Introducing the Kigali Declaration:
Calling for Canadian signatures

Canadian Network *for*
NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

What they are; who they affect, their global impact and response

Neglected Tropical Diseases …What Are They?

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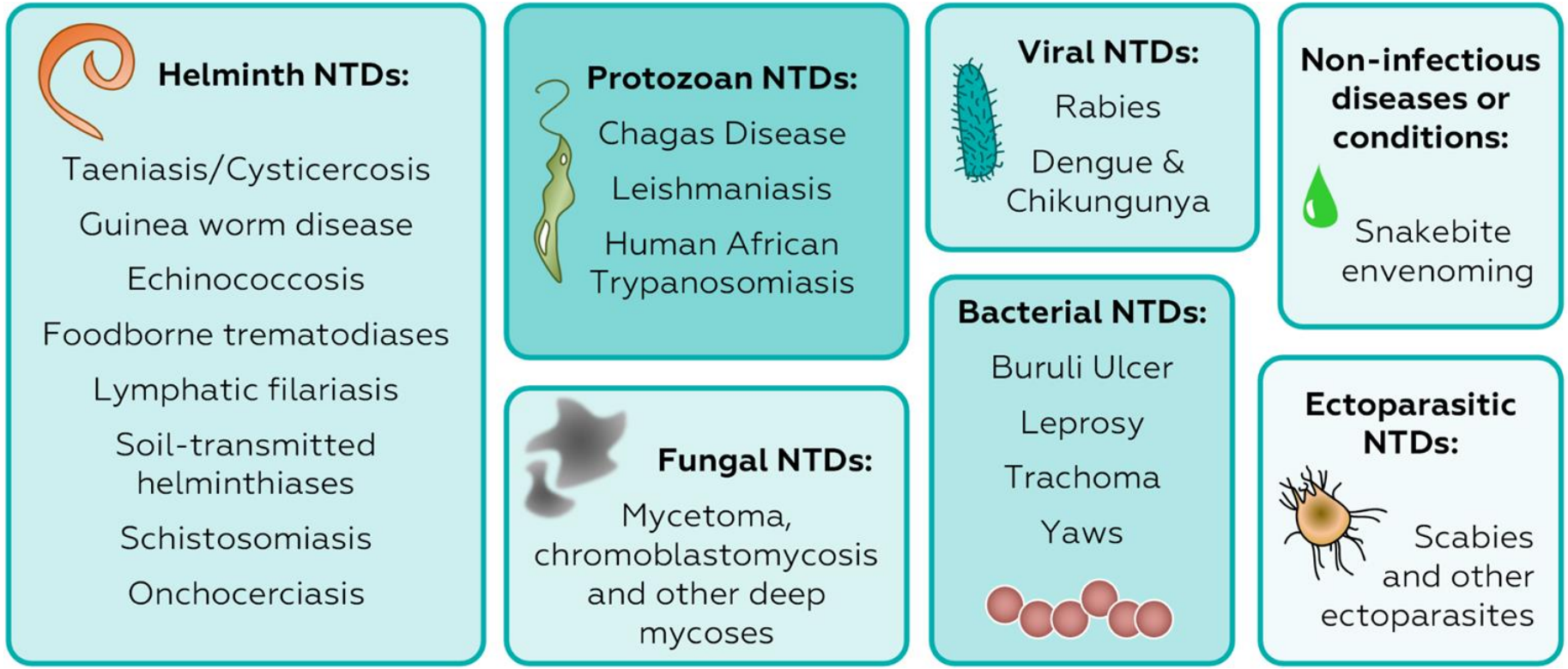

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Who Do NTDs Affect?

NTDs affect 1.7 billion people globally.

That’s 1 in 5 people.

Impact of addressing NTDs on the SDGs

Source: WHO NTD 2030 Roadmap

Approachs to control, eliminate and eradicate NTDs:

- **Preventive chemotherapy (PCT):**
  - Diseases for which a strategy exists as well as on tools and the availability of safe and effective drugs that make it feasible to implement large-scale preventive chemotherapy.
- **Innovative and Intensified Disease Management (IDM):**
  - IDM focuses on diseases for which cost-effective control tools do **not** exist and where large-scale use of existing tools is limited.
  - Goal of action is to allow these diseases to be easily managed within the primary health-care system and ultimately eliminated as a public health problem.
  - Buruli ulcer, Chagas disease, human African trypanosomiasis, leishmaniasis and yaws
- **Vector control, WASH, and One Health approaches**

Key partners in NTDs

- WHO
- Pharmaceutical partners
- Private philanthropy
- Governments
- NGOs
- Researchers

