

THE (END) FUND



THE ROAD TO ELIMINATION | ANNUAL REPORT 2023

MISSION

To control and eliminate the most prevalent neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

VISION

To ensure people at risk of NTDs can live healthy and prosperous lives.



Our Cover: A child holding ivermectin, a treatment against river blindness, as part of the 2023 mass drug administration in Esperanza Tea Estate in Mulanje, Malawi.

Our Values



HUMAN DIGNITY

We believe in the fundamental dignity of all human beings, and so we:

- Uphold a vision of human flourishing and belonging at the center of our work and interactions.
- Embrace and respect differences, foster an inclusive culture, and instill fair, ethical, and equitable practices.
- Center the voices and experiences of people and communities affected by NTDs in all that we do.



PASSIONATE FOCUS

We have a singular, passionate focus to end NTDs, which place a significant and preventable burden on the human condition, and so we:

- Optimize our time and resources to maximize progress toward achieving specific disease control and elimination goals.
- Leverage our unique assets to be of best and highest service to the collective movement to end NTDs, ensuring we complement and do not duplicate the work of others.
- Strive to ensure that no one at risk of NTDs is left behind.



ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

We are committed to embracing innovation and maintaining an entrepreneurial spirit in all that we do, and so we:

- Stay flexible, nimble, creative, and action-oriented in our approach.
- Challenge the status quo and take smart risks.
- Foster, identify, and fast-track innovations that can increase our impact.
- Cultivate curiosity, humility, courage, and a growth mindset.



EXEMPLARY STEWARDSHIP

We take seriously the privilege and responsibility of stewarding our investors' resources and serving communities at risk of NTDs, and so we:

- Employ a highly efficient, effective, and results-oriented approach to mobilizing and allocating capital.
- Invest in data-driven, country-led, and sustainable programs.
- Ensure excellence, elegance, and accuracy in all communications and interactions with investors and partners.
- Commit to being a reflective learning organization, proactively sharing progress, lessons learned, and challenges.



RELATIONAL APPROACH

We believe that honoring joyful and effective relationships are central to achieving our mission, and so we:

- Strive to treat everyone with respect, kindness, and a spirit of generosity and gratitude.
- Invest the time and attention needed to build, earn, and maintain trusted, long-term, and collaborative relationships with partners, investors, and colleagues.
- Respect everyone's unique life journey and perspectives.
- Recognize relationships are complex, nuanced, and evolving and require commitment, humility, and compassion.



Isaac and Alvera alongside their parents in Kibuye, Rwanda. Having recovered from intestinal worms, they are now active members of their school's water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) club.

A note from our Board Chair and CEO

DEAR FRIENDS AND ADMIRER PARTNERS,

2023 was a historic year for the neglected tropical disease (NTD) community, marked by significant strides towards disease elimination milestones and remarkable resource mobilization. With your partnership, we were able to support partners to deliver over 270 million NTD treatments in over thirty countries and provide over forty-six thousand people the surgery they need to prevent blindness and disability. We have never been more energized or optimistic about the future of our work, nor more grateful for the generosity and ambition of the END Fund's global community.

In addition to the significant achievements of the past year, it has been a time of change and new beginnings. We expressed our gratitude to William (Bill) Campbell for his service as our inaugural Board Chair and celebrated his impactful contributions. Bill guided and supported the full END Fund team and Board of Directors with unwavering commitment for over a decade. We appreciate Bill's decision to assume the role of Board Chair Emeritus and remain deeply involved with the END Fund family.

In August, Tsitsi Masiyiwa accepted the nomination to serve as the next Board Chair of the END Fund. In her term as Board Chair, Tsitsi has committed to prioritizing communities, deepening collaboration with African governments, and continuing progress towards ending NTDs. With her leadership, we are energized and optimistic about furthering our mission.

In the pages that follow, you'll read about the inspiring progress of countries and communities that no longer need treatment after years of NTD mass drug administration programs. This year, Rwanda, the first country that the END Fund supported, integrated NTDs into its national health information system. Senegal will enter its second year of post-treatment surveillance for river blindness elimination. Through the support of our Flagship Fund, nearly fourteen million people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo will no longer need preventative treatment for lymphatic filariasis, and over fifteen million people no longer require treatment for trachoma.

