

Global
Health
Security

Climate
& NTDs

50
down,
50 to go

Meeting Objectives and Agenda

Dr Elizabeth Juma

“Stepping up County Ownership to Accelerate Programmatic Action”



Main Objective

National Programmes have concrete steps and actions to take that will enhance country ownership and accelerate implementation of programme interventions to achieve national, regional and global targets for elimination of NTDs

Specific Objectives

- National programmes **share country experiences**, opportunities and challenges in the implementation of National NTD master plans aligned to the WHO NTD 2023 Road Map
- WHO provides **technical updates and guidance** on NTD interventions and priorities for enhancing progress towards elimination of NTDs as a public health problem
- Highlight **strategies and best practices** for country leadership and ownership for successful programming including:
 - mechanisms for ensuring effective multisectoral coordination and collaboration for NTDs
 - integration of surveillance for NTDs and supply chain management within national systems
 - Resource mobilisation

Expected outcomes and method of work

- National programmes develop strategies to operationalize key actions to enhance country ownership and leadership of programmes
- Strategies to integrate routine surveillance for NTDs and supply chain management for medicines within national health systems identified
- Solutions are identified to mitigate challenges in the implementation of the National NTD masterplans, resource gaps outlined to enable joint planning of resource mobilization efforts, technical and financial assistance.

Knowledge sharing
Cross-learning
Sharing best practices
Collaboration
Collective problem-solving
Prioritization

Agenda

Day 1

First three years since the launch of WHO NTD Roadmap 2021 – 2030: **Progress made towards the control and elimination of NTDs** by pillar.

- Country progress
- Coordination and collaboration (Kikundi CoP)
- Financing for NTDs
- Country experience / lessons learned

Day 2

• **Tools for monitoring impact and progress** towards the WHO NTD Roadmap targets

- Partnerships and coordination
- Country experiences and lessons learned

Day 3

• **Cross-cutting strategies, integration of interventions for sustainability**

- One Health
- Country experiences and lessons learned

Thank you
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Security briefing, Preventing & Responding to Sexual Abuse policy, and meeting logistics

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Group Photo Health Break Moderator