

One of the objectives of the WHO's strategic plan is to ensure "effective coordination and support provided to WHO Member States in order to provide access for all populations to interventions for the prevention, control, elimination and eradication of neglected tropical diseases, including zoonotic diseases".

The purpose of "Accelerating work to overcome the global impact of neglected tropical diseases: a roadmap for implementation" is to guide implementation of the policies and strategies set out in the "Global Plan to combat neglected tropical diseases 2008–2015" and developed in "Working to overcome the global impact of neglected tropical diseases".

These documents highlight the devastating impacts of neglected tropical diseases on human health and the socioeconomic development of many impoverished communities. A growing body of evidence demonstrates that control of these diseases will significantly reduce illness, social exclusion and mortality. Furthermore, prevention and control of NTDs will contribute directly to the attainment of several Millennium Development Goals.

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