

THE ADDIS ABABA NTD COMMITMENT, 2014



Minister Kesete of Ethiopia signing the Addis Ababa NTDs Commitment at WHA68

December 8-12, 2014 marked the first occasion when APOC, JAF and GAELF, together with the first Global STH Coalition and Global Schistosomiasis Alliance all convened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the first time. To commemorate this global coordination, the assembled Ministers of Health and Heads of Delegations would like to use our unique voice to buttress the efforts of many others who have committed to fighting NTDs and combating global poverty.

Whereas the Ministers of endemic countries have already endorsed and committed to achieving the WHO Roadmap goals through passage of the WHA 66.12, we, the undersigned (e.g., Ministers attending the Minister NTD Health Forum on December 9th, 2014), further commit to:

1. Work to increase our domestic contribution to the implementation of NTD programs through the expansion of government, community and private sector commitments;
2. Promote a multi-sectorial approach to the implementation of NTD program goals that improves national coordination, facilitates partner collaboration, and improves the management of technical and financial contributions;
3. Ensure the adoption of both long-range strategic and annual implementation plans which are grounded by appropriate goals and detailed costs

that drive and support NTD programs to achieve global targets;

4. Report and use program data in a timely fashion to follow progress against program goals and to inform program planning and execution; and
5. Ensure that the implementation of NTD programs contribute to the strengthening of the overall health system and vice versa.

As we move toward 2020, we promise to maximize the use of our voices and of our offices to enact these commitments and to continue our leadership roles in making the world a healthier place where families and communities can thrive. In addition, we will continue to welcome the support endemic countries receive through the World Health Organization which provides guidelines and technical support via the WHO NTD Roadmap to control, eliminate and eradicate 17 NTDs. We also acknowledge the continuing support and engagement provided by donors and the international community.

Current list of endorsers: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Brazil, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinée Conakry, Guinée Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, and Uganda