

The Five Elements of the NTD Project:

- 1) **Implementation of integrated control of NTDs:** We will build on existing programs in five fast-track countries to immediately deliver an integrated package of interventions. Working in partnership with ministries of health and education, the project will engage local non-governmental organizations to deliver the drugs to affected communities. We will foster collaboration between local partners and ministries to build capacity and ensure program sustainability by encouraging institutionalization of the integrated treatment platform.
- 2) **Grants for country programs:** Eighty percent of total project funds are dedicated to delivering treatment to affected populations. RTI has proven experience in managing large grant assistance projects, and grantees will be selected in a transparent and competitive process. A request for applications by potential grant recipients is planned for early 2007, and will be widely circulated. Criteria for selection of priority country programs include: presence of at least three NTDs in the country, severity and prevalence of NTDs, and ability to implement a cost-effective and integrated NTD control program. RTI and its partners will also provide technical and managerial assistance to grantees over the course of the project.
- 3) **Technical Oversight Board:** A Technical Oversight Board (TOB) will convene a broad range of recognized leaders and implementers of programs for the control of NTDs. The TOB will provide high level and specialized technical guidance to the project, and assure that the work of the project is informed and guided by state-of-the-art scientific findings, best practices and lessons learned through access to a broad range of recognized leaders and implementers of NTD control programs.
- 4) **Documenting and disseminating project lessons:** A critical element to improving and expanding integrated treatment, our approach involves collecting and sharing lessons learned over the course of the project. We aim to bring together organizations active in NTD control, and to support greater dialogue and collaboration among donors. Our activities will include “best practice” briefs, peer-reviewed journal articles, a project website, and representation at major international conferences.
- 5) **Mobilizing resources for NTD control:** The \$100 million commitment from USAID is an important step toward treating NTDs. However, additional resources will be crucial for long-term elimination efforts. Affected country governments must commit their own resources to the work of controlling NTDs. Though the cost per person for treating these diseases is relatively low, the number of individuals affected and the length of required treatment means that resources and political commitment will be needed for many years to come.

The NTD Project Team

RTI International

RTI International is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the human condition and has supported international development projects for more than 35 years. RTI is the prime implementer and will provide management, oversight and technical assistance to the NTD project.

Liverpool Associates in Tropical Health (LATH)

LATH is a health consulting group fully owned by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, a leader in research in tropical diseases since the 1890s. LATH will provide technical assistance for the NTD project.

Sabin Vaccine Institute (SVI)

SVI is a non-profit organization recognized as a global leader in bringing together recognized experts and policy leaders to exchange ideas for addressing infectious diseases and other global health challenges. SVI will convene the project TOB.

Schistosomiasis Control Initiative (SCI)

SCI currently works in six African countries to establish national programs for controlling schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminthes. Since 2003, SCI has supported government efforts to treat over 20 million individuals. Under the NTD project SCI will implement fast track programs.

International Trachoma Initiative (ITI)

Founded in 1998 as a partnership of the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation and Pfizer, Inc., ITI has helped to develop national control strategies in 11 endemic countries in tropical regions. Under the NTD project, ITI will implement fast track programs.

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