

# KIGALI DECLARATION

ON  
NEGLECTED  
TROPICAL  
DISEASES



UNITING COMBAT  
NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

Building on the progress of the London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and putting individuals and communities at the centre of the NTD response, we, the signatories of this declaration, come together to commit to ending NTDs.<sup>1</sup>

We acknowledge that NTDs are diseases of poverty and inequity. By tackling NTDs we will reduce poverty, address inequity, strengthen health systems, increase human capital and build resilient communities, bringing us closer to achieving universal health coverage and the SDGs. This declaration is for and in service of the 1.7 billion people who continue to suffer from NTDs.

We, the signatories to this declaration commit to the achievement of the SDG 3<sup>2</sup> target on NTDs and to the delivery of the WHO 2030 NTD road map: *Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: a road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030*.<sup>3</sup>

We are collectively committed to the principle of 'do no harm' and will deliver on our commitments and contributions, as laid out in this declaration by:

**WORKING TO ENSURE** that people affected by NTDs, – particularly women and girls, persons with disabilities, and minority and underrepresented groups – are at the centre of NTD programmes and decision-making processes.

**BEING CHAMPIONS AND AMBASSADORS** for tackling NTDs by increasing the recognition and relevance of NTDs locally, nationally, regionally and globally and ensuring NTDs are a priority at the highest levels.

**SUSTAINING A MULTISECTORAL** and multidisciplinary approach to tackling NTDs, including One Health, that recognises the interactions of human, animal and environmental health and mitigates against the impact of climate change on NTDs.

**INCREASING THE PROVISION** of services that enable equitable access to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and morbidity management of NTDs.

**UNLOCKING DOMESTIC RESOURCES**, including strengthening public health infrastructure to deliver effective NTD services, complemented by external resources.

**IDENTIFYING SUSTAINABLE FINANCING** opportunities and being stewards of the resources available to maximise impact and value for money.

**WORKING IN A COORDINATED** and integrated manner that is rooted in primary healthcare and is embedded within resilient national systems that serve affected communities.

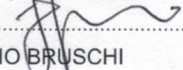
**INVESTING IN RESEARCH** and innovation in new drugs and diagnostics for areas prioritised in the WHO 2030 NTD road map and, as appropriate, facilitating technology transfer and financing to ensure there is a sustainable supply of commodities for NTDs.

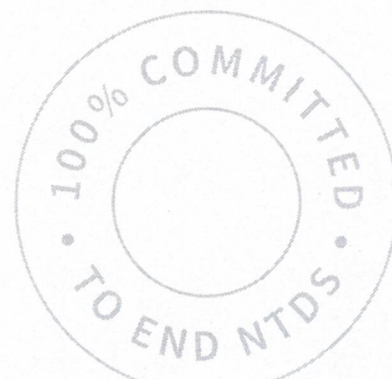
**IMPROVING THE COLLECTION** and use of data to guide programmes, increase their effectiveness and accelerate progress.

**TRANSPARENTLY MONITORING** and reporting on the progress made on the commitments and contributions laid out in this declaration, to hold each other to account while supporting national ownership of country NTD programmes.

By working together, adopting people-centred approaches and working across sectors, we can meet and sustain the NTD targets in the SDGs and the WHO 2030 NTD road map. We can eradicate two diseases, eliminate at least one disease in 100 countries, and decrease the number of people requiring interventions for NTDs by 90%. These commitments will help relieve suffering, decrease the health-related drivers of poverty, reduce disability and stigma, and improve mental wellbeing and inclusion in society.

I hereby endorse the Kigali Declaration and I am 100% committed to ending Neglected Tropical Diseases

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1. By 'end NTDs' we mean NTDs are controlled, eliminated or eradicated, as outlined in the WHO 2030 NTD road map.  
2. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>  
3. WHO 2030 NTD road map and companion documents: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240010352>