



► **Outcome Report:**
The Kigali Summit on Malaria
and Neglected Tropical Diseases



Held on 23rd June 2022
at Intare Conference Arena,
Kigali, Rwanda

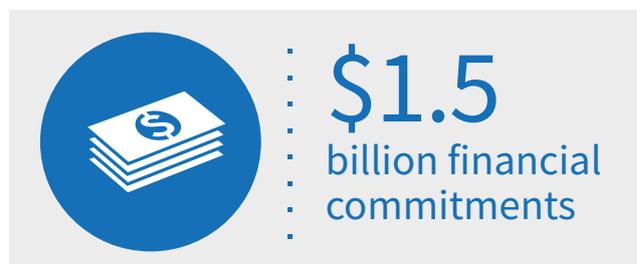
Summary



► The Kigali Summit on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) was a landmark moment for the global NTD community.

Held alongside the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and hosted by the Government of Rwanda, the Summit galvanised unprecedented action and financial commitment to end the devastating burden of NTDs.

Attended by presidents, prime ministers, CEOs, philanthropists, scientific experts, global influencers, community champions and affected individuals, the Summit marked the first ever joint Heads of State summit on NTDs and malaria in Africa. The Summit also featured the launch of the historic Kigali Declaration on NTDs – a high-level political declaration that has already secured the largest collective financial commitment towards NTDs to date.

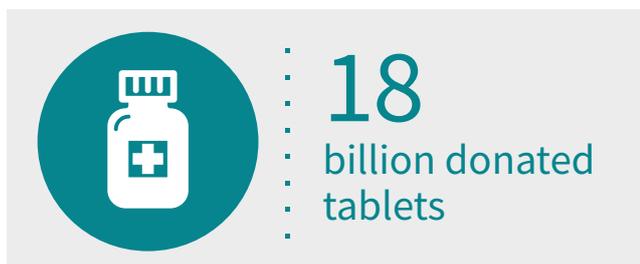


Endorsement of the Declaration has galvanised unprecedented ambition and action against NTDs and is creating the momentum needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG3) target on NTDs and to deliver the targets set out in the World Health Organisation's Neglected Tropical Disease Roadmap (2021-2030). Buoyed by these significant achievements, the global NTD community is better positioned than ever to build on this momentum and create a world free from NTDs.

This Kigali Summit report focuses on the following NTD-related outcome:

The Kigali Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) signatories and commitments announced at the Kigali Summit: wide range of stakeholders a) endorse/sign, and b) make commitments.

Also included are supporting outcomes, as well as impact reports on communications and digital media activities, and results of a Summit attendee survey.



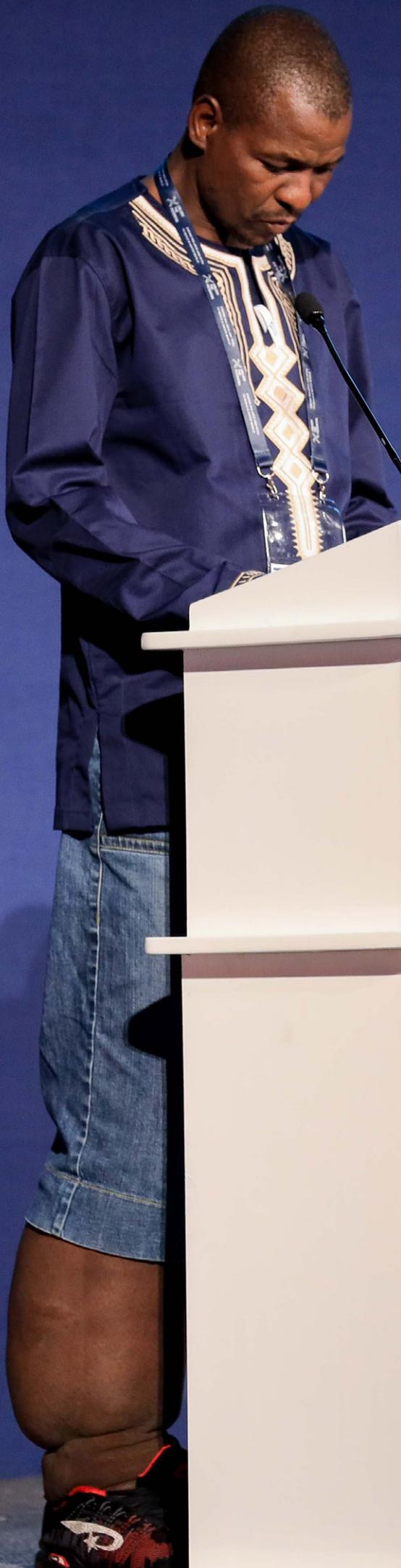
Launched by His Excellency President Paul Kagame, the ground-breaking Kigali Declaration has already galvanised substantial commitments from donor governments, endemic country governments, pharmaceutical companies, NGOs, with US\$1.5 billion in financial commitments and 18 billion donated tablets announced at the Summit. New commitments to the Kigali Declaration will continue to be made following the Summit.

