

Webinar

Improving access to NTD health products to achieve the 2030 road map targets

7 December 2021, 14:00–15:30 CET

The continuous supply of quality-assured, safe, effective, and affordable medicines and vaccines is one of the building blocks of a well-functioning health system. Some of the challenges to achieving universal health coverage stem from persistent barriers to accessing these health products and services.

The availability, accessibility, acceptability, and affordability of medicines and vaccines must be addressed to achieve the 2030 road map targets, WHO's Global Programme of Work 2019–2023 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The [2030 road map](#) recognizes that access to quality-assured health products and efficient supply chain management are priority areas for critical and coordinated action to ensure that the 2030 targets are successfully and comprehensively met.

This webinar will focus on efforts to expand access to health products for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) through efficient supply chain management. It will bring together experts to assess outstanding areas that require urgent and ongoing attention, and endemic countries and implementing partners to share best practices, challenges and possible solutions.

The webinar will be organized in collaboration with the [NTD Supply Chain Forum](#)

Target audience

National NTD programme managers and coordinators; national NTD and essential medicines staff, WHO regional and country offices, implementing partners, representatives of pharmaceutical companies donating medicines, partner agencies and academia.

Webinar objectives

- To raise awareness about access to safe, quality-assured NTD health products and related issues for supply chain management, as well as their critical importance for the successful implementation of the 2030 NTD road map targets;
- To review the end-to-end process of supply chain management with the active participation of all stakeholders;
- To share stories from endemic countries on challenges and best practices and discuss possible solutions.

Webinar format

The webinar will follow an established format: in the pause between panels, a selection of short videos and voices from the field will be shown to illustrate real challenges and opportunities.

Webinar structure (90 min)

Panel I

Theme: Challenges of NTD supply chain management – the first mile

Panel II

Theme: Challenges of supply chain management – the last mile

Panel III

Theme: Improving access to quality-assured NTD health products (30 min)

Wrap up