The Canadian Network for NTDs

Overview and Purpose of our Work

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The Canadian Network for NTDs

- Now entering year 5 of NTD Advocacy in Canada!
- 155 individual Canadian and International members
- Guided by a Steering Committee of 15, with representation from CSOs, academic institutions, a WHO Collaborating Center, and an SYP Ambassador
- 8 organizational members and growing
- Working collaboratively with Canadian & global health networks and the global NTD movement to achieve greater NTD commitments from the Canadian Government

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CANADIAN ENGAGEMENT IN NTDs TO IMPROVE GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY

NTDs are the MISSING LINK in GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY

1.7 BILLION LIVING WITH NTDs

WORKING TO END NTDs GLOBALLY

NTDs AFFECT the ENTIRE FAMILY

- INCOME
- HEALTH
- ACCESS to EDUCATION

DISPROPORTIONALLY AFFECTS LOW-RESOURCED COUNTRIES, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

NTDs AFFECT WHOLE COMMUNITIES

1 in 5 PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH NTDs

2030 GOALS

- 100 COUNTRIES ELIMINATE ONE NTD
- 90% REDUCTION IN PEOPLE NEEDING TREATMENT
- ERADICATE 2 DISEASES

SHARE on SOCIAL MEDIA
We can ALL SUPPORT PROGRESS!

SPREAD THE WORD!

CANADA CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We NEED GOVERNMENTS to MOBILIZE and COMMIT to THESE GOALS

ON the PATH to KIGALI

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Why We Do What We Do

Our Vision

A world without NTDs

Our Mission

Collectively, the Canadian Network for NTDs is seeking greater Canadian engagement in the global NTD movement. We believe that NTDs are the missing piece to improved global health equity & building resilient health systems.

Our Goals

- Canada's signature to the Kigali Declaration
- Canada joining the global NTD movement
- Canadian commitments and contributions to ending NTDs globally

Our members conduct research.

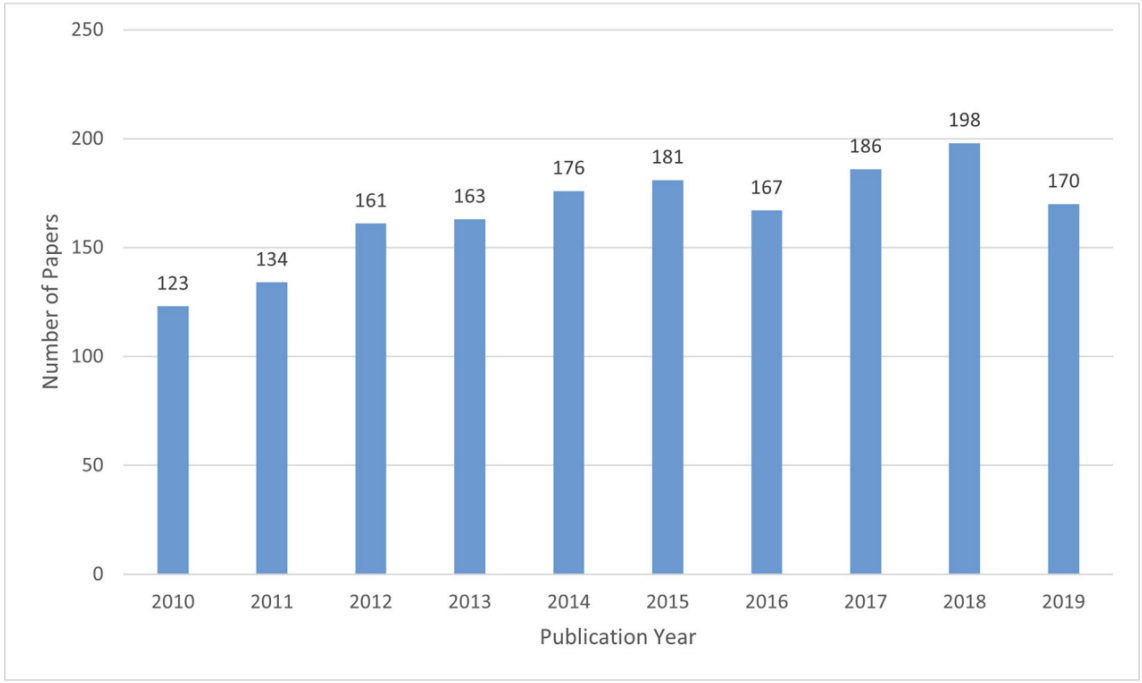

Fig 2. Canadian contributions to research on NTDs, 2010–2019 inclusive, by year. NTD, neglected tropical disease.

https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0009476.g002

- Innovation
- International partnerships and networks
- Contribution to WHO goals and policies
- Bench science and social sciences

Gyorkos TW, Carabin H, Phillip M, Benedict L, Davis A, Hatcher Roberts J, et al. (2021) Canadian contributions to research on neglected tropical diseases. PLoS Negl Trop Dis 15(7): e0009476.

