

Innovation in NTD Mainstreaming Approaches

Leveraging local leadership and decentralized governance for integrated and sustainable NTD programming (Session 1.4)



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Technical Cascade Approach for High-Level Stakeholder Engagement

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Why engage domestic stakeholders across governance levels?

- WHO recommends the **integration of NTDs within existing public health programs through existing resources/interventions**
 - The 2030 roadmap's theme '**Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**'
 - The SDGs illustrate the link between poverty, politics, and health
- Ongoing **decentralization** of health/governance systems serves as a **unique opportunity for sustainability of NTD interventions**
 - Mutualized domestic resources, integrated health strategies, linkages across sectors



Technical Cascade Approach

1. Sensitize local governance authorities
2. Identify opportunities for integration
3. Obtain commitment from key decision-makers
4. Operationalize commitments

National Level

- National Assemblies / Parliaments
- Intra- and inter-ministerial engagements

Regional Level

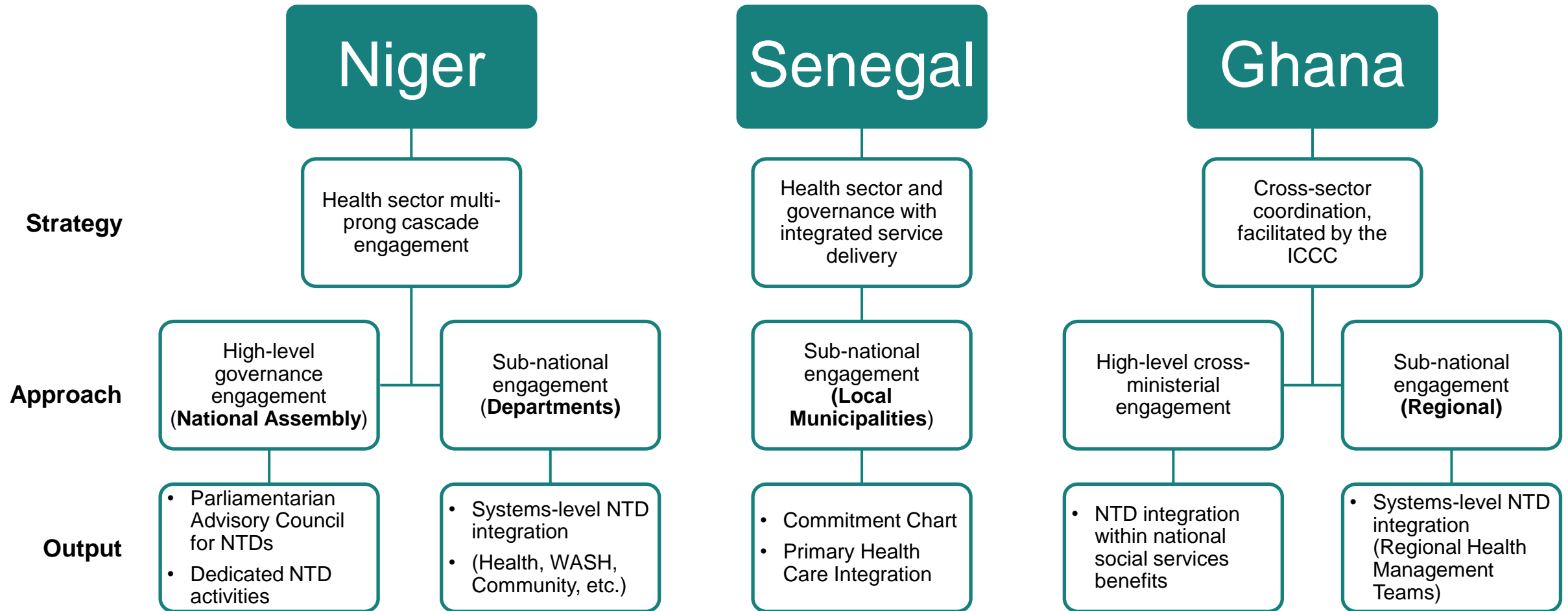
- Regional authorities
- Regional health management

