

# Facilitating Multisectoral Coordination and Engagement for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) Sustainability: From Concept to Implementation

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## INTRODUCTION

**AIM: To sustain and accelerate progress in the control and elimination of NTDs**, a group of 20 parasitic, viral, and bacterial diseases impacting over 1.7 billion people globally

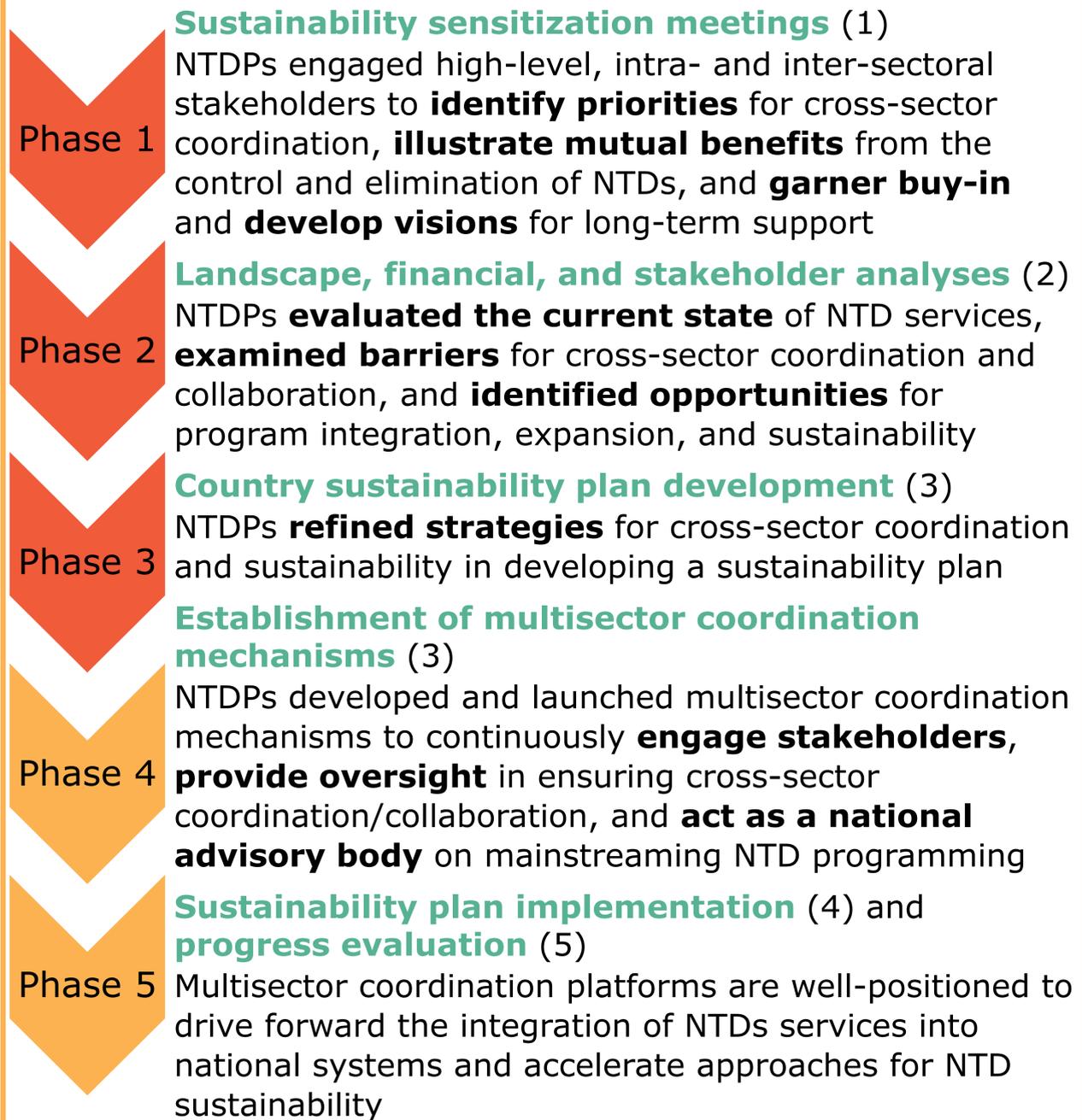
In alignment with the WHO's global targets for NTDs and the SDGs, national NTD Programs (NTDPs) have led efforts to advance **multisectoral coordination within and beyond the health sector**, which

- Contributes to the sustainability of health programs,
- Improves cost-effectiveness, and
- Expands geographical reach of NTD programming

Effectively achieving countries' sustainability priorities requires **integrating and mainstreaming NTD priorities and functions** into existing health platforms, systems, and infrastructure

NTDPs, through a consultative process with USAID's Act to End NTDs | West Program, implemented a **multi-phased approach** that promotes multisectoral coordination to advance NTD sustainability milestones

## TECHNICAL APPROACH



## PROGRESS

*Eight* Act | West-supported NTDPs have **moved through Phase 1-3**: Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo

*Five* NTDPs have **established multisector coordination mechanisms**: Intra-Country Coordination Committee (Ghana), National NTD Committee (Senegal), Partners Network Forum (Sierra Leone), National Multisectoral Coordination Committee (Mali), and NTD Multisectoral Coalition (Niger)

## PERSPECTIVES

Embedding multisectoral engagement is a key strategic action to

- Move away from siloed disease-specific programming to **collaborative planning and implementation**
- Drive sustainability through **mutualizing resources** across sectors
- Shift from partner- to **country-driven** NTD services
- Strengthen **holistic commitments** and **mainstreaming of NTD functions** across government strategies and universal health care efforts

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