In December, the END Fund community ended the year on a historic high note at the inaugural Health Day of the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28 UAE). During a pledging moment, partners and investors – led by Reaching the Last Mile and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – pledged a total of USD\$777 million for NTD programs. Much of this new funding will support the expansion of the Reaching the Last Mile Fund to a continent-wide ambition to end river blindness and lymphatic filariasis across Africa.

Looking ahead, we are inspired by these milestones and believe that we are on track on the road to elimination. We remain passionately focused on our mission to leave no one behind as we continue the scale-up of treatment in affected countries, introduce new technologies, and collaborate closely with governments and local partners.

In 2024, we will say goodbye to Ellen, our inaugural CEO, and celebrate and honor her many years of servant leadership to the END Fund, the NTD community, and our mission to end the needless limitations that NTDs impose on the lives of so many.

As the whole Board and team from the END Fund reflect on the progress we saw in 2023 and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, we are filled with optimism and determination to maintain our forward momentum. Our achievements are a testament to the power of collective action and the transformative impact of philanthropy.

With immense gratitude and optimism for the future,



Tsitsi Masiyiwa
Chair, The END Fund Board of Directors



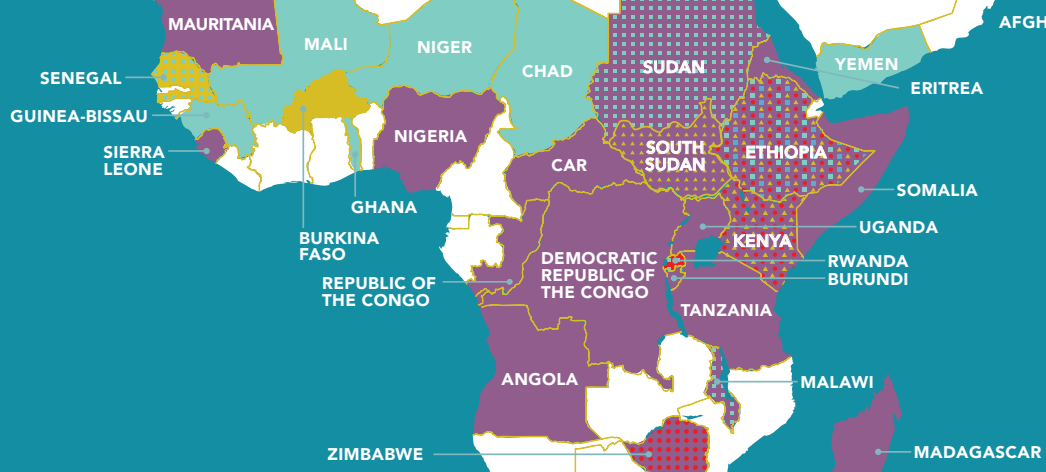
Ellen Agler
Chief Executive Officer, The END Fund

Where We Invested in 2023


OUR FUND MODEL

The END Fund manages a portfolio of philanthropic investment funds to control and eliminate the most prevalent neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). We leverage the power of a global and diverse set of partnerships to achieve results at large scale across thirty-one countries.





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- Reaching the Last Mile Fund | 🦋 🦋
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MILESTONES IN THE JOURNEY TO ELIMINATION HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS REPORT



NIGER becomes the first African country to submit a World Health Organization dossier to verify its elimination of river blindness.



SENEGAL halts nationwide treatment of river blindness and moves on to its pre-elimination surveillance phase.



INDIA Madhya Pradesh approaches a critical step in ending intestinal worms.



RWANDA moves toward eliminating schistosomiasis by 2030.



ETHIOPIA performed 36,586 surgeries in 2023 for blinding trachoma, positioning Ethiopia towards elimination.



REACHING THE LAST MILE FUND fast tracks elimination of river blindness and lymphatic filariasis by expanding to support an additional thirty-two countries from the original seven.

