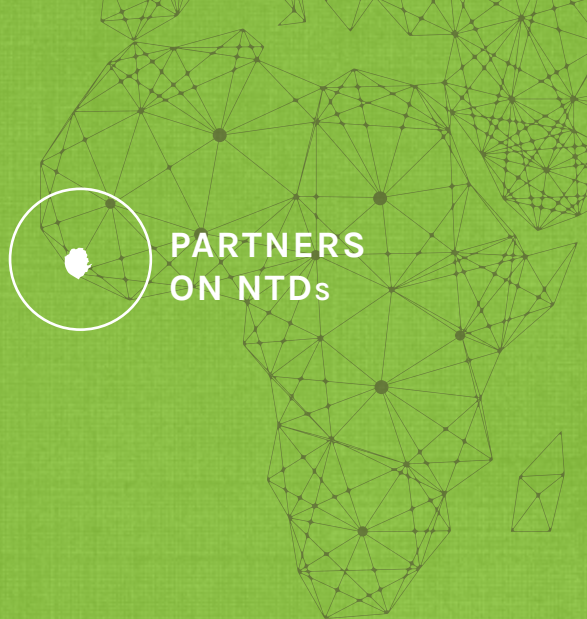


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# END in Africa & SIERRA LEONE

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# ACHIEVEMENTS



Completed mapping for all five NTDs (2008) and scaled up mass drug administration (MDA) for all 4 endemic diseases to the national level (2010).<sup>1</sup>

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Eight (8) HDs passed pre-transmission assessment surveys (pre-TAS) for LF (2013) with prevalence below one percent, making them eligible for transmission assessment surveys (TAS).

<sup>1</sup> With support from USAID's Neglected Tropical Disease Control Program



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# NTDs IN SIERRA LEONE

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) affect all 14 health districts (HDs) in Sierra Leone, putting an estimated 6 million people at risk of contracting one or more diseases. NTDs are debilitating and disproportionately affect the poor and vulnerable, particularly women and children.

While lack of awareness, unsafe health practices, and limited access to safe water and sanitation continue to present challenges, Sierra Leone's NTD control efforts have made good progress, particularly against lymphatic filariasis (LF). While baseline surveys have shown that trachoma is not a problem, LF, schistosomiasis (SCH), onchocerciasis (Oncho) and soil transmitted helminthes (STH) continue to be threats in Sierra Leone and require continued attention and support from USAID's END in Africa project and other partners.



ALL **14** DISTRICTS ARE  
AFFECTED BY NTDs



**6** MILLION

AT RISK FOR CONTRACTING NTDs



# CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA LEONE

## MASS DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- Conduct one round of integrated, community-based MDA for LF, STH and Oncho in 14 HDs (12 for Oncho), targeting over 5.5 million people (over 2.6 million for Oncho).
- Provide one round of school and community-based MDA for SCH in 12 HDs, targeting over 1.1 million children ages 5–14, and over 1.3 million at-risk adults.

## DISEASE ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- Carry out transmission assessment surveys (TAS) for LF in the HDs that pass pre-TAS with district-wide prevalence below one percent.

## TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- Train new and returning personnel on MDA-related activities, including NTD focal persons, district supervisors, peripheral health unit staff, community health workers, community drug distributors and independent monitors. Over 26,000 people are expected to receive training.
- Train district laboratory technicians on the diagnosis of LF and the TAS protocol.
- Provide short-term technical assistance to support the national NTD program (NTDP) in improving supply chain management and developing an NTD policy.
- Train NTDP staff and partners on the tool for integrated planning and costing (TIPAC) and in monitoring and evaluation.

## NTD PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Support the NTDP in making projections and applying for NTD drugs.
- Develop information, education and communication (IEC) materials and conduct IEC campaigns and events.
- Support the NTDP and partners in organizing and conducting meetings of the Mano River Union countries (Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea and Cote d'Ivoire) to discuss cross border issues relating to NTDs.
- Participate in and support the NTDP and partners at work planning meetings and at the annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.



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# END IN AFRICA

Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and managed by FHI360, the END in Africa project aims to reduce the prevalence of five neglected tropical diseases, including trachoma, onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminths, in Sierra Leone and four other West African countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Togo).

As END in Africa project lead, FHI360 provides overall program administration support to Ghana's NTDP, while subgrantees Helen Keller International (HKI) and Health and Development International (HDI) support project operations in Burkina Faso (HKI), Niger (HKI), Sierra Leone (HKI) and Togo (HDI). Other END in Africa partners include John Snow Inc., Deloitte Consulting LLP and Liverpool Associates in Tropical Health, which provide respective support in supply chain management, financial performance, and monitoring and evaluation activities.

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The NTDP also receives support from partners such as the Government of Sierra Leone, the Liverpool Centre for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CNTD), the African Program for Onchocerciasis Control (APOC), Sightsavers and TOMS Shoes, among others.

OTHER NTD  
PARTNERS IN  
SIERRA LEONE

