



# ESPEN'S LUNCHEON REPORT

FOR AN AFRICAN REGION FREE OF NTDs

April 20, 2017, NTD Summit - Geneva.



# BACKGROUND: THE 2017 NTD SUMMIT

2017 marks the 5th anniversary of the World Health Organization's roadmap on NTDs, the World Health Assembly resolution on NTDs (WHA66.12) and the London Declaration.

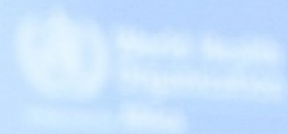
To celebrate this milestone, *Uniting to Combat NTDs*, the World Health Organization and the NTD community hosted an NTD Summit in Geneva, Switzerland, April 18-22, 2017. This high-profile event celebrated the community's achievements over the past 5 years and planned for the future in which the NTD community will control, eliminate and eradicate 10 neglected tropical diseases.

The Summit also included technical discussions with partners to define a clear path towards the 2020 goals and beyond.



DR. MATSHIDISO REBECCA

WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA



Dr. Matshidiso  
Rebecca  
WHO Regional Director for Africa

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During the Summit, ESPEN organized a sixty minutes luncheon on April 20, to:

- Introduce ESPEN, its mandate and mission to key stakeholders;
- Mark ESPEN's one year anniversary and the collective achievements of the partnership;
- Encourage partners and countries to close financial gaps to reach targets;
- Highlight country progress, ownership and leadership;
- Launch the NTD portal.

## Luncheon's Theme

For an African Region free of Neglected Tropical Diseases.

## ESPEN's Luncheon's Panelists

Four high-profile panelists facilitated ESPEN's luncheon:

- Dr. Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa;
- Dr. Paul Emerson, Director of the International Trachoma Initiative and ESPEN's Steering Committee Member;
- Ms. Katey Owen, Director of the Neglected Tropical Diseases Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and;
- Prof. Moustafa Mijiyawa, Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Togo.



## ATTENDANCE

Click [here](#) to consult ESPEN's confirmed guests. More than 140 guests attended ESPEN's luncheon.

ESPEN's luncheon was also showcased on Uniting To Combat NTD's [website](#) and [App](#).

DR. PAUL EMMERTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

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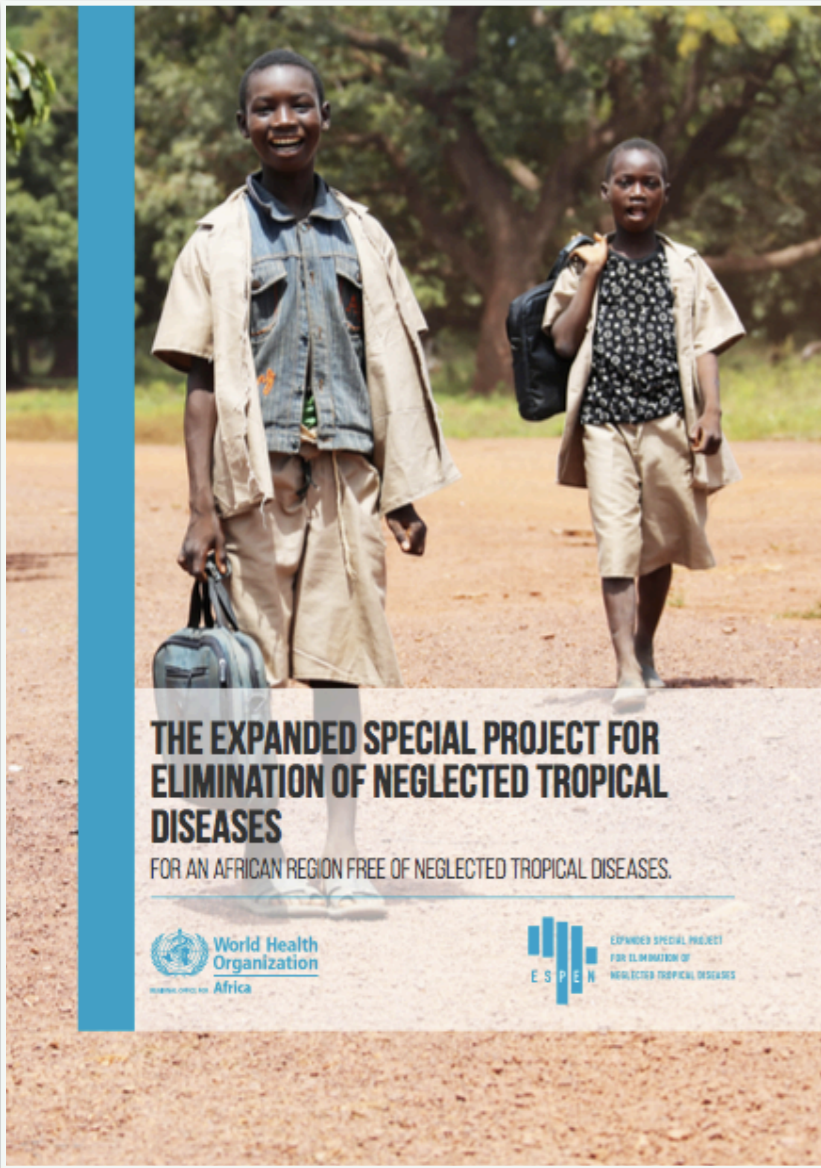


