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# Session 7: Partner updates

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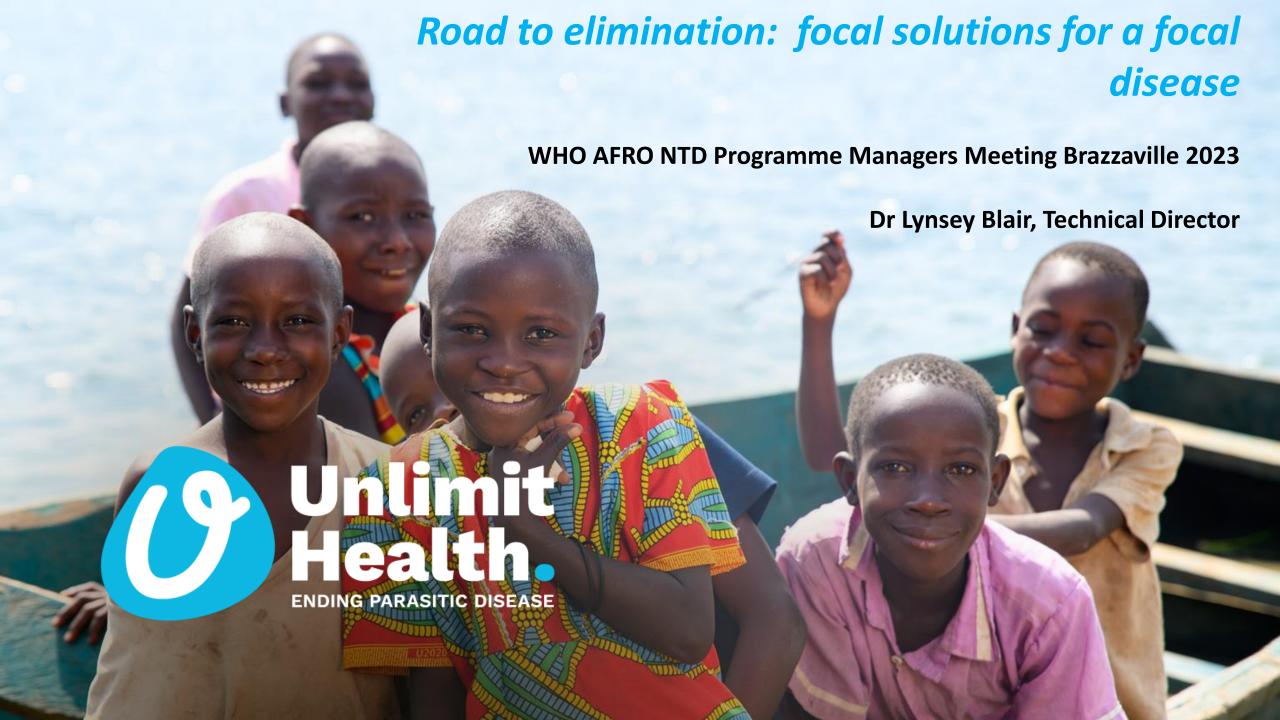


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## **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**





## **Evolution of Unlimit Health**

2002





2018-2023





2023-2028





WHY?	Disease Control	Disease Elimination	Elimination to support equity
WHAT?	Single intervention	Multiple interventions	Comprehensive Response package
HOW?	Vertical with external ownership	Joint ownership	Systems approach with endemic country ownership



# **Strategic shift**

## Organisational mission

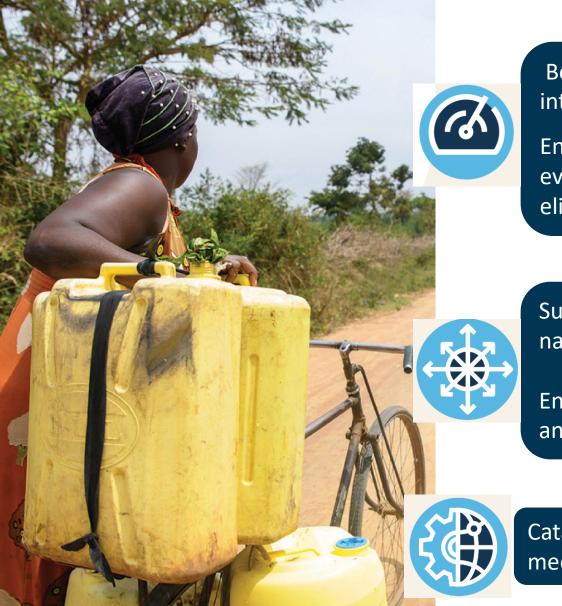
We share evidence and expertise to end preventable parasitic infections in affected communities

Strategic goals

Accelerate programmatic action towards elimination of parasitic infections and health equity

Intensify cross cutting approaches to elimination and health systems strengthening Promote
and enable country
ownership and
leadership of
programmes for
elimination of
parasitic
infections





Be an effective partner in the innovation, design and delivery of interventions to all in need groups

Enhance technical support to innovate and embed monitoring, evaluation (impact) and surveillance tools and strategies for elimination

Support cross-sectional coordination and action at sub-national, national and international levels (One Health. WASH)

Enhance integration and mainstreaming of elimination interventions and care

Catalyse resource mobilisation aligned with country priorities and mechanisms



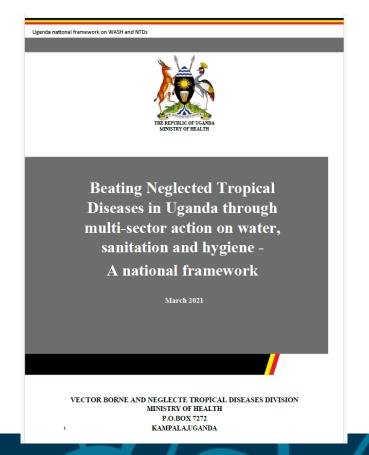
# WASH and schistosomiasis: a country-led, community-owned cross sectoral approach

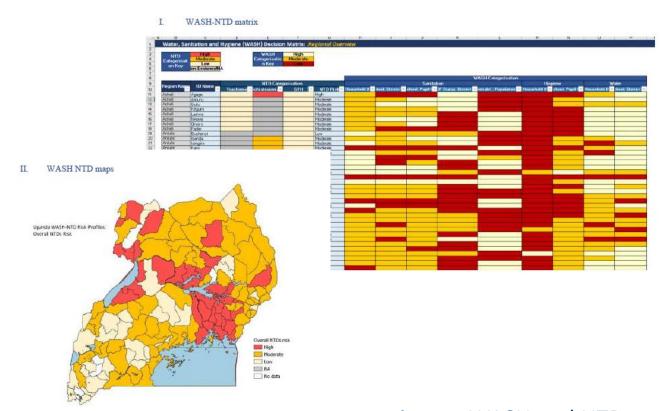




# Building on previous collaboration with Uganda MoH

Support to the development of a National Framework on WASH and NTDs





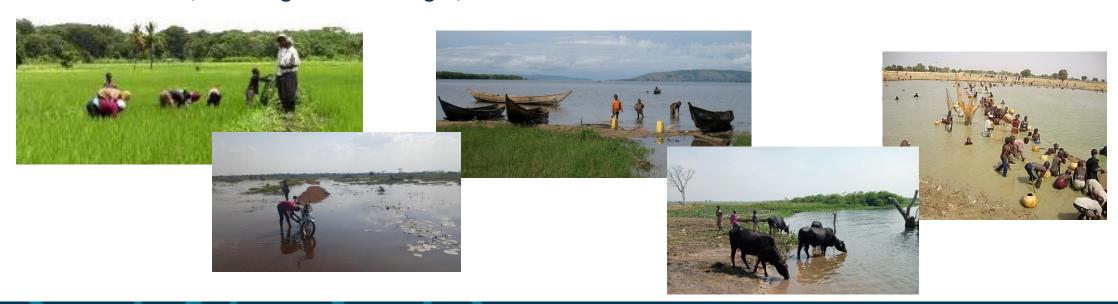
Data analysis and presentation on WASH and NTDs to inform joint planning and decision making



# Transmission is driven by the local context (archetype)

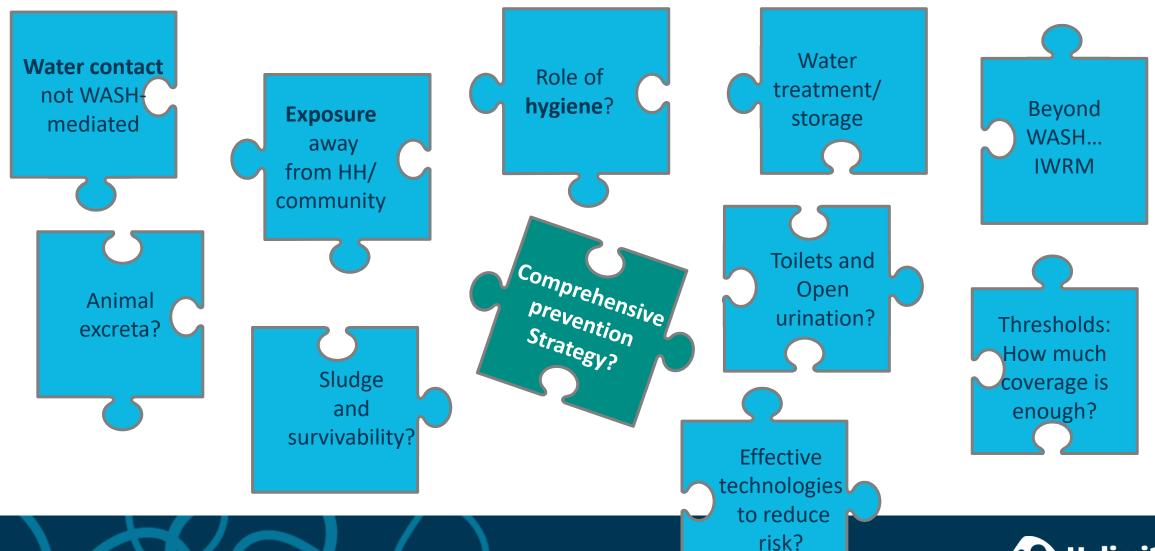
#### This means:

- What interventions 'work' in one context may not in another even in the same district...
- Doing too much i.e. trying to capture every possible pathway/person is also problematic overwhelming audiences, watering down messages, ineffective use of resources...