Endemic countries leading the way

Eleven countries affected by neglected tropical diseases have already endorsed the Kigali Declaration: Botswana, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania, Timor Leste, Uganda and Vanuatu.

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Mr Tawanda Hodza, speaking from his lived experience with lymphatic filariasis and malaria.



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Summit Key Outcomes: Neglected Tropical Diseases



► The Kigali Summit represented a vital moment in the fight against malaria and NTDs. Against the backdrop of disruptions of essential services and supply chains during the Covid-19 pandemic and plateauing of development aid funding, the work to eliminate these diseases had stalled and even reversed in some countries.

The world leaders gathered at the Kigali Summit on malaria and NTDs resolved to meet the current challenges including the Covid-19 pandemic head on, by making firm commitments towards ending these devastating diseases by the end of the decade.

Leaders vowed to accelerate this work both through commitments to finance essential programmes and treatments and by backing the scientific innovations that are crucial to ending these diseases that have blighted so many lives. Leaders stressed how vital this work is, both to protect the lives and health of over a billion people directly threatened by malaria and NTDs, and to defend the whole world's population from future pandemic threats through strengthening front line health systems.

Throughout the summit, experts discussed integrated approaches, the importance of continued innovation and ensuring access to new tools and interventions, efficient and data driven use of existing resources and the need for sustained financing and resource mobilisation, including

from non-traditional sources. During these discussions, commitments from a range of actors vital to elimination were made.

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CHOGM Communique and NTDs

► From the official Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Communique: “Heads committed to the delivery of the WHO’s *Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: A road map for neglected tropical diseases (2021–2030)*, including through endorsing the Kigali Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases launched during CHOGM on 23 June 2022.”

We are pleased to report that The Government of Rwanda has committed to use its position as Chair-in-office of the Commonwealth to follow up on the outcomes of the Kigali Summit, and the delivery of the Communique via a national level task team and ongoing Commonwealth fora, including the Commonwealth Health and Finance Ministers’ Meeting and through annual review meetings.

It was recognised that to achieve success the Summit must not be an event in isolation. As hosts, the Government of Rwanda called on leaders to ensure that the momentum from the meeting is continued. Only through continued country ownership, political commitment, accountability and great partnership can we ensure progress is accelerated over the coming months.

Two days after the Kigali Summit, Commonwealth leaders issued an official CHOGM communique referred to as “Delivering a common future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming”. The commitments outlined in the communique set a clear path for the Commonwealth nations to work towards ending both NTDs and malaria.

Below: Assembly of the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting



Photo credit: courtesy of CHOGM

Kigali Declaration on NTDs: Key Outcomes



► More Heads of Government (11) from affected countries endorsed the Kigali Declaration than donor countries (8) – a step in the right direction towards increased country ownership and leadership in the fight against NTDs.

Countries, private sector, philanthropic foundations, non-Government organisations, academic and research organisations and multilaterals came together to endorse the declaration, with 57 endorsements featured at the summit. Of the endorsements featured, 11 were from endemic governments, with early endorsers including heads of state from Nigeria, PNG, Rwanda and United Republic of Tanzania – proving this Declaration is truly country-led and owned.