District/Local Level

- Municipal and mayoral authorities
- Local governance (municipal development plans)



Country-Specific Approaches



Snapshot: Niger's Experience

Engagement with National Assembly

- **Aim:** To build parliamentary ownership of the imperative need to act on the control and elimination of PC-NTDs in Niger
- **Process:**
 - Contextualization of financial modalities
 - Development of an engagement matrix with targeted asks for each program
 - Drafting of an advocacy engagement case
- **Outcomes:**
 - Parliamentarians' advocacy (committee, network, advisors)
 - Written hearing addressed to the Minister of Public Health, Population, and Social Affairs
 - Inclusion of salient NTD activities in the action plan with budget



Snapshot: The Experience of Niger

Engagement with Municipalities

- **Aim** (pilot phase): Advocacy for the integration of NTD activities into the **municipal development plans**
- **Outcomes:**
 - Sensitization of the first officials of the communes on NTDs and related morbidities, improved health education, and linkages with water, sanitation, and hygiene
 - Commitment to including major NTD activities in their municipal development plan
- **Next Step** (Phase 2): Local officials to sign a commitment chart monitored by the NTDP for accountability



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The Experience of Ghana: Regional Townhall Engagements

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Presentation Outline

- Background on Intra-Country Coordination Committee (ICCC)
- Ghana's decentralized structure
- Advocacy: Key mainstreaming tool
- Commitments for sustained NTD programming
- Takeaways



Ghana Intra-Country Coordination Committee for NTDs (ICCC)

- **Country-driven** multi-sectoral coordination mechanism
- Geared towards **sustainability of NTD programming** in Ghana
- Ensures **cross-sector coordination** and **country ownership** as basis for implementation and funding of NTD programming
- **Members:** Health, Education, Agriculture, Water and Sanitation, Local Government, Civil Society Groups, Research and Academia, NGOs, UN/Donors, Media, Traditional and Religious representations, and the Private sectors



Ghana's Decentralized Structure



Stakeholder Engagement: Key mainstreaming tool

- The ICCC works closely with the Ghana **NTD Ambassador**
- Advocacy at all levels is a powerful tool to strengthen local level participation
- NTD sustainability processes focus on obtaining the technical and financial resources needed for **increased ownership and accountability** and for the **mainstreaming of NTDs** into national policy, financing, planning, and delivery structures
- Ghana's NTD Masterplan aligns with the WHO NTD control and elimination goals for 2030



National Level Engagement

- **High-level breakfast meeting** to mobilize support for NTDs among decision- and policy-makers (December 2021)
- Key ministries included
 - Sanitation and Water Resources
 - Education
 - Finance
 - Local Government and Rural Development
 - Health

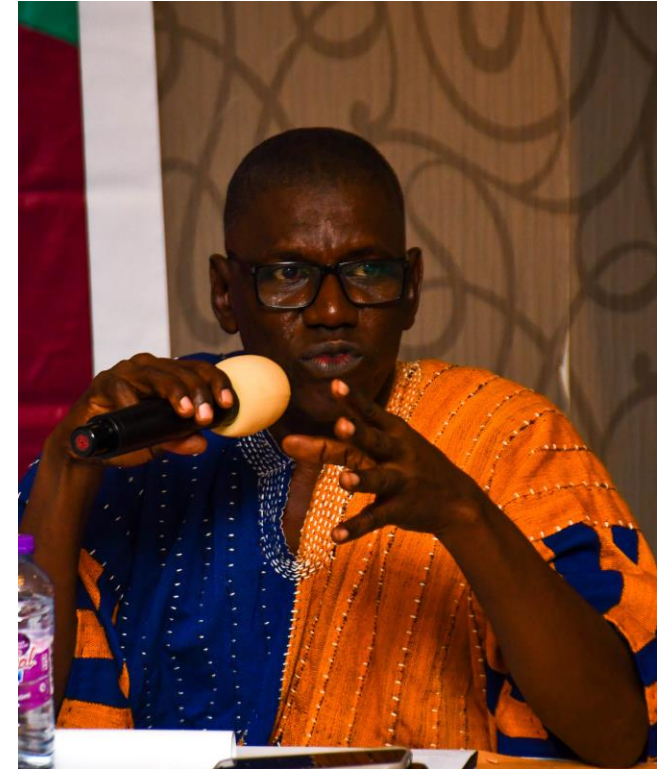


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Sub-National Level Engagement