# The puzzle of SCH and WASH





# So, what do we do? Start with the solution...

Build swimming pools!

Tell people not to go in the water!

Give everyone toilets!

Find a better technology!

Sink more boreholes!

Build laundry facilities and showers!

Get rid of the snails!



# ...Or, by defining the right questions (and asking the right people)

- Which context-specific interventions are required to achieve the necessary levels of access to infrastructure, and reduction in transmission and exposure?
- What are the most effective behaviour change approaches? And what is the enabling environment needed?
- What do people want?



Proposed approach to water, sanitation and behaviour change



# Approach to local SCH-sensitive water and sanitation planning

Identification of high transmission areas

Participatory appraisal of risk and needs ("risk profile")

Joint local level planning

Implementation of infrastructure, environmental modification

Ongoing accountability, maintenance, coordination













# Participatory project – Kamuli, Eastern Uganda







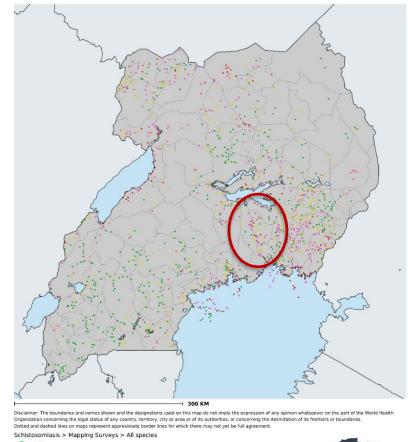






#### Uganda

Mapping of Schistosomiasis: All species at site level



<1% 1 - 9.9% 10 - 49.9% ≥50%

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# **Pilot: Community-specific risk profiles**

Where is the risk? Who is at risk? How big is the risk?

- → Community map, snail mapping, water contact site observations, FGDs
- → Community risk profiles



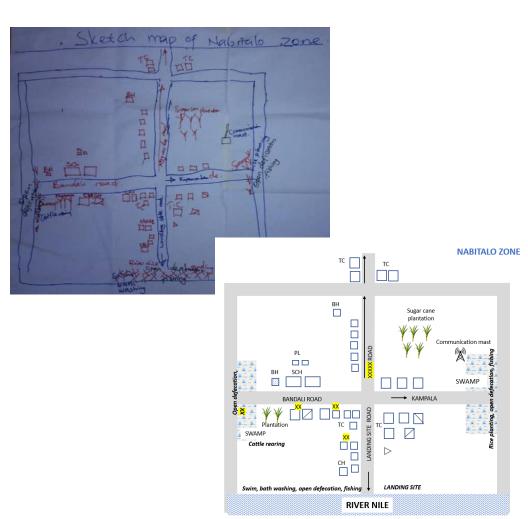
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Buwaiswa	Kibuye landing site; Buwaiswa	Yes	Yes	No	High	66111	22000	26200	64	42080	770	0	0	0
	Nakabale swamp; Buwaiswa	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	5724	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0
Kabaganda	Kalama landing site, Namasagali	Yes	No	Yes	Medium	2402	167	148	90	396	89	0	0	0
	Nsangabiyire landing site, Namasagali	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	855	130	510	0	2060	295	1260	0	0
	New Landing site in Namasagali College	Yes	No	No	Medium	10	38	96	600	297	0	30	0	0
	Nalwekomba Swamp	No	NA	No	Low	240	0	365	0	120	60	0	2660	0
Nabitalo	Nabitalo A Landing site	Yes	No	No	Medium	679	65	0	330	304	200	0	0	60
	Nabitalo B Landing site	Yes	No	No	Medium	400	108	0	0	108	0	0	0	75
	Nabitalo A swamp	No	NA	No	Low	1000	318	150	35	416	102	0	380	300
	Nabitalo B swamp	No	NA	No	Low	1378	513	212	210	690	75	0	0	1030
	Total contact in minutes					78799	23339	27681	1329	46509	1591	1290	3040	1465



# **Pilot: Mapping the risk**









# **Pilot: Action planning**

Proposed actions/ solutions	Considerations and caveats						
Latrines	<ul> <li>There should be a public latrine at the landing site</li> <li>Shared toilet blocks, one for each zone (A and B), with user fees for management and cleaning</li> </ul>						
Livelihoods	Fish pond would help divert people from the lake. Would need management to avoid snail infestation						
Water supply	<ul> <li>Boreholes (although breakdowns happen and the water is hard)</li> <li>Water used at home should be treated, and detergent should be made available in health centres</li> <li>Preference for piped water with multiple outlets near the home, using the river as the source. Strong willingness to pay as people pay user fees anyway</li> </ul>						
Designated swimming area	• [This option was not discussed. The landing site visited did not seem appropriate for this solution either due to the characteristics of the site]						
Laundry	<ul> <li>When asked whether people will use shared laundry facilities instead of river water, which is free, participants felt that they would avoid the river water if they knew it was dangerous and they had alternatives.</li> </ul>						
Gumboots and gloves	<ul> <li>To protect fishermen. Fishing cannot be stopped</li> <li>Use of PPE is socially acceptable. However, people are reluctant to pay for it</li> </ul>						
Health education	<ul> <li>Children are most vulnerable because they fetch water and take the cattle to be watered. Schools should be teaching them about the disease</li> <li>Mass sensitisation of the whole community, empowering the VHTs</li> </ul>						



# **Pilot: Planning with WASH and Health stakeholders**

#### **Government services**

- Water Supply: small-scale piped water scheme using river water. Affordable tariffs, filtered water. Serve all domestic purposes to reduce water contact.
- Behaviour change communications: Including at schools and mass sensitisation
- **Sanitation:** Provision of shared and public toilets sufficient size, resilience to flooding, inclusive. User fees for O&M.

#### **Community action**

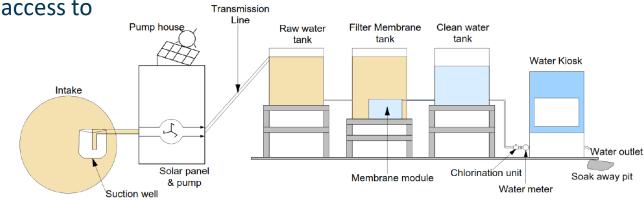
- Designated swimming areas: child friendly, use of sand, play areas, sanitation. Involvement of leisure industry
- O&M of sanitation facilities: involvement of beach management committee
- **PPE:** involve entrepreneurs





# **Current project: Implementation – delivering the action plans**

- **Baseline survey:** establish current levels of access to water supply and sanitation infrastructure, as well as levels of contact with contaminated surface water
- Water supply: Supporting MWE to implement water supply system based on river water due to community preferences and practicality (Gravity-diverted Membrane Filtration system, developed by EAWAG and tested in Uganda)
- Community environmental adaptation testing: Reduction of snail-breeding habitat/ creation of safe(r) water contact sites for recreation/livelihoods
- Sanitation: Support MWE-led programming, increase access to technologies/skills
- Behaviour change communication: Support MoH to engage traditional leadership and undertake health promotion





# **Takeaway messages**

- People know what happens in their community and what is needed for improvement asking them
  has to be the starting point
- There are important differences in the environmental, social and economic conditions between communities, that affect the risk of SCH in different ways
- People do what they do for valid reasons telling them to do otherwise without addressing the core issues won't make a difference. SCH probably isn't their top priority!
- Not all pathways can be mitigated; important to prioritise interventions based on risk size as well as feasibility → importance of the Community SCH Profiles and the Community Action Plans
- Government is ultimately responsible for service delivery any intervention should be done in support of their plans and priorities, and reinforcing their accountability to communities







# From Commitment to Results: Empowering Country-Led NTD Initiatives

November 2023

HELEN KELLER INTL

Benoit Dembele, Regional Technical Advisor, NTDs Helen Keller Intl USAID Act | West Program

# Ratissage (door to door strategy) to accelerate trachomatous trichiasis elimination

- Trachoma was endemic in 66/75 HDs in Mali
- After several years of MDA and TT surgery, surveys demonstrated that Mali reached the TF elimination but not the TT in some HDs.
- Mobile team used to do survey village by village in the fix point shown limit to clear the backlog of TT
- Program decided to use the ratissage methodology to set indicators for successful ratissage 100% geographical coverage and 80 % of adult population were examined.
- This ratissage was used in HDs that have already passed TSS.