Equally, donors came together to show their continued support during the summit with the USA, UK, UAE, Canada, Germany, Japan, Belgium and Switzerland, along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation all endorsing the Declaration.



Above: H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda

Table 1. Kigali Declaration endorsements by sector

Sector	No. endorsements
Academic & research	3
Donor countries	8 ¹
Philanthropists / foundations	2
Multilateral organisation	3
Endemic governments	11 ²
Non-governmental, civil society and community-based organisation	23
Pharmaceutical companies	7

To ensure the Kigali Declaration is implementable and will deliver on the WHO road map (2021–2030), every endorsement is accompanied by a tangible stakeholder-specific commitment. Table 2 shows a breakdown of commitments as of 8th Sept 2022, by type: financial; drug donations; policy and in-kind commitments.

“Today we are endorsing the Kigali Declaration on NTDs. Alongside the WHO NTD Roadmap to 2030, we have a clear action plan. I’m pleased that the WHO has recently confirmed that sleeping sickness has been eradicated in Rwanda. But we still have much more to do. Ensuring that all African countries mobilise the domestic financial resources required for quality healthcare, is a priority for the African Union, and our partners. If there is one thing the pandemic has taught us, it is that together, through coordinated and collaborative action, we can achieve much more.”

H.E. Paul Kagame
President of the Republic of Rwanda

1. Belgium, Canada, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, UAE, USA, UK

2. Botswana, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania, Timor Leste, Uganda, Vanuatu



Above: Hon Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of International Development, Canada



Above: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization

Table 2. Total Kigali Declaration financial commitments

Stakeholder group	Total \$ (millions)
Academic & research	60
Donors countries	305
Pharmaceutical companies	255 ³
Non-governmental, civil society and community-based organisation	271
Endemic governments	0.271 ⁴
Philanthropists / foundations	566
Total	\$1.5 billion^{3,4}

Not all governments that endorsed the Declaration have uploaded their commitments. Over the next few months, countries will be updating the tracker with their commitments. Tracker represents commitments uploaded as of June 23, 2022.

In addition to the financial and drug commitments are:

- Policy commitments: **\$3.8 million**. Policy commitments include support for NTD integration into other priority areas, NTD advocacy and communications.
- In-kind commitments: **\$387 million**. In-kind includes technical assistance, staff and/or time that is not provided through donor funding, including infrastructure, office space, vehicles, desks, computers etc.

3. This figure is expected to rise following confirmation of the NTD proportion of GSK's announcement of £1 billion in R&D towards infectious diseases

4. Country commitments are still in progress; this number is expected to rise.

“The WHO is proud to endorse the Kigali Declaration, and what’s left is to walk the talk.”

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General, World Health Organization



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Tracking and Accountability



► The Kigali Declaration Commitment Tracker is an online platform and one-stop-shop designed to capture, track and monitor commitments to fight NTDs.

The Kigali Declaration Commitment Tracker is an online system designed to capture, track and monitor commitments made as part of the endorsement process of the Kigali Declaration. The Commitment Tracker enables partners in the NTD community to understand the volume of resources being invested in NTD programmes and to hold endorsers of the declaration accountable for the commitments they made. Partners enter the commitments directly themselves and have full ownership and management of their commitment data and of the commitments they deliver over the life of the Declaration. Partners can access the tracker at any time to update or add new commitments and, going forwards,

will be able to report against commitments made to ensure accountability.

UTC has undertaken a detailed verification process of commitments to ensure that funds are secured and not duplicated. Partners have kindly provided high-level breakdowns of funding sources which has enabled UTC to understand where primary source funding has originated and to cross-reference funding sources and commitments. This work has been key in understanding funding gaps.

The data on the Commitment Tracker is represented on the Kigali Declaration Dashboard, which will be made public during Phase II of the project. The dashboard will publicly provide a high-level overview of commitments disaggregated by commitment type and stakeholder group. In consultation with partners, Phase II of the dashboard will include partner profiles detailing the commitments and tracking against each commitment.