"This decade, the END Fund's goal is to enable 500 million people to live free from NTDs by 2030. These impactful highlights are a testament to our fund model, strategic partnerships, and commitment to ending the suffering caused by NTDs. To date, the NTD community has ensured that 600 million people no longer require treatment, leading to the elimination of at least one NTD in fifty countries. Through our tailored approach for each country, the END Fund remains dedicated to advancing our commitment to the WHO Roadmap targets. These targets aim to eliminate at least one NTD in 100 countries and reduce by 90% the number of individuals requiring treatment for NTDs by 2030."

- DR. CAROL KARUTU, VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS

All-Time Impact

2012–2023



VALUE OF TREATMENTS

3.04B

65



IMPLEMENTING
PARTNERS

6.4M

HEALTH WORKERS
TRAINED



181.6M

PEOPLE TREATED
IN 2023



143K

SURGERIES

TREATMENTS
DISTRIBUTED

1.86B





Sakshi Pandey is a student in Madhya Pradesh, India - a region historically with a high intestinal worm burden.

NEARING THE END: MADHYA PRADESH APPROACHES A CRITICAL STEP IN ENDING INTESTINAL WORMS

Sakshi is a class ten student at the Chief Minister Rise School in Barkhedi, a village in the central state of Madhya Pradesh, India. She remembers often being sick as a child. “When I was younger, I was often unwell. I used to ignore it and immediately after school instead ran to play with my friends. Our hands used to get dirty and we would eat food without washing our hands.”

Parasitic intestinal worms are common in places where sanitation and hygiene are lacking. These infections sap children’s energy and limit their growth and development. This can hold them back from what they can achieve in school and future work productivity. In India, millions of children are at risk of these infections – worldwide, nearly one billion are at risk. At this scale, the economic and development impacts of intestinal worm infections can be enormous.

When she was in class six, Sakshi and others in her school received a tablet called albendazole to treat intestinal worms. Deworming treatments are incredibly effective, and globally cost as little as USD \$0.50 per child per year, and in many places, even less. With these pills, generously donated by GSK, and continued commitment and leadership from the Indian government as well as local institutions, it’s possible to achieve elimination of intestinal worm infections as a public health problem.

On Madhya Pradesh’s annual National Deworming Day in September 2023, more than 600 students at Sakshi’s school – over 80% of the student population – received deworming tablets. Pawan Karoch, headmaster for the region’s middle school division, knows firsthand the impact the National Deworming Day programming has had. “I see visible results in the attentiveness and efficiency of my students as they are now healthier than before and can concentrate on achieving their set goals,” he shared.

With technical assistance from the END Fund’s partner, Evidence Action, Madhya Pradesh’s deworming program has expanded from treating approximately eighteen million children in 2015 to more than 27 million children in 2023. Following this expansion, the rate of children with intestinal worms dropped from over 12% in 2014 to 3.3% in 2019.

Subsequent years of consistent treatment between 2019 and 2023 are likely to result in the area falling below the critical infection rate threshold of 2%, which would mean that the region can safely stop mass drug administration without a risk of resurgence, according to the World Health Organization. The END Fund will continue to work in Madhya Pradesh by supporting impact assessments to verify the region has reached its goals.

“Health is wealth. Children need to be healthy so they will be able to fulfill their goals and aspirations when they finish their schooling properly,” said KD Srivastava, principal of Sakshi’s school.

After taking albendazole, Sakshi’s stomachaches disappeared, and she now shares the importance of health and hygiene with her classmates.





SUSTAINING THE GAINS: RWANDA'S PROGRESS TOWARDS ELIMINATING SCHISTOSOMIASIS BY 2030

After more than ten years of support from the END Fund, Rwanda has substantially and sustainably reduced its dependence on donor funds because of its comprehensive commitment to schistosomiasis elimination. Since 2019, the Rwandan government has financed 100% of the operational costs related to mass drug administration (MDA) delivery, which demonstrates the government's leadership and has provided a beacon of sustainability for other countries to follow.

“This comprehensive approach applied in Rwanda, like improving hygiene and resource commitment by the government, can be applied in other countries and they can reach elimination.”


- Mr. Ladislas Nshimiyimana, NTD Research
Senior Officer, Rwanda Biomedical Centre

In 2020, the Deworming Innovation Fund supported Rwanda to conduct a precise disease survey to guide its new ambitious goal of interrupting the transmission of schistosomiasis. As a result, schistosomiasis has reached a threshold of elimination as a public health problem, which means prevalence has been reduced to just 1% of infections in 97% of surveyed villages. This outcome follows years of effective treatment campaigns that were the result of Rwanda's steadfast commitment to elimination.

