Module 3. Setting Up an Integrated NTDP

Objectives

By the end of this session, participants should understand:

• The rationale for writing an integrated NTD Master Plan
• Necessary steps for drafting an NTD Master Plan
• Essential elements of an NTD Master Plan
Starting a Programme

Setting up
- Situation analysis
- National NTD Master Plan
- Mapping
- Stakeholder meeting

Managing MDAs
Surveillance

Key M&E Indicators
- Infection prevalence
- Disease Prevalence
Aligning with Global and Regional Strategies

Add image of relevant Regional Plan
Key interventions – Global NTD Roadmap 2020

- Preventive Chemotherapy
- Vector Control
- WASH
- Intensive Case Management
- Improvement of Veterinary Public Health
QUESTION
Why integrate individual NTD programmes?
Why Integrate NTDPs?

Delivery of NTD interventions requires a rational decision-making process for the optimal use of resources and management.

Integration aims to optimize programme efficiency, by increasing cost-effectiveness, visibility of otherwise neglected diseases, and acceptability of interventions by the affected population and ancillary and synergic impacts.
Why Integrated NTDPs?

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Where >1 NTD targeted by PC are endemic at the level which requires PC, integration and coordination of PC applies among multiple disease programmes as well as within each programme.
Integration of NTDPs

• Integration of the vertical disease control programmes into one national NTDP is becoming a necessity to increase cost-efficiency and to accelerate scale up.

• National government leads the national programme:
  – Setting the national goals

• Identifying what actions can be integrated
  – Coordinating who is doing what and where
  – Identifying the gaps: financial and technical

• Donors and partners support MoH by filling the gap
## Identifying integration opportunities

### Decision-making criteria

- **Cost-effectiveness**
- **Enhanced impacts**
- **Political advantages**
- **Logistic convenience**
- **Timing**
- **Safety**

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Source: World Health Organization
THE NTD ACTION PLAN ‘ROLL-OUT PACKAGE’
The NTD Action Plan ‘Roll-Out Package’

- To embed the culture of integrated and coordinated planning and management of NTDs among vertical programmes and in-country partners.
- To facilitate national NTDPs to effectively integrate and scale up to effective and full national coverage.
The NTD Action Plan ‘Roll-Out Package’

- A national NTD Action Plan for integrated management
  - Situation analysis
  - Action planning
  - TIPAC

Stakeholders’ meeting

Ensuring government commitment
- Institutionalizing national NTD Task Force/Steering committee.
- Designating a point person within the MoH who coordinates disease-specific programmes, partners and stakeholders: NTDP Manager.
NTDP ‘Roll-Out Package’

A national NTD Action Plan for integrated PC management

Situation analysis

• Collecting and thoroughly analysing the information at sub-national level on:
  – prevalence of the diseases
  – geographical overlap of the diseases
  – ongoing control or research activities

• Identifying the information/action gap

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Stakeholders’ meeting

NTD Task Force

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NTD Endemicity In Your Country
**NTDP ‘roll-out package’**

**Action planning**
- Set national goal and objectives;
- Determine the strategy to be taken for each sub-national unit;
- List activities that are required to reach national goals;
- Identify integration opportunities.
PC Algorithm In Your Country
Multi-year National Action Plans

Develop, among different disease programme managers, the national action plan and budget plan for the coming 5 years.

Situation analysis

Action plan

Funding need and gap

- Goal
- Objectives
- Actions to be taken to achieve objectives
National Action Plan for Integrated NTDPs

• Once the situation analysis is complete, it will be clear that there are some areas where program implementation can begin immediately and others where additional NTD prevalence data is necessary (mapping) or additional resources are needed to scale up.

• The Action Plan (ideally with a 5-year timeframe) must describe the progressive roll-out of both these program elements; then, the Annual Workplan should be revised annually.
QUESTION

Why is it important to have a National NTD Action Plan?
Importance of the National NTD Action Plan

- Up-to-date situation analysis.
- Demonstrate national commitment to NTD control/elimination.
- Attract external donors (international advocacy).
- Attract politicians and internal stakeholders and mobilise local resources (national advocacy).
- A platform for donor coordination.
- Define roles and responsibilities of implementing partners.
- Define integrated control and address the challenges of integration.
Importance of National NTD Action Plan

- Discuss the control strategy and to scale up control activities.
- Identify common platform for implementation control activities.
- A reference document for implementing and periodically re-assessing the NTDP.
- Data for preparing feasible, annual workplans.
- Basis for a realistic financial gap analysis: TIPAC.
- Basis for funding applications and allocation of resources.
- Forecasting needs and apply for medicine donations for PC.
- Design a suitable M&E plan.
QUESTION