# VIDEO BROADCAST

During the luncheon, a five minutes video presented ESPEN and the successful elimination of lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem in Togo. Click [here](#) to watch the video.

In case you missed the institutional brochure distributed during the luncheon, click [here](#).





key to a healthier more prosperous Africa. We are determined through ESPEN to help bring relief to millions of people across the continent. 99

**Dr. Matshidiso Moeti**  
World Health Organization Regional Director for Africa.

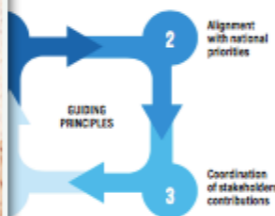
Partnership between endemic countries in the African region, the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Elimination (WHO). Hosted and managed by the WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO), from the burden of all five Neglected Tropical Diseases amenable to preventive chemotherapy: Onchocerciasis, Schistosomiasis, Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis and Trachoma. Improved quality of life of people in the African Region, by providing technical and financial support to control and eliminate the targeted NTDs.

Communicable diseases that place a constant and heavy burden primarily on the poorest, affect around one billion people globally, 40% of whom live in the African region. NTDs disfigure and disable, devastating lives, preventing children from going to school, and

**THE FIGHT AGAINST NTDs.**

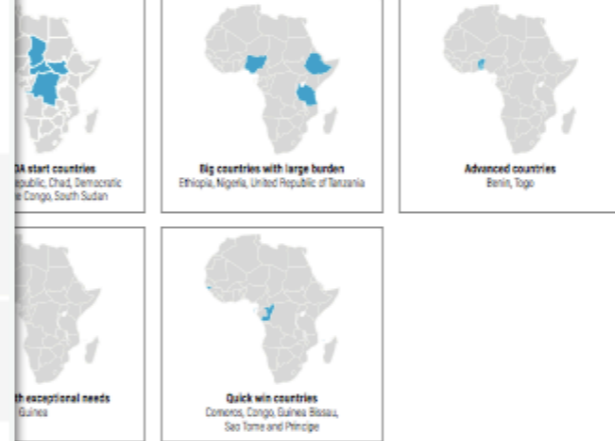
roadmap on NTDs, in January 2012, a coalition of philanthropic organizations, donor and pharmaceutical companies signed the London Declaration, committing to control, and NTD treatments were donated, largely to African countries.

When possible, eliminate the prevalence of the five PC-NTDs between 2016 and 2020, in success of the Project will be measured against a set of key objectives: ensure that countries have the tools they need to eliminate these five leading NTDs in Africa. Reach every community and individual in need of treatment. Collect, share and use data effectively. Strengthen in-country NTD programmes more effective and sustainable.



**WHY DO?**

With the support of National Programmes, ESPEN works to strengthen coordination across all partners working to combat NTDs. It focuses its efforts on those countries with the highest burden of disease, those close to elimination or those that have exceptional needs and need help with verification, and countries with exceptional needs in need of immediate support.



**THE BEST-BUY.**

To reduce the enormous toll of NTDs on Africa's economic productivity. Achieving these goals will: generate an estimated \$665 billion in productivity gains globally by 2030. Generate \$184 in improved economic productivity for every \$1 invested. Prevent an estimated 600 million disability-adjusted life-years globally between 2011 and 2030.

Control of NTDs is an essential part of creating a healthy and prosperous future for Africa. ESPEN is committed to helping all countries reach their goals for PC-NTD control, elimination and eradication.