- **Regional Townhall Engagement Meeting** (Western Region) - May 2022
- Townhall meeting: Local-level approach to closely engage stakeholders
- Regional-level stakeholders led in planning
- Aim: Obtain **strong buy-in** and garner **sub-national support** for NTD control and elimination



Sub-National Level: Stakeholders Engaged

- **Local Government:**
Regional Coordinating Council
District Assembly
- **Traditional leaders:**
Regional House of Chiefs
- **Health:**
Regional and District Health
Directorates
- **Education:**
Ghana Education Service
- **Agriculture:**
Food and Agriculture Ministry

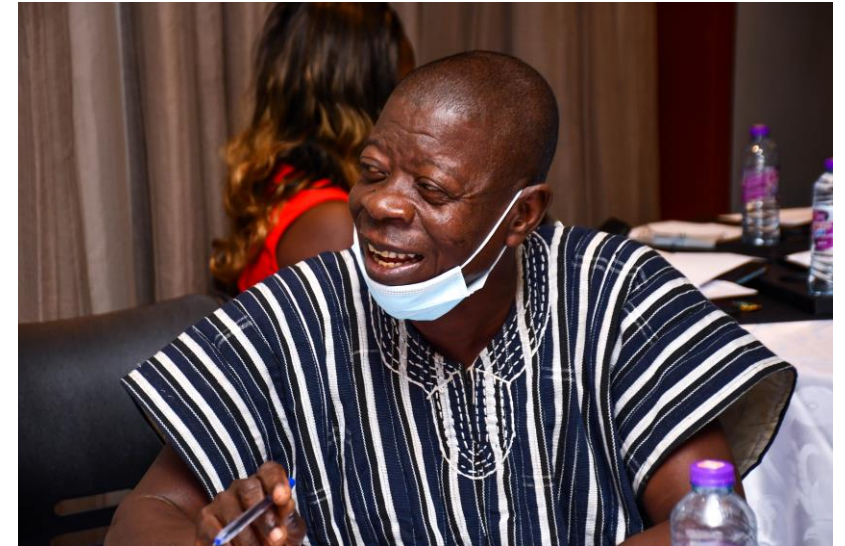


- **Gender:**
Gender and Social Welfare
Department
- **Other relevant groups:**
Traders
Security Service
Information Service
Media



Sub-National Level: Commitments from Local-level Stakeholders

- **WASH:** Educate and sensitize population on good hygiene practices, facilitate access to clean and safe water, ensure and maintain proper sanitation infrastructures
- **Health:** Engage existing Community Support Groups to increase community awareness and sensitization
- **Security:** Security Services provision of security to health personnel during field activities in fragile locations



Regional Police Command Representative



Sub-National Level: Commitments from Local-level Stakeholders

- **Traditional & Faith-based:**
 - The Traditional Authority in the region would advocate for NTDs during its Traditional Council meetings
 - The Local Council Of Churches would collaborate with the health sector on community sensitization activities
 - Traditional Leaders would work closely with the Local Government Authorities to influence the introduction of bye-laws that enforce good sanitation and hygiene practices in communities



*NTD Ambassador (L) and
Paramount Chief-Western Region (R)*



Takeaways

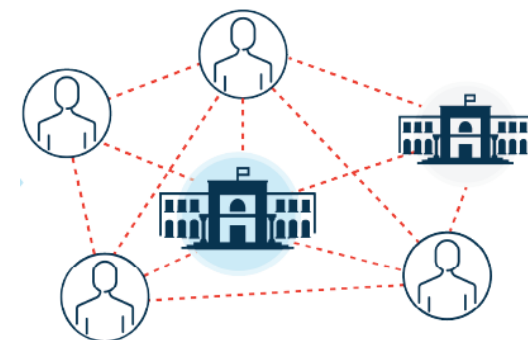
- Local-level and decentralized engagement approaches: Critical towards the control and elimination of NTDs
- The ICCC and NTD Ambassador portfolio are sustainable structures to trigger ownership of NTD programming at the decentralized level
- Ghana's deep-rooted local leadership structures are relevant to addressing major social and behavior change elements



Thank you!