# Ratissage (door to door strategy) to accelerate TT elimination

- National program adopted the ratissage in 2015 before WHO adopted the strategy as part of the TT elimination efforts.
- The ratissage was priced compared to other strategies for the TT surgery.
- The national program coordinator obtained support from partners and demonstrate the efficiency of the strategy.
- Ratissage result was used in 9 HDs in the dossier to demonstrate that the TT prevalence is >0.2% in adult population.



# Ratissage result in Mali dossier

Région	Districts	Population		Population consultée	% Population consultée		T i	Nbre de TT Prévalence nconnu du TT estimé inconnue
Koulikoro	Koulikoro	236937	121858	110116	90	167	158	180,01
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	gou	257526	131338	118335	90	208	204	230,02
Kayes	Diéma	275504	140507	128547	92	279	228	250,02
	Kéniéba*	259122	132152	148288	112	164	158	180,01
	Yélimané	238154	121458	105945	87	109	104	160,01
	Sagabari	53664	27369	24156	88	35	30	50,02
Sikasso	Selingué	112287	57266	46390	86	85	80	140,02
	Kadiolo	322517	164484	135283	82	90	90	190,01
Mopti	Bandiagara	412804	210530	186430	89	419	419	540,03
<u> </u>	Total	2168515	1106962	1003490	91	1556	1471	192

## Lessons learned

- On the path to elimination, the strategy should be context-specific and evolve according to the stage of the program.
- Program, surgeons and health district staff were committed to implement the strategy in difficult terrain (mountain, river, insecurity etc.)
- Partners were committed to support the program to achieve this goal.
- Without strong country leadership the ratissage wouldn't be a success in Mali and probably TT only survey and surgery would have been ongoing.

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REPUBLIQUE DU MALI Un Peuple – Un But – Une Foi



DOSSIER JUSTIFICATIF DE L'ÉLIMINATION DU TRACHOME EN TANT QUE PROBLÈME DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE

#### MALI

Date de soumission : Décembre 2022







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Genève, le 27 avril 2023

#### Élimination du trachome en tant que problème de santé publique

Madame la Ministre,

Prière de rappeler la référence :

J'ai l'honneur de me référer au dossier du Mali relatif à l'élimination du trachome en tant que problème de santé publique, qui fournit des informations sur la situation épidémiologique actuelle du trachome dans le pays, ainsi que sur les systèmes d'identification et de prise en charge des patients atteints de trichiasis trachomateux.

Le dossier a été examiné par un groupe externe d'examen des dossiers convoqué par le Bureau régional de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) pour l'Afrique.

J'ai le plaisir de vous informer que, sur la base des éléments du dossier et de la recommandation du groupe d'examen des dossiers, l'OMS conclut que le Mali est parvenu à éliminer le trachome en tant que problème de santé publique. Je tiens à adresser mes plus sincères félicitations au Gouvernement du Mali pour avoir franchi cette étape historique.

L'OMS recommande de poursuivre la surveillance du trachome et d'offrir des soins aux patients qui en sont atteints. Il conviendrait de communiquer à l'OMS les résultats des activités de surveillance continue.

Veuillez agréer, Madame la Ministre, les assurances de ma plus haute considération.

Congratulations !

Docteur Tedros Adminom Ghebreyesus Directeur général

 cc: Monsieur le Ministre des Affaires étrangères et de la Coopération internationale, Ministère des Affaires étrangères, Bamako

Mission permanente de la République du Mali auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres Organisations internationales à Genève

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# Niger accelerate oncho elimination process by establishing a functional lab

- Lab availability and capacity are critical to demonstrate oncho elimination
- APOC / ESPEN Lab in Ouaga has been used by African countries for their sample processing
- Niger was about to process thousand of flies and DBS to confirm the elimination of the oncho transmission in Niger

# Niger lab for OV

- Program take a lead to strength the lab capacity and the staff capacity.
- The government provided
  - Political support
  - Lab equipment
- The partners supported
  - the lab/program building renew and extend
  - the lab technicians training



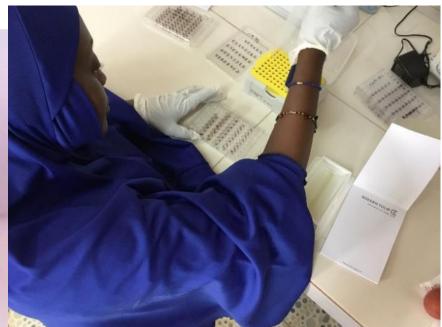
## Lab activities

• This lab process 16 406 samples for the OV16 Elisa









The leadership and perseverance of the national program was key to achieve elimination and to the timely submission of the oncho dossier - the first country in sub-Saharan Africa









## HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR NTDS

**VICTORIA SYKES** 

www.unitingtocombatntds.org



#### **NTD PROGRESS IN AFRICA**

#### INCREASE IN POLITICAL COMMITMENTS AND ELIMINATION SUCCESSES!

- **21 countries in Africa** have eliminated at least one NTD, with several countries having eliminated two, three and four NTDs.
  - Togo is the first country globally to achieve four eliminations.
  - Domestic and international commitment to controlling, eliminating and eradicating
     NTDs has accelerated progress against individual disease targets.



# WHY ARE HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL COMMITMENTS IMPORTANT?

Continued buy-in and political commitment at the highest political level and by all relevant stakeholders and decision makers is essential.

#### **Political commitments offer:**

- Mandate for action and the allocation of adequate resources.
- A precondition to building the institutions and mechanisms that are needed to end NTDs.



### **POLITICAL COMMITMENTS AND TOOLS**

- The Kigali Declaration on NTDs is a high-level, political declaration to mobilise political will,
- community commitment, resources and action, and secure commitments needed to end suffering.
  - Supported by the Kigali Declaration Commitment Tracker for NTDs.
  - Heads of State endorsed the Continental Framework with a vision is to free Africa of all NTDs by
     2030. It provides guidance on key approaches that should be implemented.
  - The Common African Position which recommends how to address NTDs in Africa.

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### **KIGALI DECLARATION ON NTDS**

AFRICA IS DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP, COMMITTING TO ENDING NTDS BY 2030.

Collectively, Africa has demonstrated leadership through the Kigali Declaration on NTDs to mobilise political will, community commitment, domestic and international resources and action by working together across sectors in integrated people-centred approaches







### CURRENT SIGNATORIES OF THE KIGALI DECLARATION ON NTDS

- National governments: Botswana, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Malawi, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Uganda and Vanuatu
- Philanthropists: BMGF, CIFF
- Donor countries: Belgium, Germany, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, UAE,
   USA, UK
- Multi-laterals: WHO, World Bank, UNICEF
- Academic and Research Institutions: Wellcome Trust, DNDI, FIND
- Industry partners: GSK, Bayer, Eisai, Merck, MSD, Novartis
- NGOs: CBM Global Disability Inclusion, RTI and Sightsavers

### COMMITTING FINANCIAL RESOURCES



Stakeholder profiles

### THROUGH THE KIGALI DECLARATION COMMITMENT TRACKER

### **Kigali Declaration Commitments 2021-2030**

\$1.6bn



19bn

Contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the WHO road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021-2030



\$399M (25%)

Overview

\$1.4bn \$4M 19bn \$191M Financial value In-kind 1 Policy 1 No. of tablets / units of medicine<sup>2,3</sup> US\$ (financial, in-kind, policy) commitments by stakeholder group 4.5 List of industries and other partners donating medicines to NTDs \$136M (8%) (0%) Academic & research institutions Bayer AG Donor governmentss Eisai co., Ltd. \$438M (27%) \$205M (13%) -Fundación Mundo Sano Industry & private sector organisations Gilead GSK International & national NGOs Johnson & Johnson Multilateral organisations Merck & Co. (MSD) NTD endemic governments Merck KGaA Novartis Philanthropist / Foundation Pfizer United Nations Sanofi

Further breakdown

Stakeholder type

\$427M (27%)