What are the steps that need to be considered and undertaken to write up a National NTD Action Plan?
Steps for Drafting a National NTD Action Plan

- Assess the public health importance of NTD in the country.
- Identify diseases to be included in the plan and convene all program managers.
- Seek the political will of the MoH and Government to embark in NTD control/elimination.
- Establish a coordinating mechanism: NTD Task Force/steering committee.
- Identify a national NTD focal point or Program Manager.
- Identify potential partners and stakeholders.
Steps for Drafting a National NTD Action Plan

• Be conversant with the recent international guidelines and protocols for NTD control/elimination.
• Identify a NTD coordinator/programme manager.
• Perform the Situation Analysis.
• Ask for technical assistance from WHO or partners (if needed).
• Draft the National NTD Action Plan.
QUESTION

Who develops the National NTD Action Plan?
Government Ownership of the National NTDP

- Developed by the NTD PMs, government, MoH, with its stakeholders and key partners with full endorsement by WHO which has created a standardized framework.

- With the National NTD Action Plan a rational and comprehensive approach can be established to meet the program’s funding needs.
NTDP ‘Roll-Out Package’

Funding gap analysis: TIPAC

Define the contribution of different stakeholders and identify the funding gap that needs to be filled.
**NTDP ‘Roll-Out Package’**

- **NTD Task Force**
- **Situation analysis**
- **Action planning**
- **TIPAC**
- **A national Plan of Action for integrated PC management**
- **Stakeholders meeting**

**Stakeholders meeting**

Ministries, in-country donors and partners sit around one table and discuss who is going to contribute to which part of the identified funding gap.
QUESTION

What is next after the National NTD Action Plan is drafted?
Next Steps

- Convene a Stakeholders’ meeting.
- Endorse the Action NTD Plan within the country.
- Submit the Action NTD Plan for funding.

Annual work planning
NTD-TIPAC
Outline of an NTD Action Plan

- Executive summary
- Situation analysis
- Action plan
  - National goal and objectives
  - The strategy to be taken for each sub-national unit
  - List of activities planned to reach the goal/objectives, taking into consideration the integration opportunities identified
  - Timelines
- Budget (TIPAC)
  - Estimated cost for implementing all the planned activities
  - Existing funds and resources from government and other sources
  - The remaining gap in funding and medicines
Outline of an NTD Action Plan: Executive Summary

- Neglected Tropical Diseases in Country
- Roadmap for successful NTD integrated control and/or elimination in Country
- Budget summary
Outline of an NTD Action Plan: Situation Analysis

• Country profile
• Endemic NTDs and potential for integrated control
• Individual NTD epidemiology and control/elimination activities
• Overlapping NTDs endemicity and potential for integrated control
• Country initiatives related to the NTDP
  – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Programmes
  – Vector Control
  – School Health Programme (SHP)
  – National Malaria Programme
  – EPI
  – Nutrition Programme
Outline of an NTD Action Plan: Action Plan

• Goals and objectives
• Operational strategies
  – Strategic planning and review
  – Mapping
  – Advocacy
  – Capacity building
  – Social mobilization
  – Drug logistics and supply chain management
  – Drug distribution
  – M&E
  – Health education
  – Morbidity management
  – Vector control
  – Creating linkage with water and sanitation
Outline of an NTD Action Plan: M&E, Management, Partners, Timeline

• Monitoring and Evaluation
  – Indicators:
    • Input, Process (Performance)
      Output/Outcomes and Impact
  – Data collection and reporting mechanism
  – How to monitor Trachoma programme
  – How to monitor STH programme
  – How to monitor LF programme
  – How to monitor Schisto programme
  – How to monitor Oncho programme
  – Potential and opportunities for integrated monitoring

• Programme management
• Identified partners and stakeholders
• Milestones and timeline
Outline of an NTD Action Plan: Funding Need and Gap

- Estimated cost of implementing the integrated PC interventions and justification
- The existing funds and resources from government and others sources
- The remaining gap of funding and medicines
- Annexes
- NTD at risk-population by district
Resources Available

1. Global roadmap
2. Regional action plan
3. WHO Guidelines
4. Examples from other countries
QUESTION

What have been your challenges and lessons learnt in developing a National NTD Action Plan?
What do you think are the key messages from this session?
Key Messages

• NTD Action Plan should be developed in a stepwise approach according to a standard format.
• NTD Action Plan is the government’s plan; therefore, government commitment is crucial and roles and responsibilities of stakeholders should be clearly defined.
• NTD Action Plan is a working document, the reference for implementing the NTDP.
• Available resources should be carefully analyzed, and budget should be estimated through a TIPAC exercise.
• Integrated control is a challenging process, not a starting point: integration needs time and the most suitable approach should be tailored to each country.