

IMPACT

Reduced morbidity, mortality and poverty associated with NTDs from application of new evidence for cost effective scale-up of sustained control and targeted elimination of disease in line with the WHO 2020 NTD Roadmap and the 2030 SDGs

OUTCOME

Increased effectiveness of NTD programmes, with a focus on reaching poor and vulnerable groups, resulting in more people accessing appropriate interventions and receiving necessary treatments

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

A: Improved availability and accessibility of NTD interventions with a focus on reducing social inequities ^D

B: Improved affordability and cost-effectiveness of NTD interventions at expected scales ^E

C: Improved acceptability of NTD interventions so that barriers to access are reduced for all ^F

Stakeholders' understanding and appreciation of adopting multi-sectorial actions and solutions for NTD programme success is enhanced

Research reveals strategies for more efficient, transdisciplinary studies in NTD programming as to how to identify, reach and access marginalised communities and populations

A broader range of stakeholders is more equitably involved in NTD programming and capacity building activities, with implementation research capturing the multidisciplinary perspectives of international, national and community-level actors

OUTPUTS

1: COUNTDOWN generates and disseminates research evidence to respond to priority information needs of NTD policy makers and programme managers ^A

2: COUNTDOWN supports incorporation of evidence to improve policies and operational plans and practices for scale-up of NTD control ^B

3: COUNTDOWN strengthens capacity for evidence-based decision making and planning through learning by doing amongst its staff, associated partners and country based research communities ^C

Assumptions

- ^AResearch progresses according to plan without contextual disturbances, and the studies produce evidence of effective innovations
- ^BThe evidence produced responds to stakeholders' information needs, stakeholders are receptive to the evidence, and it is delivered in a comprehensible, acceptable, and usable format
- ^CStakeholders have the time and interest to engage in **COUNTDOWN**-supported research and research-uptake activities
- ^DResearch evidence reveals practical strategies for making NTD services more acceptable, accessible, and equitable
- ^EResearch evidence reveals more cost-effectiveness approaches to NTD service delivery
- ^FResearch evidence reveals practical strategies for making NTD services more acceptable