

# NO TO NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

Combatting NTDs and reaching all communities in need can put countries on the pathway to achieving universal health coverage. Where there is poverty, NTDs are commonly an accepted part of life. But this is not inevitable, nor should we accept it.

**The No to NTD Movement is a grassroots movement aimed at increasing awareness, prioritization and national commitment to accelerate the control and elimination of NTDs in Africa. This movement showcases the critical role each and every one of us has to play to eliminate neglected tropical diseases.**

NTDs are a group of communicable diseases that affect more than

**1,5  
BILLION  
PEOPLE**



**39%**  
of whom live in Africa.

## KEY SUCCESS DRIVERS FOR NTD CONTROL AND ELIMINATION

- 1** High-level engagement with government, private sector, youth movements and civil society.
- 2** Increased efficient domestic resources for sustainable funding.
- 3** Strengthened capacities of national NTD programs and civil society organizations to implement sustainable strategies.
- 4** Strong partnership working in synergy.
- 5** Robust, transparent data/information sharing and accountability.

## NTD ELIMINATION IS WITHIN OUR REACH



**April 2017 :** TOGO became the first nation in sub sahara to be certified the succesful elimination of lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem.



**June 2018 :** GHANA eliminated trachoma freeing millions from suffering and blindness. It is the first in WHO African.



**2018 :** EGYPT eliminated lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem.



**April 2021 :** The GAMBIA has eliminated trachoma as a public health problem.



**March 2021 :** COTE D'IVOIRE became the second African country after Togo to eliminate «sleeping sickness» as a public health problem.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Civil Society play a particularly powerful role in health campaigns, creating the political and social space for collaborations that are based on the core values of health as a basic human right and the collective good. It is the CSOs who will bring communities together for collection action, mobilising society to articulate demands and voice concerns at local, national, regional and international levels.

## THE NO TO NTD CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK

The first African CSO coalition on NTDs, formed in July 2019, creates a connected, integrated, collaborative African CSO network, build CSO capacity to develop and implement locally relevant advocacy strategies, and engage political leaders on policy and budget support for sustainable NTD control and elimination programs.



### GET INVOLVED :

#MarchToKigali to say #NoToNTDs  
[www.notontds.org](http://www.notontds.org)

### SIGN THE CALL TO ACTION TODAY :

[www.speakupafrika.org/program/march-to-kigali/](http://www.speakupafrika.org/program/march-to-kigali/)