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Presidential Initiative for Neglected Tropical Diseases

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Presidents' NTD Initiative

- **February 20, 2008:** Former-President Bush announced a new \$350 million, five-year initiative to control, in an integrated manner, the seven NTDs that can be addressed through targeted mass drug administration
 - FY2009 - FY2013
 - Integrated delivery of mass treatment as opposed to vertical programs
 - Built on USAID's integrated NTD program through RTI
- **May 4, 2009:** President Obama announced Global Health Priorities and included priority for NTD control
 - Mention of 'elimination' aims
 - RTI results critical to maintaining political interest



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Scale-up plan

	Baseline (2008)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Funding plan (\$ millions)	15	25	70	75	85	95	350
Number of countries covered	12	13	18	20	25	30	30
Number of integrated treatments (i.e. people reached)	<i>27 million</i>	37 million	78 million	85 million	100 million	140 million	Target: 300 m Project: 440 m
Number of treatments delivered through integrated programs	<i>57 million</i>	75 million	164 million	179 million	210 million	295 million	Target: 900 million



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USAID's Program

In addition to MDAs.....

- Build evidence for most efficient, effective programs
- Influence global and national policy
- Provide tools of benefit beyond USAID-funded programs
- Mobilize / leverage resources
 - G8
 - Dfid, Japan
 - Partnering with pharmaceutical industry
 - Stimulate increased disease-endemic country-level investment
 - Ensure sustainability



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Global context

- **G8**

- USG spearheaded request to G8 countries to contribute additional resources to NTDs
- Declaration: “... *including through the mass administration of drugs, we will be able to reach at least 75% of the people affected by certain major neglected tropical diseases in the most affected countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, bearing in mind the WHO Plan. With sustained action for 3-5 years, this would enable a very significant reduction of the current burden with the elimination of some of these diseases.*”



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Other donor support


- **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**
- **UK:** £50 million commitment over the next five years to fight parasitic and bacterial tropical diseases
 - International Development Secretary Douglas Alexander said *“Building upon President Bush’s announcement in March of \$350 million and the G8 call in Japan, the UK is supporting the US President’s efforts to control or eliminate several tropical diseases with a £50 million funding boost.*
 - Includes £10 million for Guinea Worm eradication



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Success breeds success

Sequence

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- Powerful treatment results: RTI led
 - **Presidential Initiative**
 - **G8 commitment**
 - Other donor commitments
 - Exceeding expectations
 - Defining technical standards
 - Project innovation for expansion
 - **Expanded Presidential Initiative**
 - RTI leadership called upon for guidance
 - Project rising to the challenge in anticipation
 - **Elimination?**