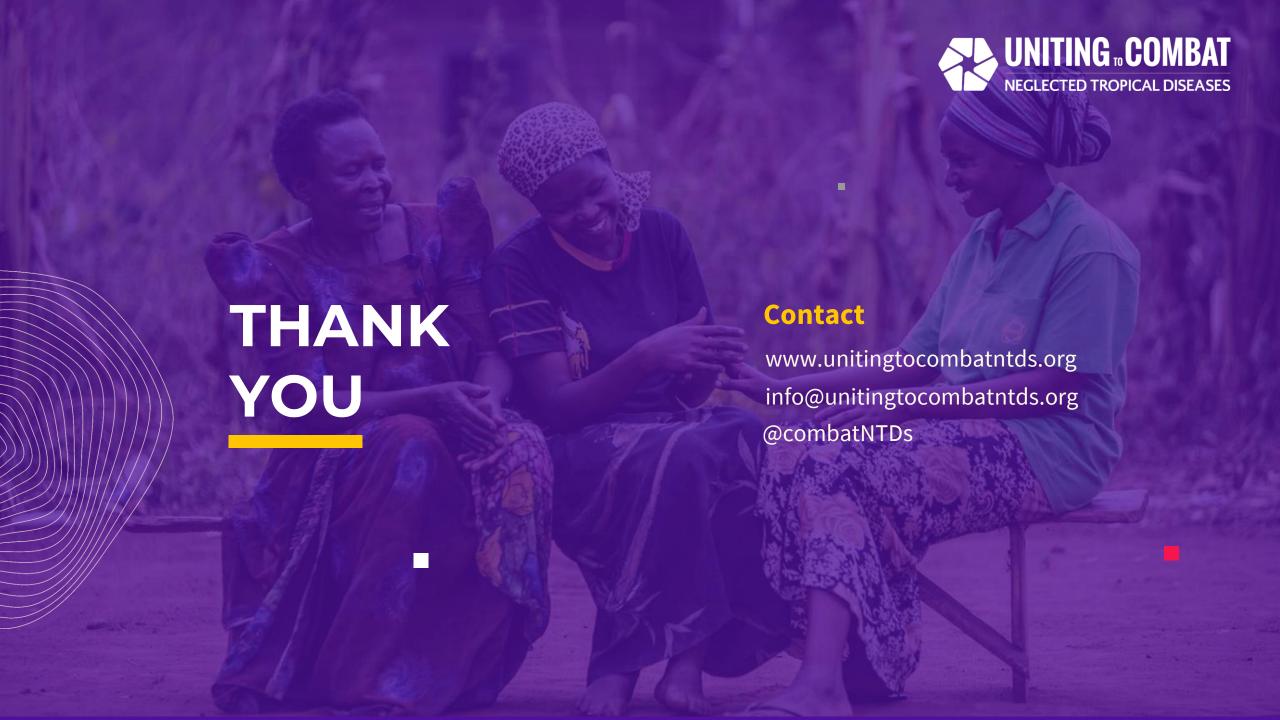


### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

### SECURING INCREASED FUNDING AND DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE, LONG-TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS WILL BE CRITICAL

 This is the time for accelerating progress, and we must come together with renewed vigour and a clear vision for the future.





# From Commitment to Results: Empowering Country-Led NTD Initiatives



### Responding to Lymphatic Filariasis Hotspots

Dr Achille Kabore | November 30, 2023







### Act | West Support to Country-led LF Elimination Efforts

- Mapping and confirmatory mapping
- Pre-TAS and TAS
- Burden assessment, capacity for lymphoedema management, services integration, assessment of quality of services (MMDP)
- Strategic planning and deep dive workshops
- Validation dossier development
- Response to challenges



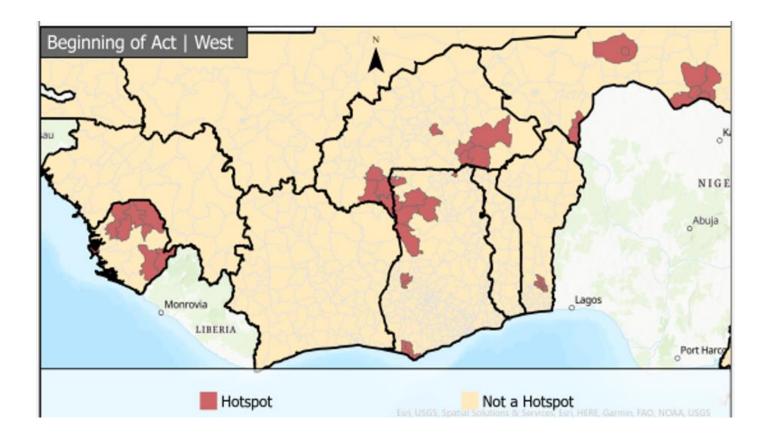






## Challenges: Persistent LF Transmission (Hotspots)

- High baseline prevalence
- Low MDA coverage
- High non-compliance
- Cross-border migration









## Country-led Investigation of LF Hotspots (Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone)

- LF deep-dive involving stakeholders and field implementers
- Pre-TAS/TAS Survey failure investigation
- Qualitative investigation: Engagement of communities, health workers, and community drug distributors
- Survey sub-district data and population analysis by age, sex, sub-site (community)
- Socio-anthropological studies (Sierra Leone)
- MDA process review



Step by step, making strides to eliminate a disfiguring disease in Sierra Leone

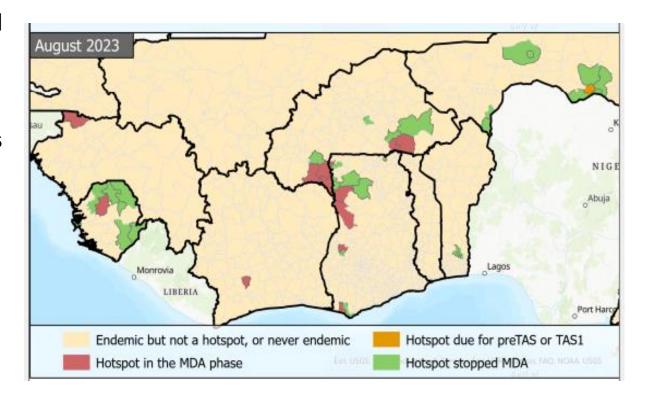






## Country-led Initiatives in Response to LF Hotspots (Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone)

- Improving MDA process Microplanning, social mobilization, drug administration, supervision
- Community dialogue (Burkina Faso)
- Routinize sub-district coverage data analysis and response
- Systematic use of Supervisors Coverage Tool (SCT)
- Coverage Evaluation Surveys (CES)
- Cross-border collaboration

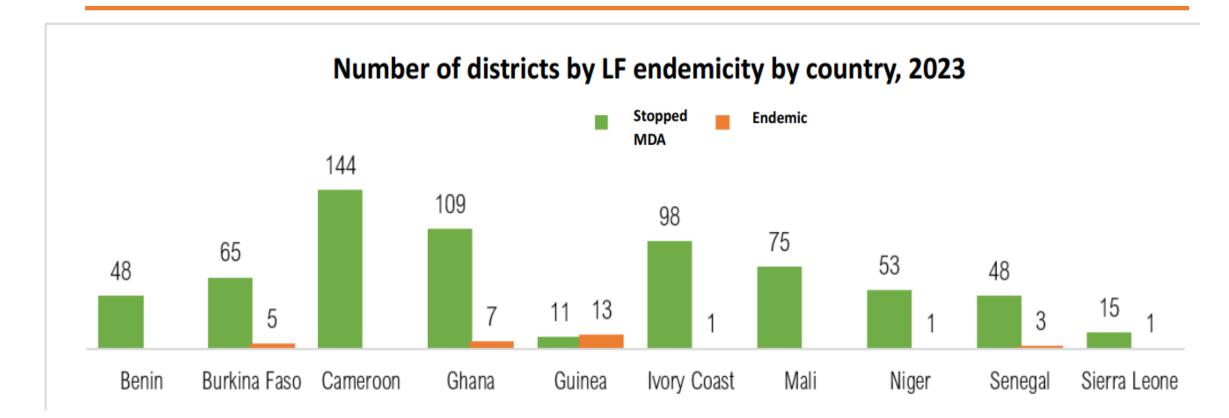








### **Country Progress Towards LF Elimination**

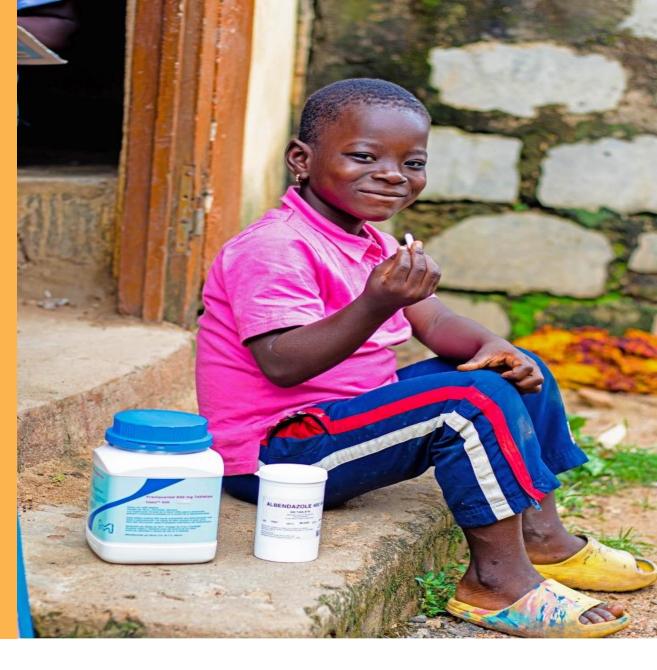








### Thank you











### **About the END Fund**

- Private philanthropic initiative solely dedicated to ending the most common neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).
- Mobilize resources from a diverse range of investors and direct to partners who can deliver the resources where they will have the most impact
- Leverage efficiencies of the private sector and foster strong partnerships

### **MISSION**

To end the most prevalent neglected diseases among the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

### **VISION**

To ensure
people at risk of
neglected tropical
diseases can live
healthy and
prosperous lives.









