

WEBINAR

Ending the neglect to attain the sustainable development goals: a sustainability framework for action against neglected tropical diseases 2021-2030

Tuesday, 8 June 2021 14:30–15:45 CEST

Concept note

The WHO *Sustainability framework for action against neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030* (SF) complements the 2021-2030 NTD road map through a participatory, inclusive process that aims to embed sustainability considerations into national health policies, strategies and plans (NHPSPs). Its objective is to facilitate the achievement of the 2030 road map targets and universal health coverage.

This framework defines sustainability as *“the ability of national health systems to maintain or increase effective coverage of interventions against NTDs to achieve the outcomes, targets and milestones identified in the new road map for 2030”*. It incorporates fundamental shifts by focusing on cross-cutting, multisectoral interventions over disease-specific activities, outcome measurement over inputs, and the inclusion of NTD interventions and targets in wider national health systems.

Hosting

The moderated webinar will be co-hosted by WHO and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Webinar objectives

1. Raise awareness, widely promote SF’s dissemination at Regional and country levels;
2. Highlight key concepts underpinning the SF and how to apply them;
3. Understand how to track sustainability by using the new road map’s 10 cross-cutting indicators, and how to tailor them to country needs;
4. Share country best practices and experience that illustrate strengthening the sustainability of NTD programmes across the 20 diseases;
5. Achieve stronger commitment to implement the SF by the NTD community through the issuance of a call to action which highlights steps on how to:
 - include sustainability considerations into planning processes;
 - provide practical and continued support and track SF’s use at country level;
 - collect feedback and share lessons from country experiences.

Target audience

National NTDs programme managers; implementing partners; national policymakers from the Ministries of Finance and Health; WASH and One Health stakeholders and actors; officers responsible for health system planning, budgeting and implementing and global WHO staff.

Webinar outline

Structure: 3 sessions, for a total of 75 minutes

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Introduction (10 minutes)

Presentation of key objectives and topics by speakers from WHO/HQ and Regional leadership & USAID leadership

Section 1 – Sustainability Framework – What we should retain from this framework (25 minutes)

This section will present the SF's basic factors and fundamental principles (identifying 2-3 major elements from the SF), their connection with the global sustainability issues, especially under the financing pressure caused by COVID-19, and ways to track SF both at global and country levels.

Opening segment: 5 minutes

- Panelist 1.1 – Key messages from global sustainability discussion (3 mins)
- Panelist 1.2 – Key takeaways with sustainability framework (3 minutes)
- Panelist 1.3 – Intersectoral role and engagement (3 minutes)

Section 2 – Country examples – What we should do differently (30 minutes)

Section 2 will discuss how to plan and implement cross-cutting actions to foster sustainability. Discussions will highlight country experiences in addressing the problem of sustainability, with country-level stakeholders sharing views and perspectives on how current business models can be adapted or changed to produce an impact on the sustainability of NTD programmes. Examples from “early adopters” of sustainability approaches will help identify the key actions that countries have taken at national, regional, and district level, and their outcome, and provide a model that can be replicated elsewhere.

Opening segment: Speaker 2 – Implementation, monitoring/tracking SF (5 minutes)

Model: discussion/interaction

- Panelist 2.1 (Country perspective 1), 3 minutes
- Panelist 2.2 (Country perspective 2), 3 minutes
- Panelist 2.3 (Country perspective 3), 3 minutes
- Panelist 2.4 (Country perspective), 3 minutes

Q&A: Moderator picks questions from chat/sli.do questions for speakers to respond to (15 minutes).

Section 3 - Call to Action (10 minutes)

This section will conclude with a 'call to action' for Member States and relevant actors to include sustainability considerations in the planning of NTD programming, based on the principles of the SF and the best practice identified by "early adopters". It will also highlight the importance of sharing feedback and lessons learned within the global NTD community. This process can be facilitated by presenting and discussing bullets and by highlighting practical steps and best practices towards sustainability.

Opening segment: Short videos, total 3-5 minutes, concluded with a high-level speaker.