Now, Rwanda targets treatment for schistosomiasis with praziquantel, generously donated by Merck KGaA, at the community level to ensure that resources can be effectively directed to those most at risk. In these areas, people at high risk of infection receive treatment – including adults who make their living in or near the water, like fishermen. This holistic approach to treating all populations at risk, not just children, ensures that the cycle of transmission can be stopped for good. Communities are provided education about the importance of drinking clean water, using proper sanitation, and practicing healthy hygiene habits to prevent infections.

Rwanda coordinates across several government ministries to ensure a unified approach to schistosomiasis elimination. Schistosomiasis affects all sectors, including health, education, agriculture, infrastructure, environment, and tourism – requiring the expertise and contributions of many parts of the government. The Ministries of Environment and Infrastructure work to protect the nation's many lakes from contamination by improving local sanitation infrastructure. The Ministry of Education leads the highly successful school-based deworming program and runs school health clubs that teach students how to prevent infection.

In collaboration with the END Fund, the Ministry of Health is integrating neglected tropical diseases, including schistosomiasis, into its new electronic national health information system and building robust digital monitoring systems for MDAs. These centralized systems help the government measure infections, evaluate treatment effectiveness, track praziquantel supply and use, and digitize the reporting of activities conducted by community health workers. With this approach, led by the Ministry of Health and supported by the END Fund, Rwanda is on the path to achieving historic elimination goals.

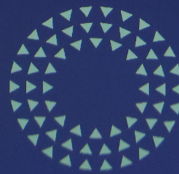
A young boy with short dark hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a bright green sweater. He is looking back over his right shoulder towards the camera with a slight smile. He is standing outdoors, with a blurred background of green trees and a body of water. The lighting is soft, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

Schistosomiasis, also known as bilharzia, is a disease caused by a parasitic worm that lives in fresh water. In Rwanda, Lake Kivu is known to be a risk area.

UAE | 2023 Neglected Tropical Diseases Pledging Announcement

\$777 MILLION

REACHING *the*
LAST MILE
FORUM 2023



REACHING THE LAST MILE FUND EXPANSION: FAST-TRACKING PROGRESS TOWARD 2030 NTD TARGETS

In December 2023 at the Reaching the Last Mile Forum, held on the inaugural Health Day of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, a series of historic commitments were announced which included expanding the Reaching the Last Mile Fund (RLMF) to support neglected tropical disease (NTD) elimination at a continent level.

The fund, which was established in 2017 by His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation,

has emerged as a best-in-class program to achieve elimination of NTDs. RLMF has made a remarkable impact in its targeted geographies, enabling its founders to strive for the bolder vision of an Africa free of river blindness and lymphatic filariasis (LF).



Caused by parasitic roundworms transmitted through the bite of a mosquito, more than

794 MILLION PEOPLE

are estimated to need treatment for LF.



River blindness is caused by parasitic worms transmitted through the bite of black flies that live on the banks of rivers and streams. As of 2021,