### **Intestinal Worms**

1.7B People Require Treatment



### Lymphatic Filariasis

892M People Require Treatment



### **River Blindness**

217M People Require



### **Schistosomiasis**

229M People Require Treatment



### Trachoma

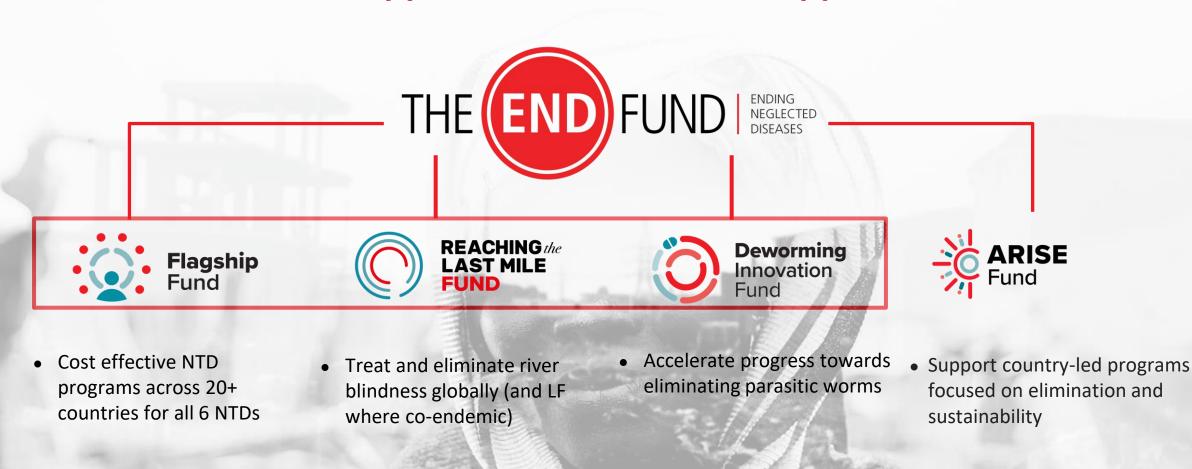
177M People Require
Treatment



### **Visceral Leishmaniasis**

700K - 1M People Require Treatment Annually

### **END Fund's Portfolio Approach to Investment Opportunities**



2012 2018 2019 2022

### Approach to Programming



Championing Country leadership and ownership of programs and ensure we adhere to Country priorities.

- Country programs at the heart of the operations
- Country first, country led decision making
- Country led identification of priority partners

### Tools

- NTD strategic plans
- Country NTD primary goals
- Country sustainability plans
- M&E frameworks

### **Preliminary Achievements**



- In Rwanda, since 2019 the Govt is funding 100% of the MDA operational costs
- In Nigeria a private company IHS is contributing funds for NTD prevention and control in three states.
- In Nigeria the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Gombe and Akwa Ibom states contribute to NTD programming including hydrocele surgeries.
- Direct funding to the Countries to implement the priority activities e.g.
   Senegal and Ethiopia.
- Country led disease assessment and validation assessments and technical bodies e.g. National Onchocerciasis Elimination Committees (NOECs), National Trachoma Taskforce (NTTF)

### **Potential Areas of Collaboration**

- Advocacy
- Domestic Resource Mobilization
- Integration into national healthsystems and policies
- Innovations tools, approaches, interventions





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Collaborative Exploration: Demonstration of tools and platforms used in country-led NTD initiatives

USAID/ACTWEST/FHI360



## ALMA Scorecard and National NTD scorecards for Accountability and Action



### About ALMA

- Established in 2009
- 55 African Heads of State and Government working to eliminate malaria and NTDs in Africa
- Provides a forum to review progress and achieve targets set by the African Union and SDGs
- ALMA's Chair is H.E. President Umaro Sissoco Embaló of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

### **ALMA Priority Agenda**



Increase digitalisation and use of evidence-based tools through national malaria, NTD and RMNCAH scorecards



Mobilise national Youth
Corps to recruit and
engage youth leaders to
champion the fight against
malaria and NTDs and
promote UHC



Establish national End Malaria & NTDs Councils and Funds to support advocacy, action, and resource mobilization from across all sectors



Enhance regional coordination on malaria and NTDs including through Regional Economic Communities

Support 20 countries in their country NTD scorecard tool implementation including advocating for increased domestic and partner resources to fill key gaps

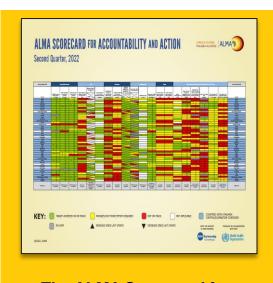
Support the roll out of country ALMA youth corps

At least 4 national End Malaria & NTDs Councils and Funds launched and mobilizing resources from across all sectors Mainstream malaria and NTDs into the political and technical agenda of the Regional Economic Communities and keep malaria and NTDs high on the AU agenda

### ALMA works to sustain malaria, RMNCAH, and NTDs high on the African regional development agenda



Malaria & NTDs are
mainstreamed into the AU
Summit, including the keynote
presentation from the ALMA
Chair. The annual report,
including the ALMA Scorecard
and a supplement on NTDs, is
part of the official summit
documentation



The ALMA Scorecard for Accountability and Action and country narrative reports are produced quarterly. Includes indicators on malaria, NTDs, and other priority areas of health for Heads of State & Government and Ministers of Health and Finance.



Malaria & NTDs AUC meeting held on the side lines of the WHA attended by Ministers of Health and Development Partners



Republic of Congo awarded the 2022 Joyce Kafanabo Award for Best NTD Scorecard at the AU Summit



Briefing of the Permanent Representative Committee of the AU on the implementation of the malaria related targets of the Catalytic Framework to End AIDS, TB and Eliminate Malaria in Africa by 2030 and the implementation of the Continental Framework to Control and Eliminate NTDs in Africa, the AU Roadmap on NTDs and the Kigali Commitments

### **ALMA SCORECARD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY & ACTION**

### The ALMA Scorecard for Accountability & Action and recommended actions engage senior leaders to prioritise malaria and NTDs

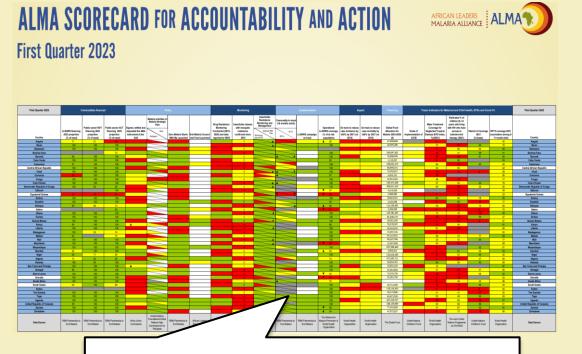
The ALMA Scorecard and Country
Reports are disseminated quarterly to
Heads of State and Government,
Ministers of Health, Finance and Foreign
Affairs, Ambassadors to the AU and UN

### The ALMA Scorecard has helped:

- Sustain malaria and NTDs on the regional development agenda
- Increase donor and domestic resources
- Accelerate procurement
- Enact policy changes

Country-specific recommended actions have a 97% response rate for NTDs

NTDs were added to the ALMA Scorecard at the 30<sup>th</sup> AU Summit to raise their visibility on the continent



An independent evaluation by R4D of scorecards and

a gold star example, noting that it has a clear and focused theory of change with defined objectives and

engagement plan for its target audience.

data visualization tools identified the ALMA Scorecard as

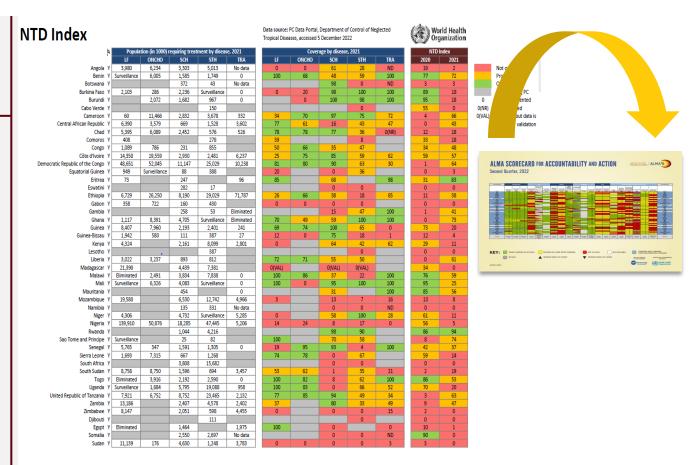
audience, includes actionable indicators and has a clear

