

# FINAL WRAP UP

“A Call to Action”  
For Combating Tropical Diseases



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# There's been a change!



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# U.S. Global Health Thought Leaders

- We now have a presence in our Nation's Capital
- Anthony Fauci stated that it's no longer the "big three" but instead the "gang of four"
- Senator Kennedy called NTD control the "best buy in global public health"
- Jeffrey Sachs – full buy in with NTD control – teaches us to think BIG – "rounding errors"
- Admiral Tim Ziemer recognizes the opportunity to link NTD control with PMI
- President Clinton – At CGI spoke about the NTDs as a fourth leg
- President Carter – "will pick up the phone anytime"
- Senators Brownback, Leahy, and others
- Bill and Melinda Gates – "Funding the front lines – Accountability in delivering results"



# Our U.S. global health thought leaders are slowly embracing the following themes

- NTDs are important!
- NTD control is feasible and cost effective and Proven (multiple success stories told at this conference)
- African Health Ministries are committed and are successful
- NTD control has a higher likelihood of success than malaria and HIV/AIDS control (We can teach PEPFAR a few things in the field)
- NTD control is a new weapon in the control of malaria and HIV/AIDS control



# Momentum in the U.S. is Building



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# Momentum internationally

- WHO Dept. Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Commission for Africa
- High Level Forum on Partnerships
- European Union
- DFID



# Why now?

- We no longer advocate only for our own NTD
  - United we stand
- Integrated control – rapid impact package
- Pharma
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- New WHO Guidelines
- Global Network for NTD Control
  - (<http://www.GNNTDC.org>)
- PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases
  - New open access journal for advocacy and research



# The Momentum is building

- Let's not lose it!
- What do we want?
- How do we do it?



# What do we want?

- Funds to scale up NTD control to meet WHA targets
- Funds to scale up integrated control in 30+ countries
  - Africa
  - Southeast Asia
  - Americas
- Funds for DEC and Praziquantel
- Political will to link NTD control with the control of malaria and HIV/AIDS
- Funds to make the links happen
- Funds for research
  - New and alternative control tools
  - Pharmacovigilance – drug interactions and resistance
  - Cost-effectiveness studies
  - Co-infections epidemiology – role of polyparasitism/anemia in exacerbating malaria and HIV/AIDS