**ESPEN TARGETS.**



**PREVENTIVE CHEMOTHERAPY: A GAME-CHANGING TREATMENT.**

Preventive chemotherapy (PC) involves reaching entire at-risk communities annually with safe and effective drugs to treat and prevent NTDs. Since the London Declaration, over 7 billion treatments have been donated by pharmaceutical companies, reaching 1 billion people every year with the support of partners. This has led to a significant reduction in the number of people requiring preventive chemotherapy between 2012 and 2014 due largely to program

PC across the continent has been a remarkable achievement. Of those that need preventive chemotherapy, 43.3% are now at risk - an increase from 35.5% in 2008. This is strong progress, but increased access to treatment is needed to finish the job and elimination targets. With nearly one in six people worldwide requiring treatment for at least one NTD, ESPEN will continue to help ensure endemic countries have the right tools, technical expertise and the necessary resources available. We need to help eliminate these diseases and reduce the suffering of millions of people across the continent and make these the African Region.

**PROGRESS TOWARDS OUR OBJECTIVES.**

Progress, described in the Regional Strategic Plan on NTDs covering the period 2014-2020, are summarized in the table below:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Preventive Chemotherapy Administration</b>							
100% of countries have completed mapping of PC-NTDs	100%						
100% of countries requiring preventive chemotherapy that have achieved 90% coverage and at least 75% programme coverage	30%	50%	75%	100%			
<b>Control/Elimination</b>							
100% of countries that have eliminated Onchocerciasis	10%	20%	35%	50%	65%	74%	
100% of countries that have eliminated Lymphatic Filariasis	25%	40%	50%	75%	100%		
100% of countries that have eliminated Schistosomiasis			15%	25%	40%	70%	
100% of countries that have achieved advanced control of Helminthiasis			20%	30%	40%	50%	100%
100% of countries that have eliminated blinding Trachoma	4%	30%	35%	45%	60%	80%	100%
<b>Prevention Interventions</b>							
100% of countries for Schistosomiasis and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis endemic areas with clean water source	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	93%	
100% of countries for Schistosomiasis and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis endemic areas with improved sanitation facilities	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	95%	

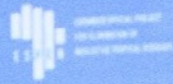
Source: Framework for the Establishment of the Expanded Special Project for Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases

ESPEN's institutional brochure.



# MS. KATEY OWEN

DIRECTOR, NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES  
AT THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION



**Ms. Katey Owen,**  
Director, Neglected Tropical Diseases at the  
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



# MEDIA COVERAGE

- 📰 Press release: ESPEN's press release was distributed (in English, French and Portuguese) in 33 online media outlets across Africa. Click [here](#) to visualize the report.
- 📰 Op-Ed (Online media and printed press):
  - A printed op-ed in Jeune Afrique: 'Accelerating the Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases in Africa', featuring Dr. Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti was [published](#) and printed in Jeune Afrique, a Francophone pan-African weekly news magazine, reaching approximately 600,000 readers per week.
  - On April 18, Dr. Moeti's [op-ed](#) was published on AllAfrica.com.
  - On April 19, the same [op-ed](#), was released on Africa.com, in English.
  - And published on Speak Up Africa's [website](#), in French.
- 📰 BBC Focus on Africa, Live Interview: On April 19, Dr. Magda Robalo, Director of the Communicable Diseases Cluster at WHO Regional Office for Africa, was live on BBC Focus on Africa, for a 3 minutes segment 'Fighting Neglected Tropical Diseases'. Click [here](#) to watch the interview.
- 📰 Commentary: Following the luncheon, a commentary ('Enlisting Women in Africa's Health Fight') featuring Dr. Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti was published on Project Syndicate's [website](#). Project Syndicate is an international media organization that publishes and syndicates commentaries.

Country	Website Name	Description	Page Views/Month	AVE
Angola	<a href="http://jornalf8.net/">http://jornalf8.net/</a>	Angola news paper	3 717.00	15.66
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## NTD PORTAL'S LAUNCH