### **ALMA SCORECARD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY & ACTION**

### The ALMA Scorecard for Accountability & Action includes the NTDs Coverage Index—with additional indicators under consideration

- The NTD Coverage Index

   (i.e., the percentage of the population protected by preventative treatment) is calculated annually by the WHO
- ALMA, WHO, UTC and other partners develop recommended actions for countries with low coverage (e.g., red) or where performance declines by 10% or more
- ALMA sends these recommended actions to Heads of State and Government and Ministers
- 97% response rate for NTDs recommended actions



### **Recommended action responses**



#### Reports officially sent to HOS and Ministers of Health, Finance and Foreign Affairs and Ambassadors in Addis and New York

### Recommended actions tracking tool

				Deadline	Progress	Country	
Country	Date	Archetype	Action Item	(color status)	(1-4)	owner	Comments
			Prioritize support for the implementation of The				
			Global Fund (Round 7 Phase 2 and Round 10 ) including				
	201103	Address funding	strengthened program management		1	HOS	
		Enact high level	Remove tariffs (on various anti-malaria commodities)				
		policy and strategy					fill currently being passed to
Benin	2011Q3	change		Nov-11	4	HOS	reduce tariffs
			Given the low coverage with antiretroviral prophylaxis				
		Optimize point of	(and other services, e.g., PMTCT) for HIV-positive				
		care	pregnant women, fully integrate this service into				Pilot program current being
Burundi	201103	implementation	antenatal care services and work to scale up ANC	Sep-12	3	FP	undertaken
			launch an extensive community owned and driven				
		Adopt behavioral	national campaign to promote breast feeding with the				
		change	full engagement of all national and international				
	2011Q3	communications	stakeholders	Oct-12	2	FP	
			Ensure necessary country capacity and technical				
			support to sustain the pre-elimination status to enable				
			the country to enter into malaria elimination phase				WHO report showed technical
Cape Verde	201103	Build capabilities		Jan-13	1	HOS	capacity as lagging behind peers



ALMA Secretariat and partners interaction with country focal points, local and global partners

### Each quarter, countries get recommended actions as follows:

- 1. Countries where the indictors are red e.g. significantly below targets)
- 2. Countries where performance has decreased compared to the previous data

### **Progress on tracking recommended actions**

- 1. ALMA receive good feedback on recommended actions on malaria (100%) and NTDs (>90%)
- 2. Substantial feedback on RMNCAH recommended actions (75%)

Actions linked to the scorecard tool have included increased domestic and donor resources for NTDs, helped to address commodity availability and stock expiry, and have helped to place NTDs higher on the domestic development agenda.

**65** 65

### NATIONAL NTD SCORECARDS

### **ALMA** has supported countries in the implementation of national scorecards

National scorecard management tools are countryowned tools used to:

- Track national and sub-national real time health data against priority indicators aligned to national plans
- Identify bottlenecks or gaps
- Increase accountability
- Enhance decision-making to drive action

They are integrated into existing accountability and management processes

Drive action including addressing upsurges, stockouts, task-shifting, filling resource gaps, etc.

Used at national, subnational and community levels (quality of care) and with political and technical stakeholders

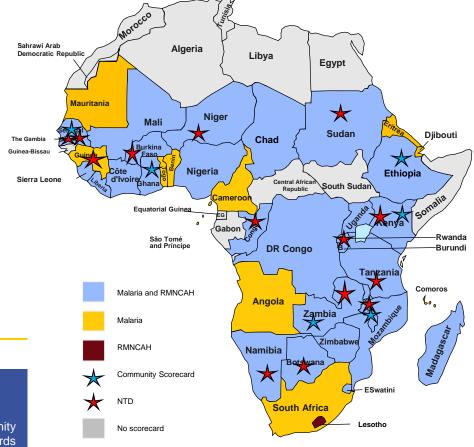
### Number of scorecards by focus area



31 RMNCAH Scorecards

18 NTD Scorecards 4 Nutrition Scorecards

6 Community Scorecards



### Scorecards enhance the profile of NTDs at national level, increase resource commitments and enhance data quality and availability





- The scorecard is used for high-level advocacy, highlighting gaps in national NTD performance. This resulted in the addition of a US\$170,000 line-item being added to the national budget for NTDs.
- Following up on recommended actions led to increased country ownership and institutionalization of NTDs
- NTDs are fully integrated into district and community level activities and MDA operational costs are fully funded by the government.



Republic of Niger

- The NTD scorecard was used to highlight gaps and request technical assistance from WHO for the mapping of onchocerciasis elimination.
- Scorecard analysis revealed reporting errors on leprosy cases and led to the organization of a training
  of DHIS data managers in the regions where the problem was identified.
- Health provides and CHWs were trained on leprosy early detection in a targeted region.
- Community mobilization (the 'awareness caravan') on NTD prevention and control was organized in targeted regions.
- Training of MPs on the use of NTD scorecards which led the MPs to invite the NTD Manager to
  present the situation of NTDs in Parliament and to add NTDs on the plan of action of MPs

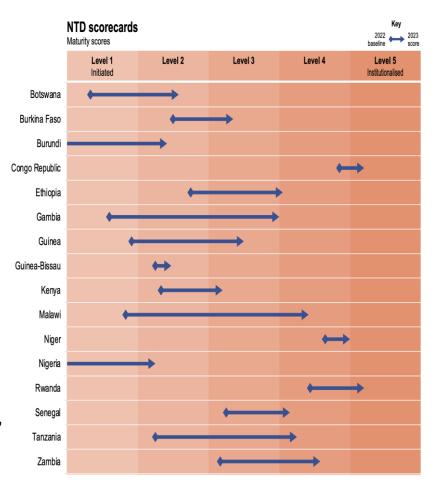


### **Scorecard Maturity framework**

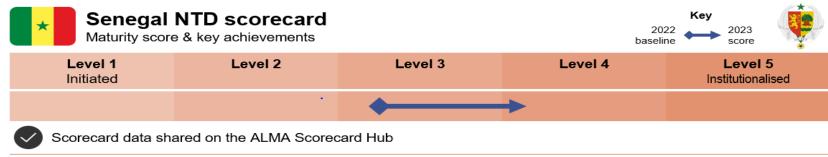
### The Scorecard Maturity self-assessment

### tool (<a href="https://scorecardhub.org/">https://scorecardhub.org/</a> ):

- A simple and accessible online tool to guide countries in assessing and improving their scorecards performance.
- This tool helps countries to understand where their scorecard is doing well and where it needs improvement, access curated recommended improvements and learn how other countries have overcome issues.
- It assesses country scorecards on five key success factors: use as a management tool, decentralization, sharing publicly and with stakeholders, institutionalization and political use, and documentation and evaluation.
- In 2023, Sixteen NTD scorecards reviewed have 'graduated' to at least the next level of institutionalization, and in some cases have advanced further.



### **NTD** scorecard maturity assessment





Improved NTD data reporting and the country has initiated bi-monthly data monitoring to ensure the NTD reporting form is being used correctly by health posts and all 35 NTD indicators now in DHIS2.



Scorecard has helped to increase resource allocations from government and partners



Scorecard used to advocate for an increased NTD budget from US\$195,759 in 2022 to US\$208,809 in 2023



Increased resource mobilisation (US\$4,000) from FHI360 to support NTD scorecard indicator review and NTD scorecard interoperability with DHIS2





Scorecard development process revealed gaps in Human African Trypanosomiasis data availability. Led to financial and technical support from WHO for a data review



Situation analysis on snake bites envenoming was conducted and now snake bite facility rate data reported into DHIS2



Scorecard helped secure financial and technical assistance from ASCEND for training CHWs in home-based case and health workers in lymphoedema and hydrocele management

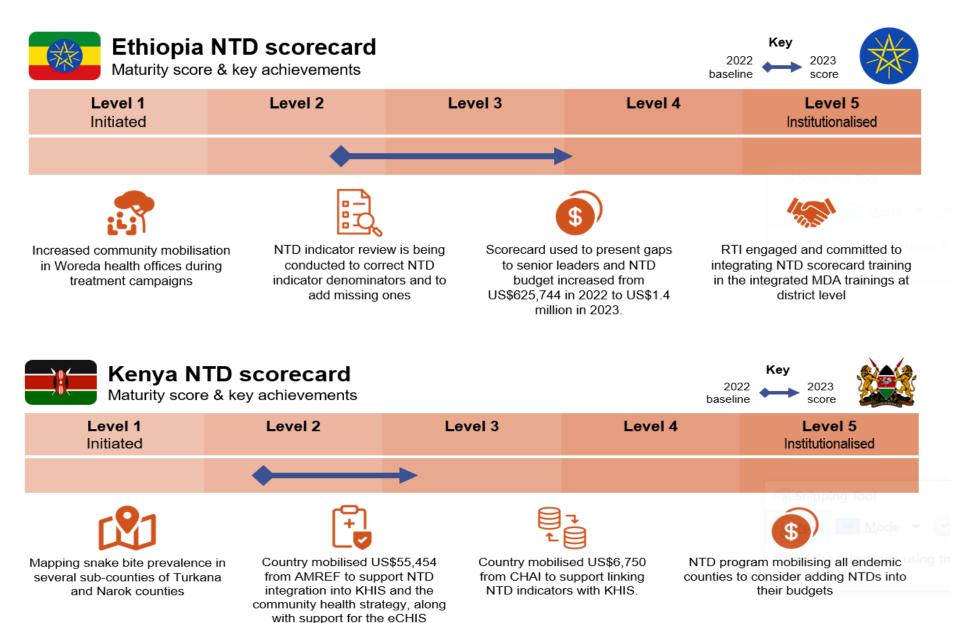


ASCEND also committed to helping Zambia secure support in mapping onchocerciasis, MDA for schistosomiasis and WASH activities