Below: Kigali Declaration Commitment Tracker Entry Form

The screenshot shows a web form with the following sections:

- Commitment Type:** A dropdown menu with the text "Please choose an item".
- NTD Specific Focus:** A dropdown menu with the text "Please choose an item". Below it, it says "Select all options that apply".
- Commitment Theme:** A dropdown menu with the text "Please choose an item".
- Geographic Specific Focus:** A dropdown menu with the text "Please choose an item".
- Implementing recipient receiving the commitment:** A dropdown menu with the text "Please choose an item".
- Period Commitment Made (2021 to 2030):**
 - Value per Year (USD - Cash / In-Kind):** A text input field with "Number" written below it.
 - Start (year):** A dropdown menu with the text "Please choose an item".
 - End (year):** A dropdown menu with the text "Please choose an item".

For the first time, we have a comprehensive understanding of the actual resources committed to deliver the WHO NTD Roadmap – with the partners themselves owning and ensuring the accuracy of the data.



Below: Kigali Declaration Dashboard

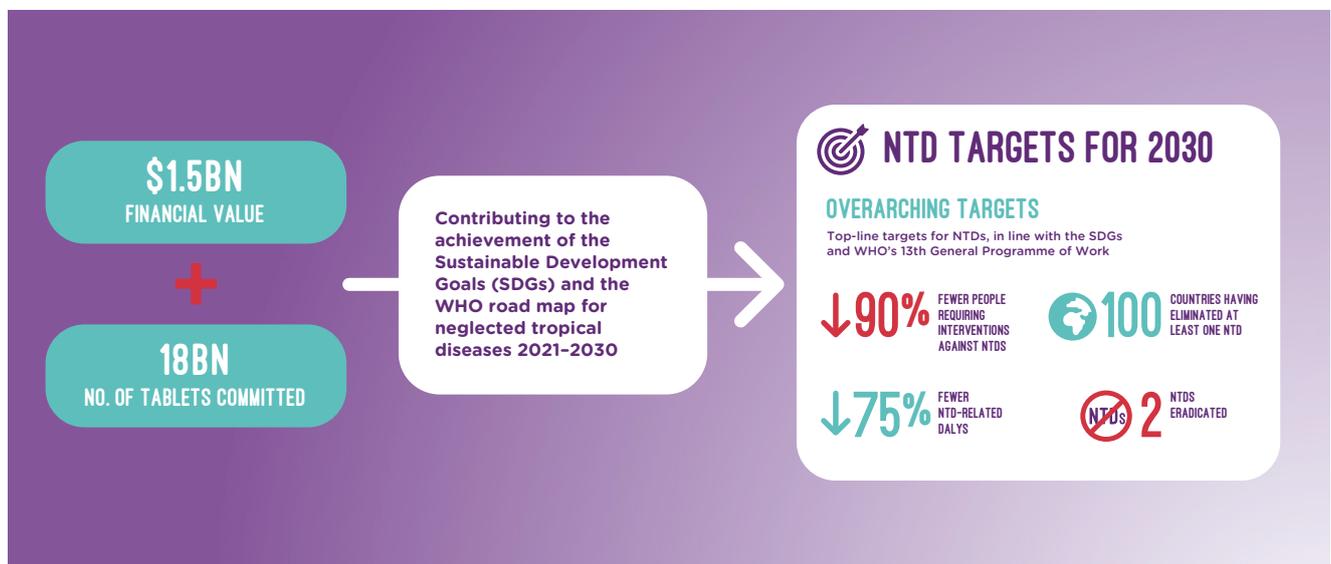


Table 3. Partners who have input commitments on the official tracker

AbbVie	Médecins Sans Frontières
American Leprosy Missions	Merck & Co., Inc (MSD)
Amref Health Africa	Merck KGaA. Darmstadt, Germany
Bayer AG	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine	Nagasaki University
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	National Institute of Parasitic Diseases, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Chinese Center for Tropical Diseases Research)
BIO Ventures for Global Health	Neglected Tropical Disease, Ministry of Health, Vanuatu
Bridges to Development	NLR International - until no leprosy remains
CBM Global Disability Inclusion	Novartis
Chagas Disease Global Coalition	Operation Eyesight Universal
Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)	Pfizer, Inc.
Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi)	Reaching the Last Mile
Effect Hope	RTI International
Eiken Chemical Company Ltd.	SANOFI
Eisai Co., Ltd.	SCI Foundation
FIND, the global alliance for diagnostics	Sightsavers
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Fundación Mundo Sano	Swiss Alliance against NTDs (SANTD)
German Network Against Neglected Tropical Diseases (DNTDs)	The Carter Center
GlaxoSmithKline	The END Fund
Global Access Diagnostics	The Fred Hollows Foundation
Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) Fund	The Neglected Global Diseases Initiative at the University of British Columbia
Global Institute for Disease Elimination (GLIDE)	The Task Force for Global Health
Global Schistosomiasis Alliance	The Wellcome Trust
International Coalition for Trachoma Control	UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office