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The Experience of Senegal: Local Authority Engagement for the Mobilization of Resources towards the Fight against NTDs

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1 Decentralization in Senegal

2 Technical approach

3 Commitments and success factors

4 Recommendations and next steps

Country: Senegal

- Population: 17,215,428 inhab.
- Area: 196,722 km²
- 14 medical regions
- 79 health districts
- 1,553 health centers
- 45 departments
- 557 municipalities
- 14 NTDs targeted



Decentralization in Senegal

The transfer of powers from the State to several distinct institutions, in this case, the local authorities (les collectivités territoriales), conferring:

- Legal personality: own property and civil servants, autonomous budget
- Legal entity (incorporation): management of own affairs
- Own administrative authority, preferably chosen by community members
- Submission to a legality check



Decentralization Law in Senegal



As of 1972, Senegal began an irreversible process of ongoing strengthening of decentralization with 3 major reforms:



26 July 1972: Law 72-64 → Creation of rural communities



22 March 1996: Law 96-07 → Establishment of the region as the local authority, creation of district municipalities, transfer of nine domains of competencies to local authorities, free administration of local authorities



2012: Decentralization Act III, the general objective of which is to develop a new national decentralization policy to establish viable and competitive territories that usher in sustainable development

Technical Approach

- The Technical Advisors for Health of the local authorities, to resolve health problems in the local jurisdiction, must advocate with elected officials for increased interest in the health sector
- Thus, in Senegal, the methodology and technical approach implemented are essentially:
 - Stakeholder engagement- Key approaches
 - Stakeholder engagement- Key asks





Key Approaches

- Development of a business case for the fight against NTDs
- Organization of 2 advocacy workshops with local elected officials in Terroubi and Fleur de Lys
- Organization of a panel on NTDs
- Development of promotional and audiovisual communication materials



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Key Approaches

- Stakeholders: NTDP, financial and technical partners, civil society organizations, artists, journalists, etc.
- Implementation of a commitment system (commitment charter)
- Opportunities around World Days and MDA launches
- Involvement of the association of mayors and district and regional chief medical officers in the process of targeting elected officials



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Key Asks

- Active participation in the workshops:
 - Political validation of the NTD Sustainability Plan
 - Launch of the Multisectoral Committee for the fight against NTDs
 - Development of action plans for the commissions of the NTD committee
 - Political validation of the NTD Strategic Plan
 - Development of the NTD Advocacy Plan
- Development of a circular letter on the integration of purchases of anti-rabies and antivenom serum into the endowment funds of local authorities