Our members implement programs to prevent & treat NTDs and assist people with disabilities.

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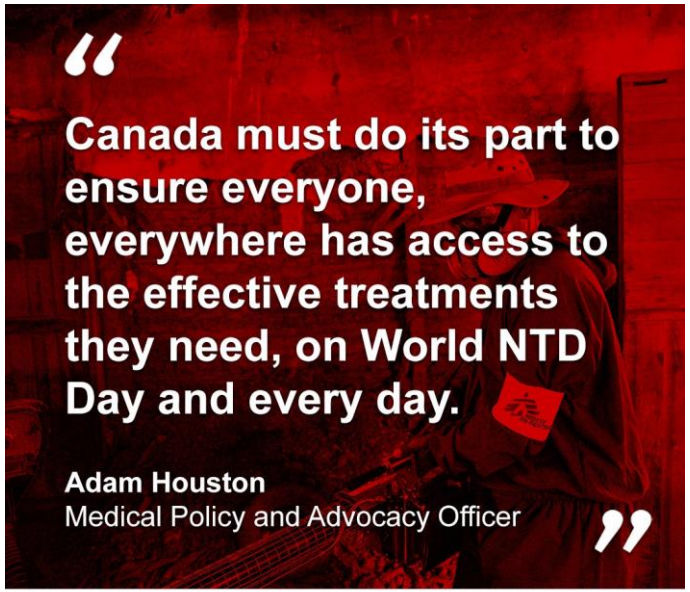
We raise awareness.



NTD Advocacy – A Global Movement

A global movement to ‘end’ neglected tropical diseases

The NTD movement is:

- **led by countries affected**, backed by bold financial and political commitments, championed by civil society, influencers, and people affected by NTDs calling for action
- **energising, positive and aspirational**
- **100% committed** to ending neglected tropical diseases to achieve the WHO’s target of **100 countries eliminating an NTD by 2030**.
- Elevated by principles of ***Global health equity & inclusion***
- The **Kigali Declaration on NTDs will be at the heart of the movement to secure commitments – both political and financial**

The Global NTD Movement is guided by:

The WHO NTD Road Map 2030

https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240010352

The road map sets global targets and milestones to prevent, control, eliminate or eradicate 20 diseases and disease groups as well as cross-cutting targets aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. Three foundational pillars will support global efforts to achieve the targets: accelerate programmatic action (pillar 1), intensify cross-cutting approaches (pillar 2) and change operating models and culture to facilitate country ownership (pillar 3).

The Kigali Declaration

https://unitingtocombatntds.org/kigali-declaration/

A global health policy document with the purpose of mobilizing political will and securing commitments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG3) target on neglected tropical diseases and to deliver the targets set out in the World Health Organization's Neglected Tropical Disease Roadmap (2021-2030).

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- https://100percentcommitted.com/commitments-and-endorsements/
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Development of the Kigali Declaration

- Extensive consultation process capturing a broad set of stakeholder groups from donors to youth representatives
- Culminated with a Country Task Team, Co-Chaired by the Ministers of Health of Rwanda and Nigeria.
- The Declaration puts country ownership of NTD programmes, integration and cross-sectoral collaboration front and centre to ensure sustainability in the long term

Who can endorse the Kigali Declaration?

- Countries, organisations, companies and institutions can endorse the declaration.
- Should be the most senior, authorised signatory (for example, head of state, CEO, Director General) per country/organisation/company/institution
- An endorsement of the Declaration must be accompanied by a specific commitment.

Why commitments?

To ensure this high-level political declaration can be implemented, each endorsement is accompanied by a commitment.

There are four primary commitment options:

1. Financial;
2. Health Product;
3. Policy (such as integrating NTDs into other priority areas)
4. In kind.

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Call to Action:
What Can YOU do?

- Engage as an ally & an advocate: Understand and amplify why Canadians should care, by bringing shared values into focus
- Get your organization to **SIGN** the Kigali Declaration and join the 100% committed movement!
- **Write to your MP** asking Canada to sign the Kigali Declaration
- The Canadian Network for NTDs will be hosting a youth event in May 2022
- Student and Youth Competition is held every fall to select our SYP NTD Ambassador role

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