International League of Dermatological Societies	UN Habitat
Italian Society of Parasitology	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Johnson & Johnson	University Hospital Bonn
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM)	
Mectizan Donation Program	
Medicines Development for Global Health	



► The following commitments were made on the stage during the Kigali Summit:

Annex: Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs commitments – totalling US\$ 4.25 Billion

Organisation	Commitment featured	Sector	Funding committed
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Committed US\$140 million to strengthen capacity of African Institutions including active and planned grants to support advocacy and accountability, molecular surveillance, entomological surveillance, and career development for malaria professionals.	Malaria & NTDs	US\$ 140 million
BioNTech	An announcement to deliver the manufacture of mRNA vaccines within Africa, and the commencement of a program of clinical trials in 2022 as part of their work to develop a new malaria vaccination.	Malaria	NA
Bridges to Development	Committed to an integrated coalition called the FGS integration group (FIG), a co-lead initiative lead by Frontline AIDS and Bridges to Development to help control female genital schistosomiasis (FGS) through integration into sexual and reproductive health services.	NTDs	NA
Canada	Committed through their endorsement of the Kigali Declaration to advocate for the integration of NTDs in primary healthcare through a gender-based approach to reduce the impact of NTDs on women and girls.	NTDs	NA
Dentsu	Announcement of the 2020-2023 commitment to communications and marketing in support of the Zero Malaria Start with Me campaign.	Malaria	US\$ 5 million
DNDi	Committed to bring 25 new treatments by 2028 which is DNDI's commitment to the Kigali Declaration.	NTDs	NA
End Malaria Councils (EMCs)	US\$100 million mobilised in financial and in-kind commitments by 2025; Sensitise more than 1,000 private sector companies and executives to the burden and impact of malaria on the economy; Support the launch of Malaria Youth Armies in each country with an EMC; Sensitise parliamentarians, religious leaders, and traditional leaders in each country with an EMC.	Malaria	US\$ 100 million
Germany	Committed to provide another €18 million to CEMAC from 2022 on, with a special focus on the one health approach. They also committed to provide €10 million between 2022 and 2026 to the World Organisation for Animal Health to fight rabies in Namibia and Cameroon. They reaffirmed their existing commitments to ESPEN and to building lab capacity and diagnostics systems in the ECOWAS region.	NTDs	US\$ 29.4 million for CEMAC and World Organisation for Animal Health (Euro to US\$ conversion accurate as of 23/06/22)

