



An Innovative Partnership Model for the Americas

Over 230 million people suffer from one or more NTDs in Latin America and the Caribbean; and in 2006, the WHO reported only 22% coverage of the more than 100 million children at risk. Controlling NTDs requires sustained commitment, modest investment, and political will. Nowhere is this more achievable than in Latin American and the Caribbean where for less than \$150 million, we can control, prevent, and eliminate the seven most devastating NTDs in the region.

Recognizing this, the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases has partnered with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to launch the first-ever regional funding mechanism to scale up NTD control efforts.

Partnering to Drive Effectiveness and Improve Impact

The Global Network, IDB, and PAHO are establishing a trust fund to support country ownership and capacity to control and eliminate NTDs in their countries. Targeted at national governments, national NTD programs, and NGOs working in collaboration with primary healthcare systems, the trust fund will see tangible results by:

- 1: **Delivering an estimated 200 million treatments** to scale up national NTD control programs and improve health information systems
- 2: **Promoting integration with existing primary care initiatives** such as vitamin A and immunization campaigns, and encourage collaboration with other programs to fight global diseases
- 3: **Improving water, sanitation and housing** through a \$1 billion investment in loans and grants from the IDB each year
- 4: **Supporting conditional cash transfer programs** that provide payments to poor women in exchange for their children's use of preventive health services and school attendance, by leveraging the IDB's \$6 billion portfolio

Catalyzing a Global Fight against NTDs

This innovative partnership model is garnering support from the public, private and NGO sectors. By creating a demand-driven and accountable funding mechanism, we will not only bring together the many disparate NTD efforts in the region; but also empower donors to connect more closely with the communities they support.



Organizations fighting the global burden will have opportunities to leverage existing commitments and mobilize this donor base to participate in new ways.

Global philanthropists will be able to make secure investments in achievable projects and proven solutions – a rarity in these challenging times.

Regional philanthropists will be able to invest in the future of their nations and geographic interest areas as part of this global effort that will have profound benefits beyond public health.

Together, we can drive prevention and control efforts to reduce inequities, helping to lift the poorest of the poor in the region out of poverty.

