



UK Coalition against Neglected Tropical Diseases

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The UK Coalition against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) is a collaborative partnership between UK organisations actively engaged in the implementation, capacity building and research of neglected tropical disease control at scale.

Global context

- NTDs impose a significant burden on the world's poorest people through mortality, disability, stigma, reduced educational and employment opportunities
- NTDs are both a cause and consequence of poverty. Reducing the burden and impact of NTDs is a key component of promoting economic development and attaining the Millennium Development Goals
- Highly cost-effective interventions are available for several of these diseases supported by long term donations of safe drugs from the pharmaceutical industry
- The development of national plans for NTD control and ensuring endemic country ownership of all NTD control strategies is critical

Our aims

- To raise awareness among UK, European, international policy makers and the broader health community of NTDs as a key barrier to attainment of the MDGs and poverty alleviation
- To influence policy decisions to best support effective approaches for the long term sustainable control of NTDs
- To ensure that NTD control is included within national, regional and international health and development frameworks
- To create a strong collective identity within the UK on NTD control, supported by organisations delivering and supporting public health interventions to communities in extreme poverty
- To expand the numbers of organisations committed to supporting NTD control both within and outside the health sector

Founding Members

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Carter Centre UK works in close partnership with The Carter Center. The Carter Center advances global efforts to wage peace, fight disease, and build hope by engaging with those at the highest levels of government and civil society. The Carter Centre UK supports the Center's work by raising funds and increasing awareness in the United Kingdom and Europe.



Centre for Neglected Tropical Diseases, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, has been involved in the study of infectious diseases in the tropics with an outstanding record of achievement in the areas of research and capacity building in the neglected tropical diseases. These achievements include the descriptions of the basic biology of the parasites and vectors, as well as drug development, and support of country health programmes.



Partnership for Child Development (PCD), Imperial College London, works to improve the health and nutrition of school-aged children across the globe. PCD is a lead partner in the Deworm the World (DtW) initiative that works directly with Ministries of Education and Health to help launch, strengthen and sustain school-based deworming programmes. To date, programmes supported by DtW have benefitted over 20 million children across 27 countries.



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Schistosomiasis Control Initiative (SCI), Imperial College London, supports national governments in Africa to deliver treatments against schistosomiasis (Bilharzia) and intestinal helminths (STH). SCI aims to increase coverage in each country to the national level and to expand into other countries until everyone in Africa who requires treatment has access to praziquantel and albendazole. In some countries SCI will support the full NTD control programme.



Sightsavers is an international development organisation working with partners to eliminate avoidable blindness and promote equality of opportunity for disabled people in the developing world. Sightsavers is a leading partner in the control of two of the neglected tropical diseases – trachoma and onchocerciasis.

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