Neglected Tropical Diseases

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What are Neglected Tropical Disease programs?

Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) programs seek to control and eliminate NTDs, a group of parasitic and bacterial diseases that cause significant morbidity and mortality, and disproportionately affect poor and marginalized populations. NTDs are debilitating, stigmatizing, and can cause life-long disability. USAID targets five of the most prevalent NTDs in 26 countries.

What do the funds support?

- Global partners with the distribution of safe, effective medicines to communities at risk of NTDs.
- Operations research and innovation and improvements in diagnostic tools that improve program outcomes.
- Building national NTD programs that are resilient and viable for countries over the long term.

Foreign Aid Delivers

U.S. investments to control and eliminate NTDs are highly effective and relatively inexpensive. Since 2006, 13 countries have eliminated at least one NTD as a public health problem, with 3.1 billion treatments delivered and 1.6 billion people treated. To date, every $1 invested by the U.S. government leverages $26 in donated medicines for mass treatment campaigns totaling $29.9 billion in value. Continued investment will help USAID achieve their goal of eliminating one NTD in more than 15 countries within the next five years.

Funding History

Funding levels may not accurately reflect those in the appropriations bills and/or reports due to rounding.