



Roadmap for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021–2030

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Honorable Chair, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

I have the honor to present the State of Kuwait's national statement under agenda item 11.6.

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Kuwait's strategic approach to Neglected Tropical Diseases aligns tightly with the global Roadmap to Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021-2030, demonstrating our strong national and international commitment to combating these diseases. Although diseases like filariasis and leprosy are not endemic in Kuwait, we remain vigilant against imported cases through robust surveillance systems that adhere to international standards. This includes



comprehensive measures for reporting, investigation, and prevention, particularly for vector-transmitted diseases such as leishmaniasis and filariasis.

Kuwait acknowledges the remarkable progress highlighted in the report, such as the reduction in intervention needs and the decrease in Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) lost to NTDs. The achievements in treatment coverage and elimination milestones in various countries are commendable, albeit amidst challenges. We are cognizant of the hurdles outlined, particularly the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the decrease in funding since 2020.

Kuwait's proactive engagement in global health initiatives, particularly in supporting efforts to control and eliminate NTDs in affected regions is evident through the contribution of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED). Kuwait reaffirms its commitment to supporting global health initiatives, recognizing the importance of collective action in overcoming these challenges.



Aligned with the strategic priorities identified, Kuwait emphasizes the significance of engaging partners and donors, reinforcing WHO leadership, and developing a detailed global action plan for 2025-2030. Improving data systems and fostering cross-sectoral coordination are imperative in our collective efforts to combat NTDs.

Kuwait underscores the importance of Member States' support in overcoming operational and technical challenges and facilitating the implementation of strategic priorities. By working together, we can achieve the targets set forth in the Roadmap for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021–2030, ensuring a healthier and more equitable future for all.

Thank you, Chair.