Organisation	Commitment featured	Sector	Funding committed
Global Fund	Country domestic resource commitments for malaria and health systems as part of co-financing totalling US\$2.1 billion 2022-2023.	Malaria	US\$ 2,188 million
Goodbye malaria	Commitment to support malaria elimination in Southern Africa, committing a further \$5.5 million in Private Sector co-financing to support cross border malaria elimination efforts in Mozambique, South Africa and Eswatini.	Malaria	US\$ 5.5 million
GSK	1. Committed £1 billion in research and development over the next 10 years. This will accelerate the development of novel, first-in-class medicines for malaria, NTDs and TB offering shorter, simpler, safer treatment options for patients.	Malaria & NTDs	US\$ 1,230 million
	2. In addition, GSK commits to donating albendazole until elimination of LF, extend their STH current donation (up to 2025) to include pre-school children, and include a third disease on the WHO's 2030 NTDs Roadmap, echinococcosis.	NTDs	NA
	3. GSK are supplying almost 1 billion doses of vaccines to Gavi countries, and doubling the production of the antigen needed to make the malaria vaccine to meet projected demands for the vaccine in the medium term.	Malaria	NA
MMV	Support to three companies for local manufacturing of antimalarials.	Malaria	US\$ 1.5 million
Novartis	Collectively committed US\$250 million to malaria and NTDs:	Malaria & NTDs	
	1. Novartis is pleased to endorse the Kigali Declaration with a financial commitment of \$100 million to advance research and development (R&D) of our NTD program over 5 years (2021-2025).	NTDs	US\$ 100 million
	2. Further, Novartis will invest \$150 million in R&D for next-generation antimalarials to combat the emerging resistance to artemisinin and a new formulation for babies weighting less than 5kg, addressing a large unmet need for children suffering from Malaria.	Malaria	US\$ 150 million
Pfizer Inc.	Committed to extend their commitment to the International Trachoma Initiative to supply antibiotic treatments (Zithromax®) for trachoma through 2030.	NTDs	NA



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SC Johnson	<p>Committed a further \$10 million USD over the next 2 years to support a range of initiatives, investing both time and resources to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new global public health interventions – such as low-cost, long-lasting spatial repellents to help reach cross-border and remote populations; • Local manufacturing of public health products – such as these spatial repellents – where they are most needed; • Local and regional public health infrastructure and partnerships, including support for the Great Lakes Malaria Initiative in education, monitoring and providing expertise in insect science and innovation; reaching populations in the last mile through partnership with the Global Fund and the UN Foundation’s Beat Malaria campaign. Support to End Malaria Councils in East Africa starting with Kenya and Tanzania. 	Malaria	US\$ 10 million
Sightsavers	Committed over US\$25 million of secured funding towards NTDs from now until 2025. In addition, in 2025 when Sightsavers celebrates their 75th anniversary they will review and commit more funding. They will set aside £5 million of this \$25 million in tribute to Her Majesty the Queen to eliminate trachoma in the Commonwealth.	NTDs	US\$ 31.4 million
The END Fund	Committed US\$161 million to co-invest with government partners, and committed to support and galvanise greater leadership from all levels of stakeholders, starting from governments and down to the communities and especially women who are disproportionately affected by NTDs.	NTDs	US\$ 161 million
United Kingdom	<p>Committed to continue to invest in research and innovation in new drugs and diagnostics through world-leading Product Development Partnerships (public private partnerships that are highly successful in developing health technologies such as vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostic) and other research organisations.</p> <p>And, committed to continue to support countries to strengthen their health systems, including supporting them to ensure that essential services are accessible to all, including those for NTD prevention and treatment.</p>	NTDs	NA
USAID	USAID announced their endorsement of the Kigali Declaration and have provided over \$100 million to combatting NTDs in 2022 and their continued support to the fight against malaria through the Presidents Malaria Initiative and the Global Fund.	Malaria & NTDs	NA
Wellcome Trust	Committed to an £80 million programme up until 2026 to transform snakebite envenoming through safe, effective, and accessible treatments.	NTDs	US\$ 98.4 million
Total			US\$ 4,250 million

Attendance secured

The breakdown for in-person attendance at the Kigali Summit and for those watching or listening to the English and French versions of the live stream is outlined below.

Table 4. Kigali Summit attendance

In person attendance	
Delegates	543
Media	24
Talent	80
Speakers	60
Staff	116
Overpass	60
Access all	43
Total	926

Online attendance	
English video	831
French video	132
English audio	180
French audio	52
Total	1195



543
Kigali Summit delegates



Photo credit: Frank Axel Nyabagabo

Above: Dr Francisca Olamiju, Executive Director at MITOSATH

“We are 100% committed to this elimination effort. We must, and we are committed to eliminating neglected tropical diseases and malaria to have a safer world... I must say, as civil society organisations or NGOs as we are called, we understand the burden, we know what has been done because we were involved , but beside that, we know what is yet to be done, we understand where we are going as partners, and we make that commitment, 100% commitment as civil society representative here, to say we are committed to the elimination of malaria and neglected tropical diseases.”