Country mobilised US\$8.9 million from WHO to support the LF transmission assessment survey (TAS)

### **NTD** scorecard maturity assessment



### Lessons leant on the use of continental and national NTD scorecards

- The use of the scorecard as an advocacy tool has helped to increase resource allocations from government and partners.
- The use of NTD scorecards led to improved NTD data, including more NTD indicators added into the HMIS/DHIS2
- Scorecard analysis at country level has supported the identification of reporting errors, bottlenecks and the design of country-led solutions.
- The inclusion of the NTD indicator in the continental ALMA scorecard for accountability and action has significantly increased the visibility of NTDs at country level.
- In countries, following up on the recommended actions arising from scorecard analysis has helped countries by increasing the attention of senior leadership to NTDs.
- Collaboration with partners at country, continental and global levels is key for success of the grant implementation.



## Thank you

# ACT TO END NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES | EAST

Presented by Dr. Wangeci Thuo

Annual Meeting of National NTD Program Managers in the WHO AFRO Region

**November 30, 2023** 







## Act | East Program Goal

Support countries
to control and
eliminate NTDs with
proven, cost-effective
public health
interventions





- Period of Performance: September 17, 2018 September 16, 2026
- One year overlap with ENVISION in FY19
- Total estimated ceiling: ~\$420 million, with additional 10% cost share
- Centrally funded and managed by USAID Washington DC
- 13 countries globally:
  - Africa: Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, (DRC)
  - Asia: Bangladesh, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Nepal, Philippines, Viet Nam
  - Americas: Haiti



- Support host country governments
  - NTD programs, ministries of health and other relevant ministries
  - Fixed Amount Awards strengthening health systems
- Leverage strong partnerships
  - o MOH, WHO, pharma, etc.
- Build on established successes
  - Elimination achievements

## Act East BY THE NUMBERS

Supporting countries in the sustainable control and elimination of neglected tropical diseases

**HELPING COMMUNITIES THRIVE** 





252 Million

people no longer at risk for lymphatic filariasis

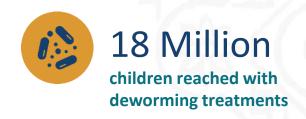


14 Million

people no longer at risk for onchocerciasis







## Act East BY THE NUMBERS

Supporting countries in the sustainable control and elimination of neglected tropical diseases

#### **BUILDING CAPACITY FOR PROGRESS THAT LASTS**



3

countries launched comprehensive sustainability plans



475+

awards to local governments and institutions



538,000+

persons trained to effectively carry out NTD programs



651

surveys to measure impact toward NTD elimination

## ACT TO END NTDS | EAST

**Country ownership in Action** 

## Nigeria

# IMPACT IN NIGERIA

## **DSA Failure Investigation in Cross River State**



- Yala remains the only LGA in Cross River state (from 10 endemic LGAs) yet to pass the pre-TA
- Yala had under-gone pre-TAS twice, first in 2018 and 2021 and has failed in both occasions.
- Yala conducted Qualitative and Quantitative
   DSA Failure investigation complete with KII and FG
- Re-re-MDA done in partnership with primary health care development agency
- 2023 Passed pre-TAS and TAS 1

## **%** 116.3 MILLION

treatments delivered for at least one NTD with Act | East support



## 9.6 MILLION

persons no longer at risk for LF





#### 11.3 MILLION

persons no longer at risk for onchocerciasis

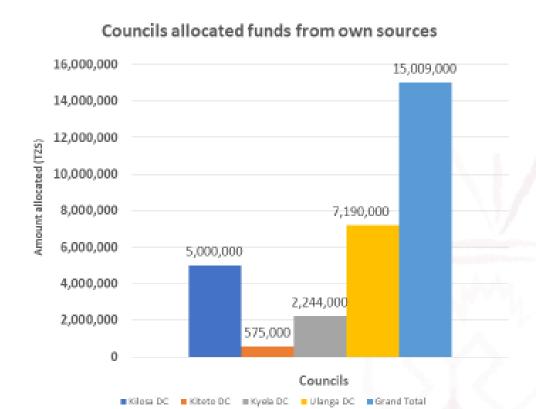
persons trained with Act | East support

Data as of May 2023

## **Tanzania**

# Four Councils Allocated NTD Funds from "Own Sources" in FY 2022/2023





#### Council revenue included

- Taxes
- Rentals
- Businesses licenses
- Service levy
- Market fees
- Corporate responsibility funds from organizations working in the council





• 17 MILLION

persons no longer at risk for trachoma

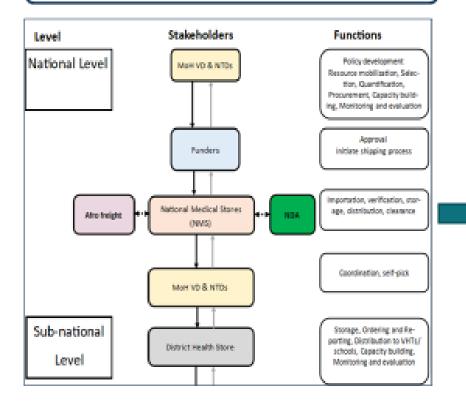
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Data as of May 2023

Range: \$959-\$3072 (1USD = 2340.74 TZS)

## Uganda

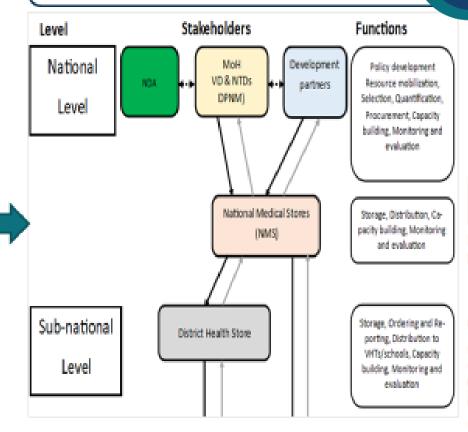
## **Existing Supply chain structure**



## Proposed Supply chain structure



S IMPACT IN UGANDA



treatments delivered for at least one NTD

with Act | East support

# 17.9 MILLION persons no longer at risk for LF

• 11 MILLION

persons no longer at risk for trachoma

**3.3 MILLION**persons no longer at risk for onchocerciasis

persons trained with Act | East support

Data as of May 2023

## **Act | East Consortium Partners**







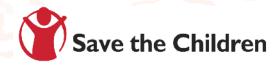
















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## De L'engagement Aux Résultats : Renforcer Les Initiatives Nationales De Lutte Contre Les MTN

Mise à jour des partenaires de CHAI lors de la réunion des gestionnaires de programmes des MTN



des vies et à réduire la charge de morbidité dans les pays à revenu faible et intermédiaire. Nous travaillons avec nos partenaires pour renforcer les gouvernements et le secteur privé afin de créer et de maintenir des systèmes de santé de haute qualité qui peuvent réussir sans notre aide.

Nous opérons au CARREFOUR des entreprises, des gouvernements et de la santé pour sauver des vies et réduire les maladies.



20 ans d'expérience Fondée en 2002 pour lutter contre le VIH/sida, notre champ d'action s'est élargi, mais notre objectif reste de sauver des millions de vies.



Plus de 35 pays dans le monde dans lesquels CHAI opère



Nous nous efforçons d'améliorer les systèmes de santé afin de pouvoir nous retirer tout en apportant des améliorations durables en matière de santé.



Plus de 125 pays ont accès aux réductions de prix négociées par CHAI pour des médicaments, des diagnostics, des vaccins et des dispositifs de haute qualité.



Une approche unique des objectifs ambitieux axés sur le changement transformationnel dans le domaine de la santé mondiale

CHAI soutient les programmes gouvernementaux de lutte contre les MTN dans 7 pays pour améliorer la qualité, l'accès et l'utilisation des données afin d'accélérer l'élimination des MTN-PC (2021-2025).



**Degré d'impact**: Élimination de maladies débilitantes dans des pays et régions entiers, touchant plus de 270 millions de personnes.



