

About the Global Network

The **Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases** (The Global Network) is an alliance formed to help the 1 billion people who suffer from neglected tropical diseases. Through effective collaboration and scaling up of disease interventions, the Global Network aims to improve childhood development, school attendance and performance, pregnancy outcomes and worker productivity among the world's poorest populations – those who live on less than US \$2/day.

Vision:

The vision of the Global Network is a world free of NTDs in which people are healthy to develop fully, learn effectively, raise families, and be productive members of their communities.

Goals:

- To effectively advocate for NTDs and supporting policies
- To mobilize resources to support the control of NTDs



Partners of the Global Network

- Sabin Vaccine Institute
www.sabin.org
- International Trachoma Initiative (ITI)
www.trachoma.org
- Schistosomiasis Control Initiative (SCI)
www.schisto.org
- The Earth Institute at Columbia University
www.earth.columbia.edu
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
www.liv.ac.uk/lstm
 - Global Alliance for the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis
www.filaria.org
 - Liverpool Associates in Tropical Health
www.lath.com
- Helen Keller International
www.hki.org
- The Task Force for Child Survival and Development
www.taskforce.org

The Bigger Picture

By fighting to control NTDs, the Global Network is working to reach both the **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** and multiple **World Health Organization Resolutions**. The MDGs are dedicated to ending poverty worldwide. One of the critical steps is to control disease, including HIV, malaria and TB, *and* the NTDs. The WHO resolutions are individual resolutions which have been launched by the World Health Assembly (WHA), calling for the global control or elimination of the most important NTDs as a public health problem by the year 2020 or sooner. These include, Vision 2020, dedicated to preventing avoidable blindness, and Resolution 54.19, launched to control schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. With these international goals in mind, the Global Network works with its partners and national ministries of health to implement **community based rapid impact interventions**.

A Brief History

The Global Network began in 2004, when leading neglected tropical diseases experts jointly published a series of policy papers recommending a new approach for the control and elimination of the most common neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). The papers highlighted the cost-savings and health-benefits of integrating the treatments for the five most common NTDs in an approach they call “rapid-impact.” Born out of the NTD Coalition at the Global Health Council, the Global Network was launched at the Clinton Global Initiative in 2006. The Global Network serves as a forum where NTD-focused organizations can work together to harmonize NTD control efforts and to build awareness, support and commitment among global policy makers and funding organizations.

