

Uniting to Combat NTDs Strategy: Draft Executive Summary

The Uniting to Combat NTDs partnership (Uniting) was established following the 2012 London Declaration on NTDs, where partners committed to play their part in supporting the achievement of the goals in the first WHO *NTD Road Map for Implementation*. The partnership has now evolved to a new structure to support the achievement of the SDG3 target for NTDs and to support all 20 diseases in the new WHO *Road Map for NTDs (2021-2030)*. Uniting will focus primarily on supporting two of the enablers in the NTD road map; advocacy and fundraising, and collaboration and multi-sectoral action.

Uniting refers to the work of the Board, Secretariat and working groups, which complements the work of countries, WHO, individual partners and disease alliances.

- Vision:** To end the epidemic of Neglected Tropical Diseases by 2030.
- Mission:** To create political will and an enabling environment for countries to achieve the WHO NTD road map targets and deliver the SDG goal* to end the epidemic of NTDs.
- Aims:**
1. Increase the relevance of NTDs in the global health agenda
 2. Advocate with international donors, private sector and foundations for resources** to support endemic countries
 3. Promote endemic country leadership in NTDs
 4. Engaged partnership and multi-sectoral action to support NTDs
- Added Value:** Uniting complements the work of countries, WHO, individual partners and disease alliances by;
- providing an identity (brand) for the NTD community for collective advocacy and action
 - facilitating communications and active partnership across all NTDs
 - being a trusted and credible voice to open doors at international level
 - using its power to convene partners across and beyond NTDs
- Structure:** The work of Uniting will be carried out by the Secretariat and Working Groups, under the governance of the Board supported by the Consultative Forum.

This strategy will be supplemented by an Operational Plan which will cover the activities, timescales, resources and budget for the work of the Secretariat and Working Groups. Both the Strategy and Operational Plan will be flexible to respond to the changing landscape and will be updated to align with the planned WHO reviews of the road map in 2023 and 2025.

* *SDG Goal 3.3.5 Indicator – Reduce by 90% the number of people requiring interventions against NTDs.*

** *Uniting will advocate with international donors, the private sector and foundations for resources to support countries implementing NTD programs. Uniting will not raise funds for partners, nor serve as a conduit for funds from donors.*