Dr Francisca Olamiju
Executive Director at MITOSATH

Media Impact Report



► This section of report provides a summary of the coverage secured around the Summit. It also includes an overview of our strategic approach to generating this coverage.

Our activities were implemented through three strategic phases to help reach audiences: pre-Summit activities, Summit activities and on-the-day, as well as post-Summit activities. The overall objectives were to:

- Generate global coverage and momentum
- Position the Summit as a moment that catalyses renewed commitments and progress
- Demonstrate widespread support for ending malaria and NTDs

To this end we created messaging briefs, story angles, media advisories, Q&A documents and several press releases – in the lead up to, during and after the Summit.

As of 1 August 2022, we have secured 156 pieces of positive, on-message coverage across 17 countries and in 3 languages (English, Kinyarwanda, and French) in international, pan-African, and national outlets across the world. We secured 13 interview opportunities with leading outlets. We also wrote and placed two opinion pieces and are working on a third focusing on the Summit outcomes.



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“The Kigali Declaration is not just a piece of paper, it is a solemn commitment from leaders across the world and a call to take collective action to end these neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).”

Thoko Elphick Pooley
Executive Director, Uniting to Combat NTDs



Above: Thoko Elphick Pooley, Executive Director, Uniting to Combat NTDs

Social Media Impact Report

► This section of report provides a summary of the digital and social media activity around the Summit – in the lead up, on the day and in the days after the event. The overall objectives of digital media were to:

- Generate global coverage and momentum
- Highlight renewed commitments and progress
- Demonstrate widespread support for ending malaria and NTDs across all partners
- Activate champions who will support our campaigning moving forward

To enable this, we created digital toolkits and assets covering key messaging, the Summit subthemes and quotes from thought leaders and key stakeholders. We shared these on the organising partner accounts,

and with wider partners for us on their accounts where we saw good uptake.

We reached 438 million impressions on digital and 14,000 direct mentions from 4600 different authors.

Some noteworthy accounts sharing messaging were President Paul Kagame, Rwanda Ministry of Health, Commonwealth Secretariat, Clarence House, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (and Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates personally), Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, World Health Organization and USAID.



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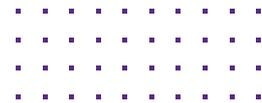
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Kigali Summit Attendee Feedback



► Kigali Summit attendees were offered the opportunity to share their views on the Summit via a feedback survey⁵. This section provides a high-level review of the survey results. Respondents were asked to rate various aspects of the Kigali Summit. 85 people responded to this question; results are displayed in the chart below.

Kigali Summit Attendee Feedback

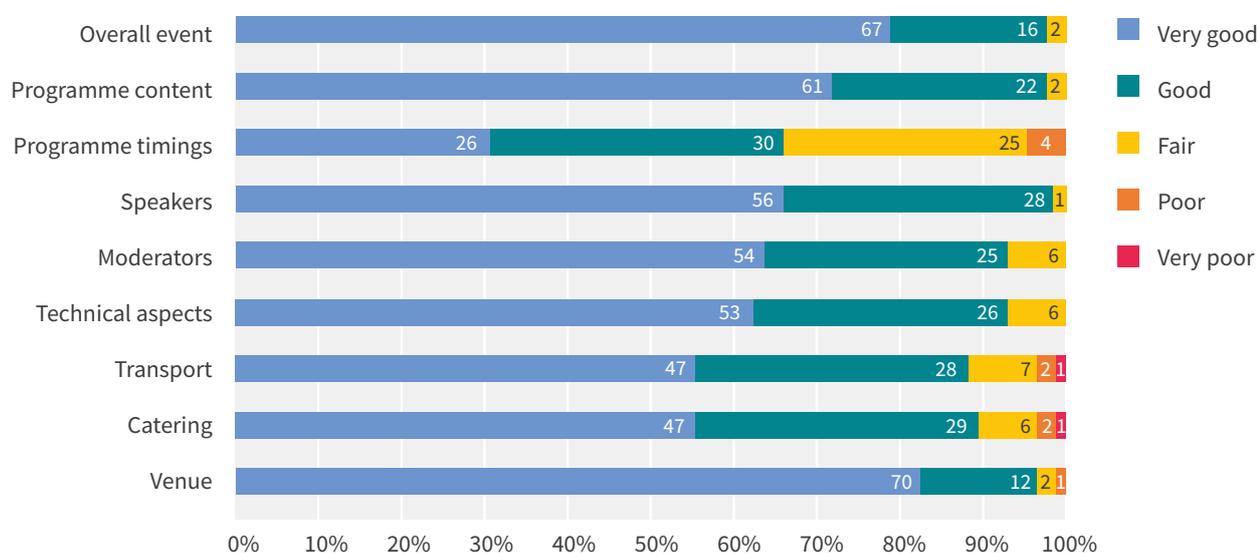
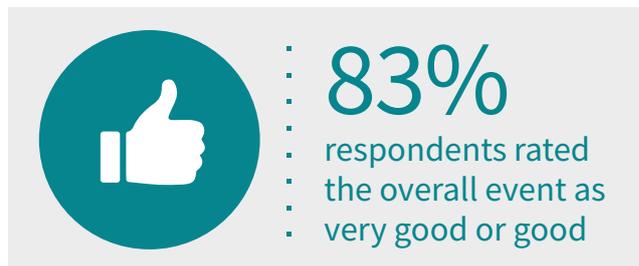


