The U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Act to End NTDs | West program seeks to support disease-endemic countries to control and/or eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) using preventive chemotherapy through proven, cost-effective public health interventions. Act to End NTDs | West will continue to support national NTD programs (NTDP) in their advancement towards global NTD elimination goals and leverage drug donations to control the NTDs that cannot be eliminated yet. Over the next five years (2018–2023), Act to End NTDs | West will:

- Support project countries to treat communities suffering from lymphatic filariasis (LF) and trachoma, document successes, and verify disease elimination as a public health problem via the World Health Organization (WHO) dossier process.
- Support Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger, Togo, Benin, Mali, and Senegal in meeting the WHO requirements to verify the elimination of onchocerciasis transmission, including dossier development and submission.
- Support sustainable service delivery in the countries by leveraging domestic and other resources (funding, policy, existing service delivery platforms) for NTDs targeted for control (schistosomiasis/SCH, soil-transmitted helminthiasis/STH, and in some countries, onchocerciasis).
- Support countries in mainstreaming NTD programming into their national health systems.
- Add NTDP interventions into the platforms of related sectors—education; malaria; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); maternal and child health (MCH); and nutrition—to extend program reach.

The FHI 360-led team will use its NTD expertise and implementation experience in Cameroon, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Côte d’Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Senegal to help these countries eliminate and/or control NTDs using proven, cost-effective interventions. Act to End NTDs | West has the following intermediate (IR) and end results:

- **Result 1:** Elimination of LF, trachoma, and where feasible, onchocerciasis in Africa
  - **IR 1:** Increased mass drug administration (MDA) coverage among at-risk populations in endemic countries
- **Result 2:** Sustainable national NTD programs (NTDPs)
  - **IR 2:** Strengthened country environment for NTDP implementation and management
- **Result 3:** Robust country capacity to implement and maintain ongoing MDA and disease surveillance for STH, SCH, and in some cases, onchocerciasis
  - **IR 3:** Sustained MDA coverage among at-risk populations in endemic countries

Act to End NTDs | West will help each country’s NTDP and health ministry (MOH) staff to take full ownership of its NTD response, leading to sustainable NTD mainstreaming. Each country will have a tailored action plan that reflects its local context, NTDP capacity, historical data, and opportunities for coordination with nutrition, malaria, WASH, MCH, and school health interventions.
The FHI 360-Led Act to End NTDs | West Team

FHI 360 will lead Act to End NTDs | West’s program and financial management and provide management oversight, with its expertise in NTD capacity building; WASH; malaria; social and behavior change; gender; the collaborating, learning, and adapting process; health systems strengthening (HSS); and monitoring, evaluation and learning. In addition to leading the project, FHI 360 will implement Act to End NTDs | West in Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, and Senegal.

Helen Keller International (HKI) will support NTD capacity building and integration with nutrition, school-based and child health interventions. HKI is the implementing partner in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Mali, Niger, and Sierra Leone.

Health and Development International’s (HDI) collaboration with Togo’s MOH led to Togo becoming the first African country to eliminate LF as a public health problem. HDI is the implementing partner in Togo.

Cross-Cutting Partners

Deloitte will support HSS and sustainability activities for Act to End NTDs | West, assisting national health and finance ministries in NTDP planning, costing, supply chain management, innovative financing, and resource mobilization. World Vision will support cross-sectoral coordination with WASH, malaria, nutrition, and school-based programming and leverage its WASH programming and private and other funders in Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. Americares will provide warehouse management support and secure drug donations to treat secondary effects of MDA and reduce NTD morbidity. AIM will assist with assessing the morbidity burden and provide management strategies for dossier development.

Act to End NTDs | West Conceptual Framework

**GOALS**

- LF and Trachoma **ELIMINATED** as a public health problem
- Onchocerciasis **ELIMINATED** in selected countries of West Africa
- MOH implementing sustainable, long-term SCH/STH/Onchocerciasis control programs

Governments of West Africa capable of financially, technically and operationally sustaining the NTD response.

**REDUCTION IN MORBIDITY AND POPULATION AT RISK**

- Commitment to country ownership and leadership
- Goal-driven strategies
- Efficiency in programming
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration
- Intensified community engagement
- Gender-sensitive approaches
- Climate risk management

More than **90 MILLION PEOPLE** of West Africa no longer at risk of a debilitating NTD.