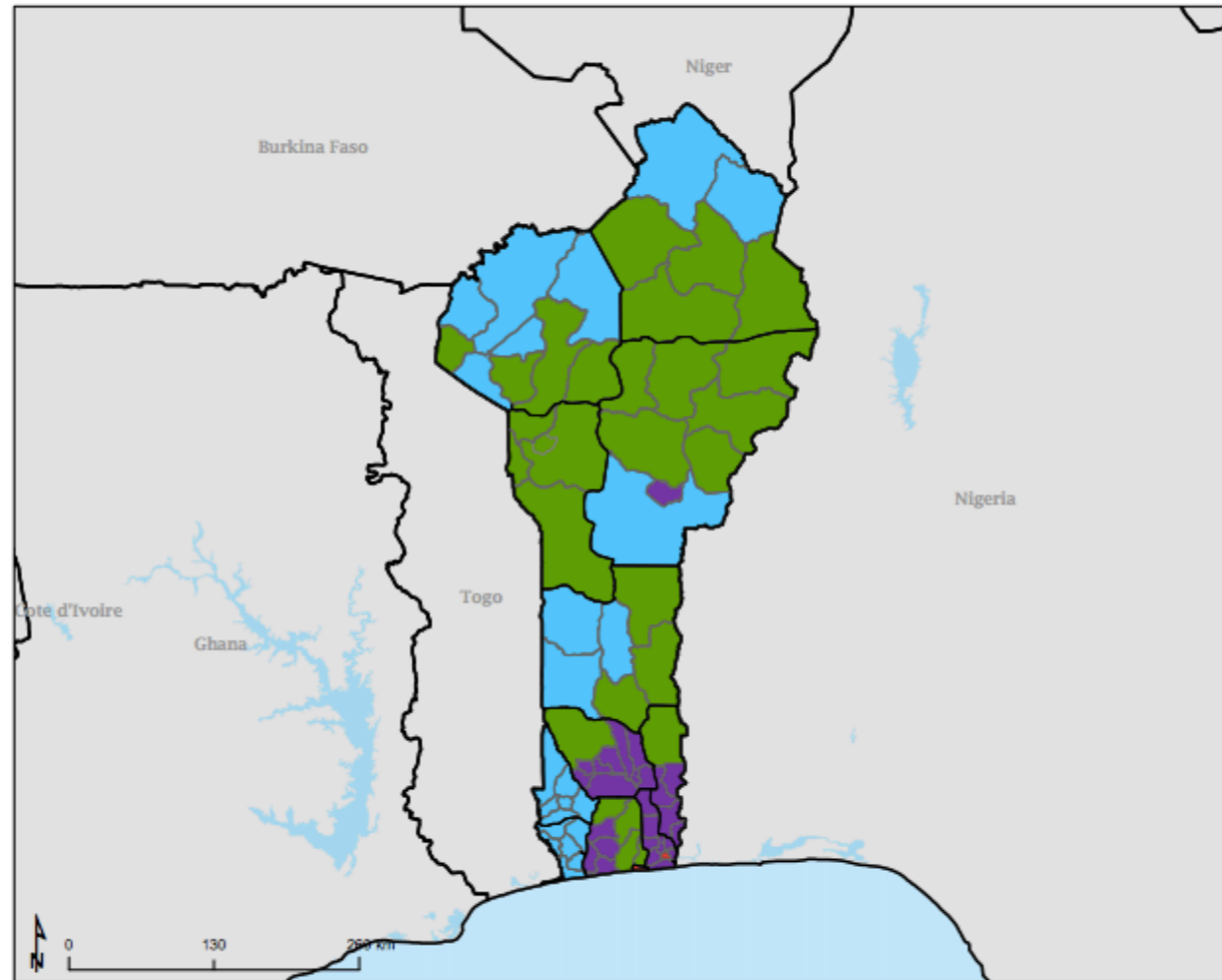
The [NTD portal](https://ntd.afro.who.int) ([ntd.afro.who.int](https://ntd.afro.who.int)) is a platform where Health Ministries and stakeholders can share data to support public health action. Its main objective is to help countries make the most informed decisions.

### Status of Lymphatic Filariasis Endemicity

#### Benin

##### LF Endemicity, by Implementation Unit

- Non endemic
- Endemic (MDA not started)
- Endemic (under MDA)
- Endemic, Post-MDA Surveillance
- Mapping gap
- 1st Administrative boundaries
- Implementation units



Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the World Health Organization concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. Dotted and dashed lines on maps represent approximate border lines for which there may not yet be full agreement.

Data source: Health Ministries & ESPEN partnership  
Map production: ESPEN/AFRO/WHO NTD Mapping project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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NTD Portal's overview.

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# SOCIAL MEDIA METRIC AND VISUALS

To emphasize the awareness of ESPEN and NTDs on social medias, Speak Up Africa created, along a social media toolkit, sample visuals and messages. The toolkit was then shared with WHO AFRO's communication team. Click [here](#) to download the social media toolkit and visuals created for ESPEN's luncheon.