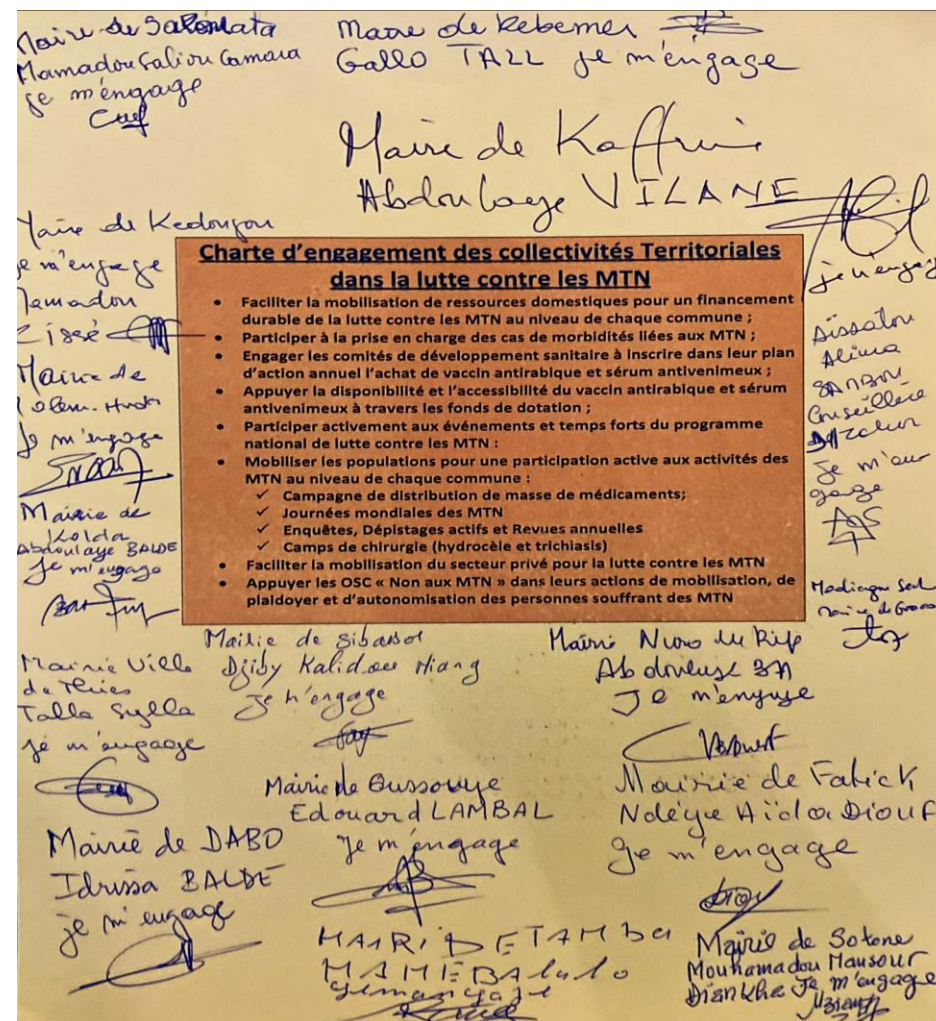
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What are the successes?



Commitments and Success Factors

- Better involvement and increased participation of local authorities in the NTDP activities
- Raising public awareness during campaigns
- Support to districts in mobile logistics and financial resources during MDA
- Support in the management of morbidity (hydrocele surgery) with 19 cases of hydrocele operated on in Kaffrine





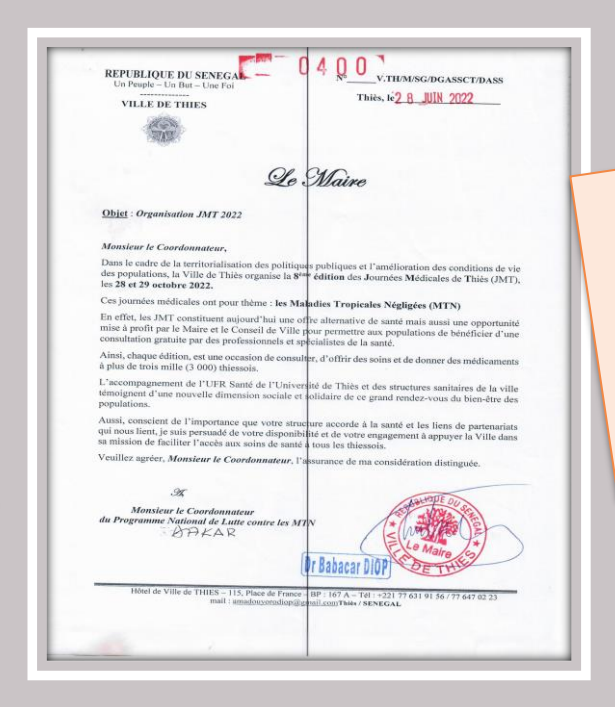
Organization of
hydrocele surgery
camps in Kaffrine



