

# Annual NTD Programme Managers Meeting 2026

13-16 April 2026

Lilongwe, Malawi

## Call for Abstracts: Poster Presentation

Theme: **“Leveraging Innovative Tools and Sustainable Financing to Advance NTD Elimination in Africa.”**

WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO AFRO) and the African Union (AU) invite national NTD programmes, partners, and research institutions **to submit abstracts for the Poster Presentation Session** of the Annual NTD Programme Managers Meeting 2026, to be held 13–16 April 2026 at the BIC Centre, Lilongwe, Malawi. Under the theme “Leveraging Innovative Tools and Sustainable Financing to Advance NTD Elimination in Africa,” the poster session will showcase practical experiences, innovations, and evidence that can be replicated to accelerate progress towards the NTD Roadmap 2021–2030 and sustain elimination gains across the African Region.

Please read the information below carefully before submitting an abstract for your poster session.

### **ABSTRACT GUIDELINES**

- Maximum **300 words**, structured as follows:
  - Title (clear and concise)
  - Authors & Affiliations
  - Background (brief context and objective)
  - Methods (key approaches used)
  - Results (main findings)
  - Conclusion (implications for NTD elimination)
- The abstract must be written in *English, French, or Portuguese*.
- All submissions must be original and should not have been presented at another conference.

**Please use the template available on the Portal to submit your abstract.**

## **Eligibility**

Abstracts are invited from:

- NTD Programme Managers
- NTD NGOs, Implementing Partners and Civil Society Organizations
- Invited Private Sector and Innovators in NTD Technologies (who are working with NTD Programme Managers)
- Academic and research institutions

## **THEMES**

We welcome abstracts that highlight innovative approaches, best practices, and key lessons learned in the fight against NTDs, including but not limited to:

- *Integration of NTD services into PHC/UHC and health systems*
- *Data-to-action for programme planning and performance*
- *Digital innovation and analytics (including AI) for NTDs*
- *Sustainable and Innovative Financing for NTD Elimination*
- *Resilient NTD Programmes: Sustaining Elimination Gains and Closing Last-Mile Gaps Towards 2030*
- *Cross border collaboration on NTDs*
- *Innovation & independence: African-led R&D, local manufacturing, transparency*
- *Community-centred approaches and accountability to communities*

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

 **Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Tuesday 11:59 PM (GMT+1)**

**How to Submit:** Email your abstract to [espenafro@who.int](mailto:espenafro@who.int) with the subject "NTD Poster Presentation for NTD PM Meeting 2026 - [Your Name]".

For inquiries, please contact Ms Dyuti Sen at [send@who.int](mailto:send@who.int)

We look forward to your submissions and to showcasing the groundbreaking work being done to accelerate NTD elimination in Africa!

## **EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the internal selection committee based on the following criteria:

- Abstract quality
- Relevance to the themes of the NTD PM Meeting 2026
- Significance of the reported results

**Selected abstracts will be presented as posters during the NTD Programme Managers Meeting 2026.** The presenters will be assigned a dedicated time slot to display their poster, present key findings, and respond to questions in person. Presenting authors of accepted abstracts will receive detailed poster preparation and presentation instructions.

## **PAPER POSTER FORMAT AND GUIDELINE**

Selected participant must **print their own poster** according to the following guideline:

- Poster size must be A1 (60 cm x 85 cm)
- Double sided tape will be provided at the poster desk
- Posters should not be printed on heavy materials, such as canvas, as they easily fall from the poster panels.
- Under special circumstances, the organizers may arrange printing of posters on behalf of presenters. In such cases, the **final print-ready poster file must be submitted no later than 31 March 2026.**