

# Wrap of Day 1

## “A Call to Action” For Combating Tropical Diseases



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DISEASE CONTROL

# The Need is Great...

- **NTD's shackle 2.7 billion people in poverty**
- In the world's most impoverished region
- Where there are no roads
- Where there is no doctor
- Where there are no drugs
- Where hunger is greatest
- Where incomes are lowest
- Where health information is scarce
- **Where there is greatest need**



# The Solutions Are Here...

- **“As simple as possible, but no more simple than that”** Dr. Richards/Einstein
- In-country commitment – the front line troops
  - In Burkina Faso (3<sup>rd</sup> poorest country in the world) – treated 10.4 million and covered 69%
- Treatments are readily available
  - WHO guidelines
  - Commitment from Pharma
  - Gates Foundation PPPs
  - Fast and effective
  - Safe and easy to administer
  - Commitments for Rx donations already in place
- Research is Accelerating for TD’s
  - NIAID, NIH
  - Gates Foundation PDPs
  - DNDi, iOWH, Sandler, SBRI
- A new Global Network is Ready to Act...and is already acting
  - Historical and unprecedented collaboration
  - Great track records working together with a unified goal



# The Time Is Now

- Commitment to global health has never been greater...and NTD's are gaining recognition and building momentum
- National ministries are already beginning to integrate programs – BK, Niger
- Control and/or elimination is possible lifting people, families, villages and nations out of poverty
- We've already done it in the United States....these diseases have been eliminated for more than 8 decades
- For the price of mailing a letter, we can treat the people who need our help the most....50 cents per person per year
- **GNNTDC is a catalyst**
  - For advocacy, integration, expanding coverage



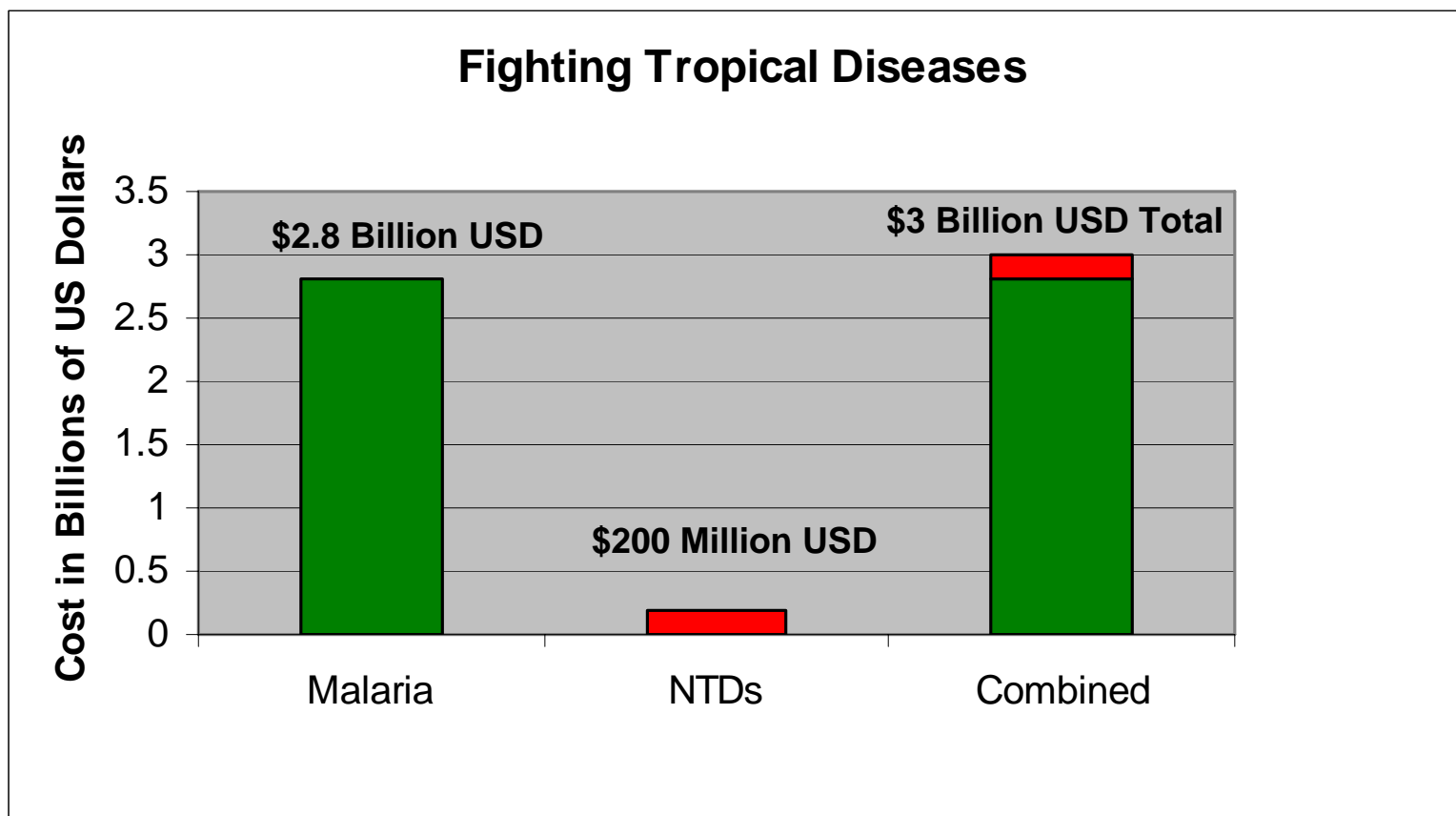
# Our Call to Action

- Advocacy -- Raise awareness about the magnitude of the problem
- Scale Up and Plan – incentives for success, build realistic budgets (empower ministries for success), set achievable goals
- Conduct cost-effectiveness analysis for integrated program
- Call upon Congress to Act....legislation, appropriations and support
- Call upon the Global Community – public and private – for funding and support
- Accelerate translational research related to NTD's
  - Mapping, epidemiology and new tools
- Eliminate morbidity and mortality related to NTD's by 2020



# “Fighting Tropical Diseases” A Call to Action

We have the tools to combat both Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases



# “Fighting Tropical Diseases: The Best Buy in Public Health

We have a plan, the tools, and the commitment of many national health ministries to implement those plans, but we **NEED** a commitment from government, private donors and the wealthiest countries of the world to provide the required **funding** to dramatically reduce the suffering of the 2.7 billion of the world’s poorest and to break the cycle of poverty.



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# The Final Mile

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