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Participation by the Thies town hall in advocacy plan development workshop

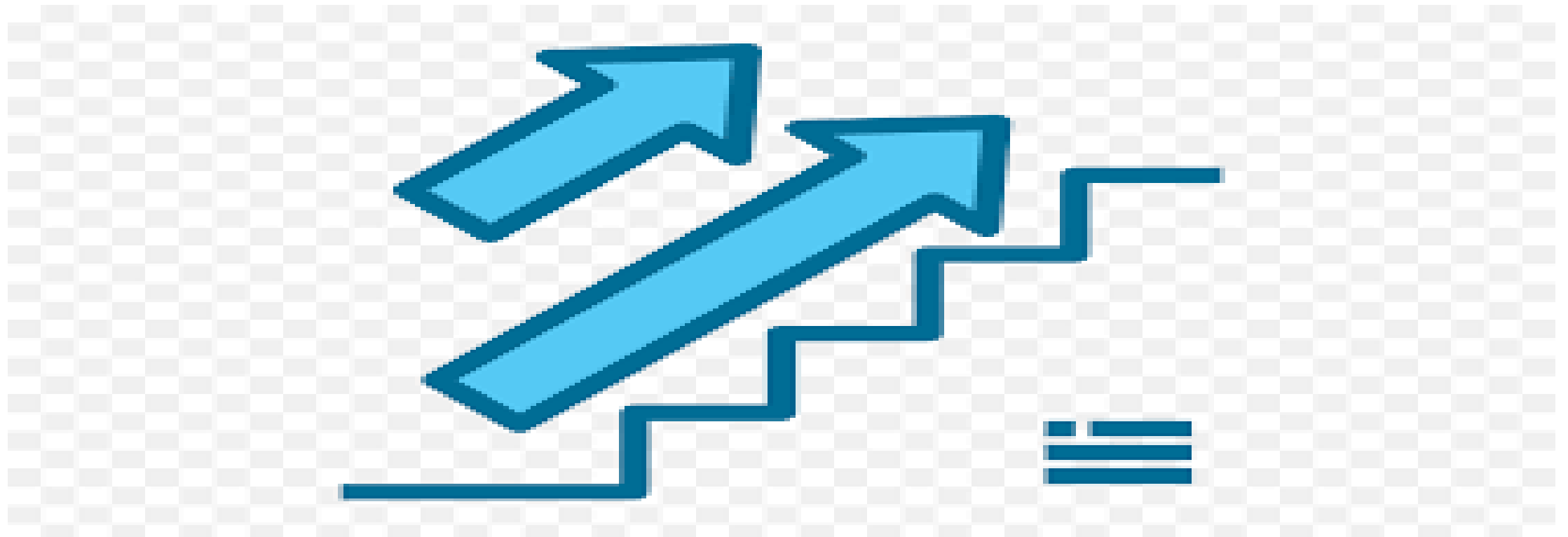


Circular on the purchase of vaccines and anti-rabies serum
Invitation letter for medical days in Thies



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Recommendations and Next Steps



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Recommendations



Ensure monitoring of the commitments of the elected officials



Conduct advocacy visits to new mayors



Ensure the integration of NTDs in the operational plans of the local authorities



Organize action reviews with AMS and UAEL



Next Steps



Participation in medical days in Thiès on 28-29 October 2022 with the theme of NTDs



Organization of advocacy visits at the mayoral level



Organize follow-ups on mayoral commitments



Validate and implement the new advocacy plan in alignment with the Master Plan



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Roundtable Discussions



Discussion Questions

- What are best practices to implement when targeting decision-makers at the sub-national level in the context of ongoing decentralization with progressive transfer of roles, responsibilities, and resources to local government?
- What are recommendations/guidelines we can adopt to translate stakeholder commitment into action/measurable impact (to help countries progress towards their objectives)?
- How can national-level engagement influence and support NTD priority-setting at the decentralized level?
- **Output:** One key takeaway, recommendation, or question



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Roundtable Report

- Share one actionable recommendation, key takeaway, or question that resulted from your discussions

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