



# Rapid Impact: Integrating the Neglected Tropical Diseases with Malaria and HIV/AIDS Control

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# Integration...

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The creation of linkages among existing programmes to improve delivery of interventions with a goal of maximizing synergies and improving health outcomes..

# Why malaria and NTDs...

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- Broad co-endemicity;
- Overlap in target populations (geographic and age groups);
- Some existing technologies can benefit more than one disease;
- Potential for improved community adherence;
- Maximise use of limited resources;
- Exploit synergies derived from multi-pronged approaches and achieve efficiencies ;
- This will expand the existing infrastructure, resources and delivery systems;



# Opportunities for integrating Malaria and NTD Control

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- Malaria control strategies
  - Treatment and case management, including home management of malaria
  - Prevention
    - Use of bednets
    - Indoor Residual Spraying
    - Intermittent Preventive Treatment for pregnancy



# The entry points...

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- Home management of malaria
- Distribution of insecticide treated mosquito nets
- Intermittent preventive treatment during pregnancy
- Surveillance, monitoring and evaluation

## Key factors to be considered ...

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- Co-endemicity of the diseases;
- Knowledge about the safety of drug combinations;
- Delivery strategies for drugs (HMM) and other interventions: child health days, door-to door, immunization campaigns;
- Availability of resources including at community level (CHW, DD, etc.);
- Timing for procurement; supplies; logistics; cost-recovery policies;
- Flexibility of packages to allow local adaptation;



# Potential for improved outcomes...

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- Adequate planning and management is of paramount importance;
- Streamlined communication and lean coordination structures are critical;
- Information sharing is key;
- Appropriate training of CHW and proper supervision by health staff are a must;
- All imbedded in strong and effective health education and IEC;



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Thank you for your attention!