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

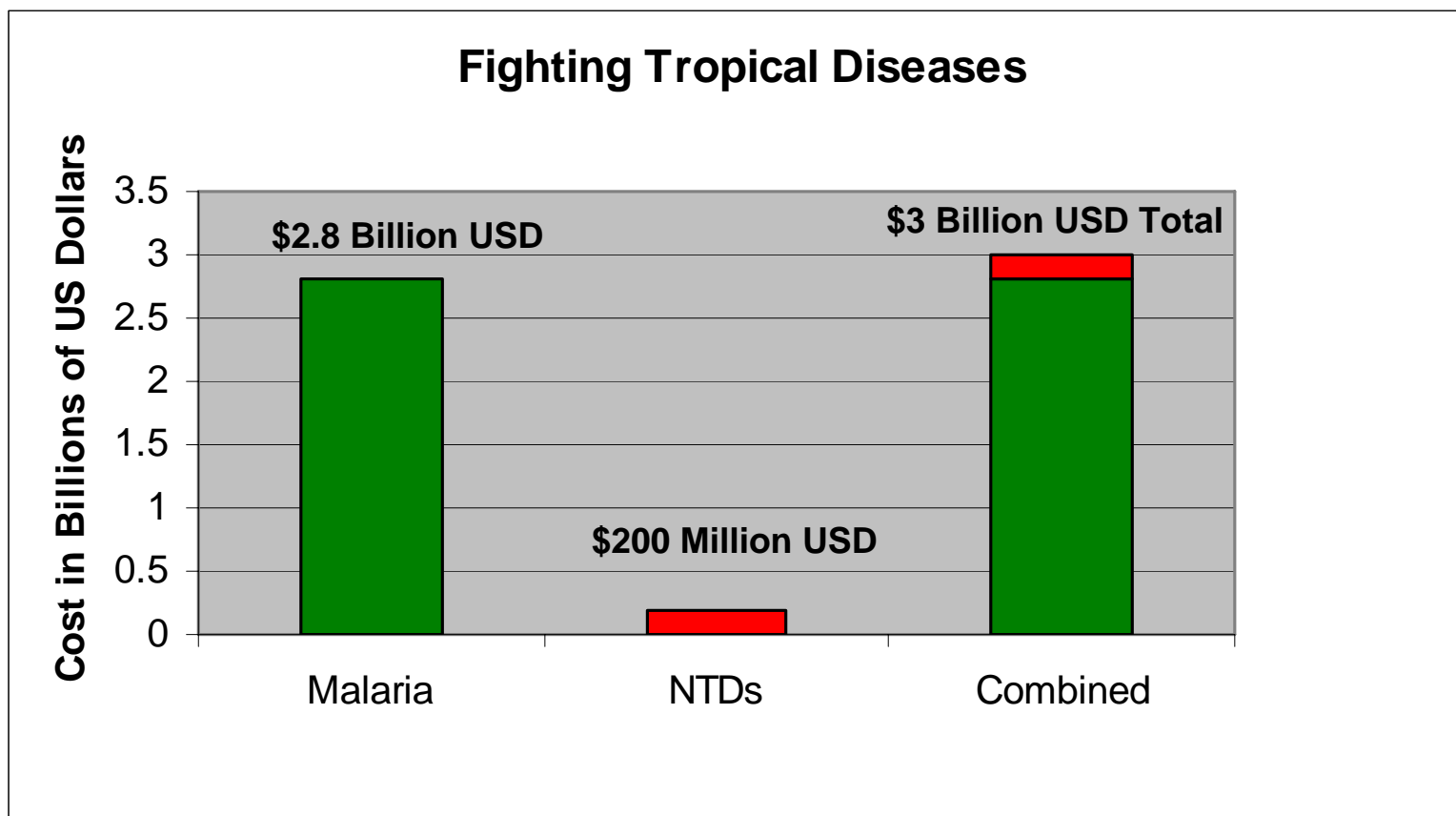
We have a plan, the tools, and the commitment of many national health ministries to implement those plans, but we **NEED** a commitment from government, private donors and the wealthiest countries of the world to provide the required **funding** to dramatically reduce the suffering of the 2.7 billion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



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# “Fighting Tropical Diseases” A Call to Action

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



# Where do we get it?

- Open the Global Fund to NTD Control
- World Bank
- U.S. Presidential Initiatives:
  - PEPFAR & PMI
  - U.S. Congressional Action
- Canadian Development Agency
- European Initiatives
  - European Union
  - European Parliament
  - DFID
- Japanese Initiatives
- Corporate Philanthropy
- Net Worth Individuals



# How do we do it?

- Stay United!
- Global Network (GNNTDC) has been formed
- Washington DC
- This is YOUR network
- The GNNTDC will facilitate the mission of the partners for integrated control and development of new tools
- It will not do implementation
- Resource mobilization, provide advocacy, promote awareness
- GNNTDC drug fund for DEC and Praziquantel



# GNNTDC

- Current Partners: SCI, ITI, GAELF, HHVI, Earth Institute, Task Force
- New MOU with WHO
- New Partners:
  - PPPs
  - PDPs
  - NGDOs
  - Institutional Partners (universities, institutes)



# Washington DC Declaration ?



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# A new World Health Assembly Resolution?

- Integrated NTD Control
- Harmonizing and coordinating the PPPs and PDPs to expand access and to develop new tools
- Promoting NTD Control as an effective means to control malaria and HIV/AIDS



# The Final Mile

Control and Eliminate  
of the World's Most  
Prevalent Tropical  
Infectious Diseases



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