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5. Data was gathered from a survey sent via a mailer to the Kigali Summit registration list. The survey was live from 21 July to 5 August 2022. 85 people responded to the survey of those, 100% completed the survey

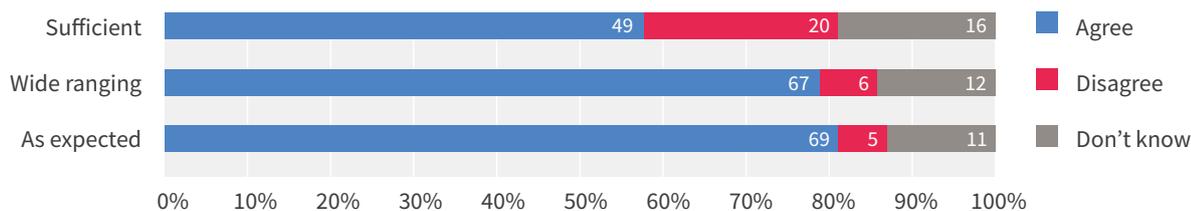
Overall, respondents provided positive feedback with 83% of respondents rating the overall event as very good or good. The programme and content and speakers were also highly rated (83% and 84% respectively rated it as very good or good). Programme timings had the lowest rating; 56% rated as very good or good while 25% rated this as fair.



Respondents were asked their views on the financial and other commitments for malaria and NTDs that were announced during the summit. 85 people responded to this question. Respondents reported that the commitments announced were sufficient (49%), wide ranging (67%) and as expected (69%). Free text

commentary on the commitments included opinions on the need to further increase commitments, to ensure that the commitments are allocated to endemic countries and used for their proper purpose. Others commented on accountability of the commitments.

The commitments were...



Below: Ms Melinda French Gates, Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



“Over the past two decades, it has been inspiring to see the way leaders have come together to combat malaria and neglected tropical diseases. African government officials, health workers, advocates, and scientists have contributed to significant reductions in death and other impacts these diseases have on communities. Tremendous leadership and collaboration with multilateral organisations, donor countries, and pharmaceutical companies are saving lives and helping people live to their fullest potential.”

Ms Melinda French Gates
Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Thank You to Our Partners

Uniting to Combat NTDs was thrilled to see the Neglected Tropical Disease community come together at the Kigali Summit. We would like to thank the attending Heads of Government, honourable Ministers, leaders from the private sector, philanthropy, academia and research, members of civil society and affected communities, youth delegates and all other stakeholders who joined the event. Support from our robust and dedicated partnership was instrumental in delivering this landmark moment against NTDs.

Thank you to our host, The Government of Rwanda, for their exceptional leadership and partnership, without which we would not have delivered this historic Summit.