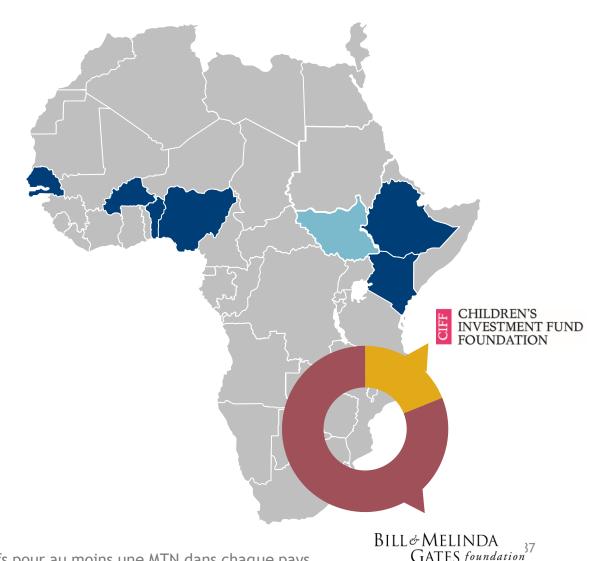
Ampleur de l'impact : Collaboration avec les partenaires de mise en œuvre, les donateurs, les institutions universitaires et les organismes normatifs (OMS ESPEN) pour influencer les fonds des donateurs d'un montant supérieur à 100 millions de dollars américains et remettre en question les idées reçues sur les stratégies de lutte contre la mortalité infantile et post-infantile.



**Échelle de l'impact**: Soutien direct à 7 programmes nationaux de lutte contre les MTN et influence mondiale



**Durabilité de l'impact**: L'accent est mis sur le leadership gouvernemental, les systèmes de données intégrés et les partenariats avec les institutions académiques locales.



<sup>\*</sup>Basé sur les estimations de l'ESPEN 2021 pour les personnes ayant besoin de soins palliatifs pour au moins une MTN dans chaque pays.

## L'approche technique de CHAI pour renforcer les systèmes d'information sur les MTN et l'utilisation des données

SPÉCIFIQUE À UN PAYS
personnel intégré dans les
programmes de lutte contre les

#### 1.5 DURABILITÉ ET RENFORCEMENT DES CAPACITÉS LOCALES

Renforcer la gouvernance et le leadership du programme ; promouvoir le partenariat avec les universitaires locaux, les groupes technologiques, les exécutants ; renforcer les capacités du personnel et des institutions.

#### **1.1. LE SOL**

Engagement

Cadrage et planification

Essai de mise en œuvre

#### 1.2 QUALITÉ DES DONNÉES

Audit de la qualité des données

Amélioration de la qualité

#### 1.3 ACCÈS AUX DONNÉES

Intégration des systèmes de données

Tableaux de bord

**Bulletins** 

#### 1.4 UTILISATION DES DONNÉES

Examen des données et réponse de routine

Plans et opérations fondés sur des données probantes

## CROSS-COUNTRY

## 2.1 LE CADRE DE BASE

Engagement

Analyse du champ d'application

#### 2.2. TRADUCTION

Partager les besoins des programmes

Partager les analyses disponibles

#### 2.3. DIFFUSION

Partager les enseignements tirés

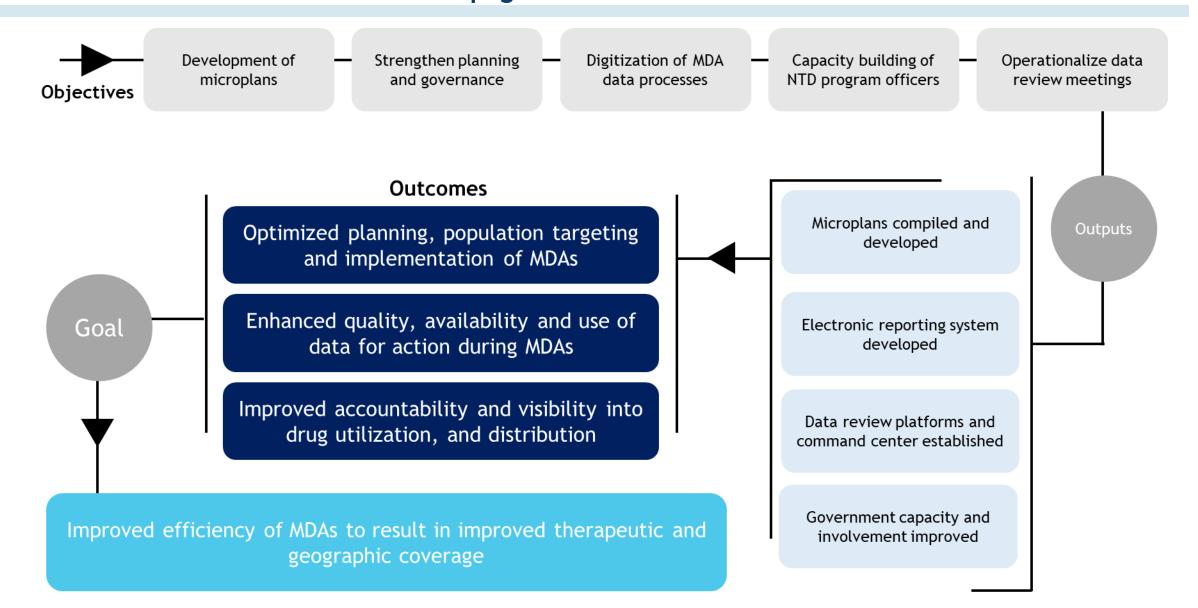
Tirer les leçons d'autres initiatives

#### 2.4. PROJET ARISE M&E

Effectuer le suivi et l'évaluation de routine des projets

Documenter les meilleures pratiques

À Kano, au Nigeria, la CHAI a réorganisé la planification, la mise en œuvre et le suivi et l'évaluation des ministères de la santé afin de relever les principaux défis et d'améliorer l'efficacité et la couverture de la campagne en vue de l'élimination de la maladie



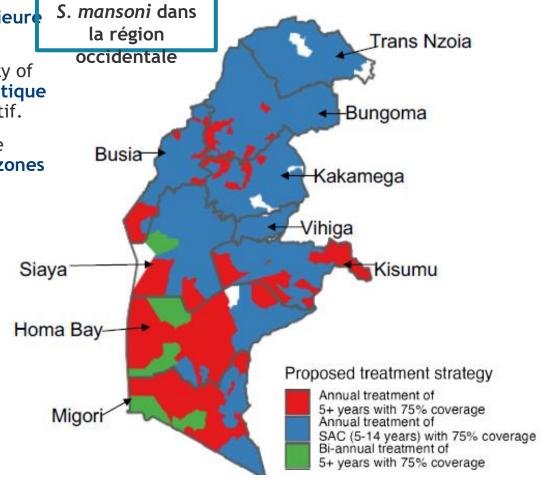
Au Kenya, la DVBNTD travaille avec le CEMA, CHAI et End Fund pour utiliser la modélisation afin d'estimer les stratégies minimales requises en matière d'AMD au niveau des comtés pour atteindre les objectifs d'élimination des PPB.

Le Kenya a pour objectif de parvenir à une **prévalence des PPB dans les SAC inférieure** à 2 % (Kenya Breaking Transmission Strategy) d'ici à 2030.

Le DVBNTD et le CEMA (Center for Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis, University of Nairobi), en partenariat avec CHAI et End Fund, utilisent la modélisation mathématique pour déterminer la stratégie minimale d'AMD nécessaire pour atteindre cet objectif.

Le Kenya est actuellement confronté à une pénurie de PZQ et utilise les données de couverture du MDA et les résultats de la modélisation pour donner la priorité aux zones qui ont le plus besoin de PZQ afin de maintenir le BTS sur la bonne voie.

Prev.	Treatment	Eliminatio n strategy	Years taken to achieve the elimination target while treating community 5+ years with the treatment coverage				Years taken to achieve the elimination target while treating SAC (5-14) years with the treatment coverage			
		Eliminatio n strategy	75%	80%	85%	90%	75%	80%	85%	90%
Low (<10%)	Annual	BTS	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	4
		EPHP	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
Moderate (10-50%)	Annual	BTS	6-7	5-6	4-6	4-5	6-9	5-7	5-6	4-6
		EPHP	3-4	3-4	2-4	2-3	4-5	4	3	3
High (>50%)	Annual	BTS	8-19	7-16	6-13	5-11	16 - >20	15 - >20	14 - >20	13 - >20
		EPHP	5-13	4-10	4-8	3-7	14 - >20	13-19	13-18	13-18
High (>50%)	Biannual	BTS	4-6	4-6	4-5	3-5	13-16	12-15	12-14	11-14
		EPHP	3-5	3-5	3-4	3	9-12	9-11	8-10	8-10









BTS = Kenya Breaking Transmission Strategy (<2% de prévalence dans le SAC). EPHP = Elimination en tant que problème de santé demiological publique (<1% d'intensité élevée dans le SAC). Vert = atteindre l'objectif d'ici 2030. Orange = n'atteindra pas l'objectif d'ici 2030.

# Les partenariats multiples sont essentiels pour renforcer et pérenniser les systèmes de données sur les MTN et l'utilisation des données dans les pays.

























