- 📊 On WHO AFRO's Twitter page, the 20 NTD/ESPEN posts counted up for 977 RETWEETS and 1,101 LIKES (Click [here](#) to see the Tweets).
- 📊 On Speak Up Africa's Facebook page, the 12 ESPEN posts counted up for 15,157 LIKES and 30 SHARES (Click [here](#) to see the posts).

Click [here](#) to visualize and download ESPEN luncheon's photos.



WHO African Region @WHOAFRO · Apr 18  
 #NTDs affect the world's poorest, most marginalized & most remote communities in the world [goo.gl/Vu2Sw4](http://goo.gl/Vu2Sw4) #BeatNTDs #NTDSummit



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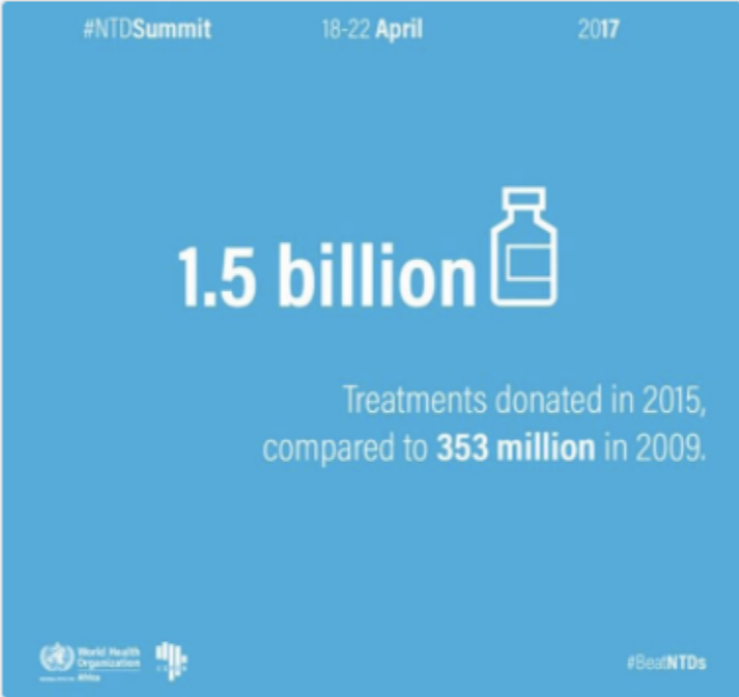
**Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) still kill 534,000 people annually. Now is the time to defeat NTDs!**

World Health Organization Africa #BeatNTDs

WHO, UnitingtoCombatNTDs, WHO Sierra Leone and 4 others

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WHO African Region @WHOAFRO · Apr 19  
 #NTD programs leverage billions of dollars' worth of donated drugs, multiplying the impact of every dollar committed. #BeatNTDs



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**1.5 billion**

Treatments donated in 2015, compared to **353 million** in 2009.

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WHO African Region @WHOAFRO · Apr 20  
 #ESPEN is established in a spirit of partnership b/n endemic countries in #African region, PC-NTDs partners & WHO [goo.gl/Vu2Sw4](http://goo.gl/Vu2Sw4)



**ESPEN** builds capacity of **African countries** by providing the technical assistance they need to accelerate the control and elimination of the 5 PC-NTDs.

World Health Organization Africa #BeatNTDs

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WHO African Region @WHOAFRO · Apr 18  
 By mobilizing partners and investing in strengthening local capacity to diagnose, treat, and monitor, we can #BeatNTDs. @CombatNTDs @WHO



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**The 2012 London Declaration on NTDs** initiated one of the most successful public-private partnerships in global health. Pharmaceutical companies, donors, endemic countries and non-governmental organizations committed to working together across sectors and countries to tackle NTDs by:

- Sustaining and expanding drug donation programs
- Advancing R&D for better NTD treatments and interventions
- Enabling adequate funding for NTD programs
- Enhancing coordination on NTDs at national & international levels
- Providing the technical support and tools countries need
- Providing regular, annual updates on NTD progress

World Health Organization Africa #BeatNTDs

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 Replying to @WHOAFRO  
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**1 billion**

If NTDs are not addressed, over **1 billion** of the world's most vulnerable, most **disadvantaged** people will be **left behind** from development progress over the next **15 years**.

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WHO African Region @WHOAFRO · Apr 18  
 Today debuts the #NTDSummit in #Geneva, hosted by @CombatNTDs and @WHO #BeatNTDs. For more information: [unitingtocombatntds.org/ntd-summit-2017](http://unitingtocombatntds.org/ntd-summit-2017)



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Examples of ESPEN's visuals tweeted by WHO AFRO's account.



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