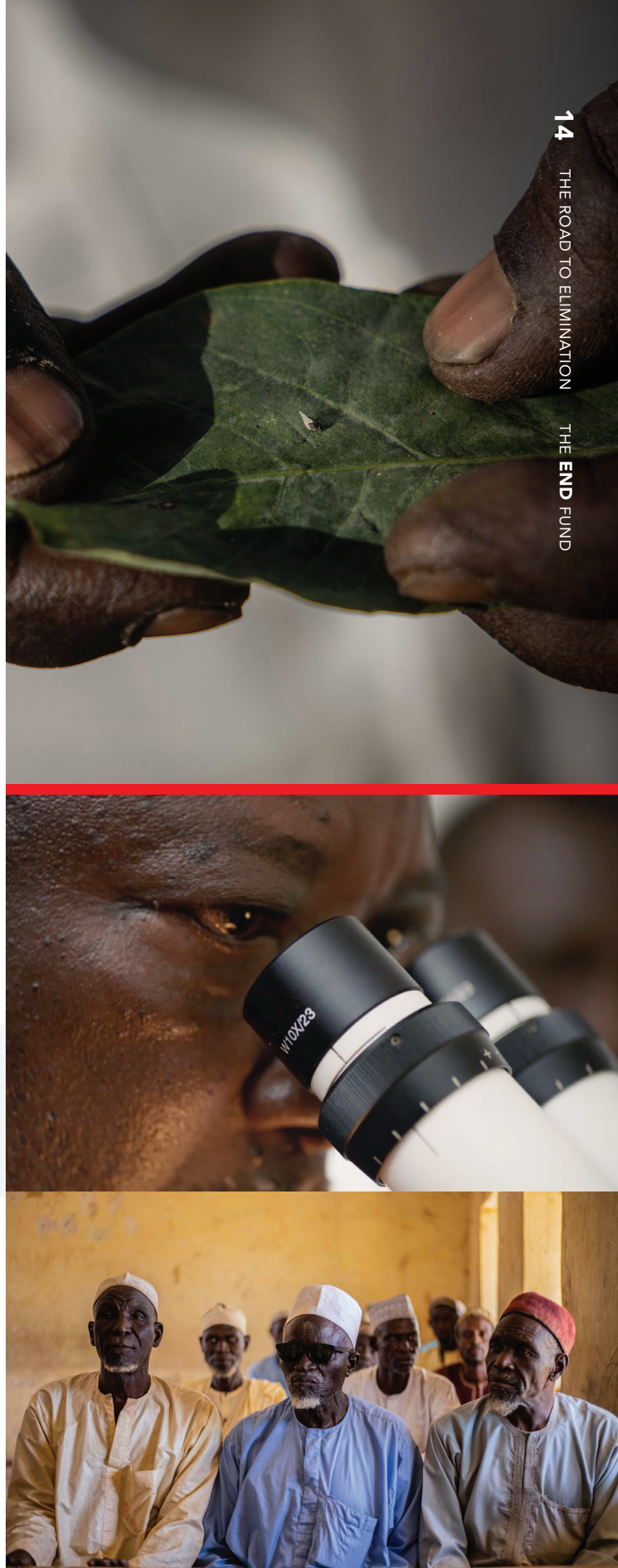
244 MILLION PEOPLE

were estimated to need treatment, 99.6% of whom live in Africa.

The RLMF model prioritizes country leadership in disease elimination and responds directly to countries' evolving scientific, policy, and program delivery needs. Through this strategic investment model, the RLMF supported Niger in becoming the first African country to submit a World Health Organization (WHO) dossier to verify its elimination of river blindness, and Senegal to halt its nationwide treatment and move on to its post-treatment surveillance phase. Building upon this foundation of success, the RLMF added four new countries to its portfolio in early 2023: Guinea-Bissau, Rwanda, Ghana, and Malawi. To date, the fund has supported countries to deliver over 113.8 million treatments for river blindness and LF across eleven countries and has facilitated life-altering surgeries for 2,435 patients with LF. These accomplishments underscore the profound impact of country-led approaches to disease elimination.

Then, in December 2023, the UAE Presidential Court's Reaching the Last Mile and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced the expansion of RLMF to a continent-wide elimination program for river blindness and LF in Africa. Supported by a newly expanded coalition of countries, funders, and implementing partners, RLMF's footprint will grow from eleven to thirty-nine countries. "These pledges represent an important milestone in our journey towards ending NTDs," said Tsitsi Masiyiwa, Board Chair of the END Fund, at the Reaching the Last Mile Forum. "An Africa free from river blindness and LF will restore dignity and social inclusion to millions of people, while ensuring that others don't experience needless pain, stigma, and suffering."

Today, we are halfway to the WHO's target of 100 countries eliminating at least one NTD by 2030. The expansion of the RLMF is a pivotal step towards meeting this target, holding the promise of improving the health of millions of people and increasing growth and prosperity throughout the African continent.





Surgery is one part of a comprehensive strategy to eliminate trachoma. Mass drug administration to combat the infection, especially in early childhood, is crucial to stopping its progression over a lifetime. Improvements to sanitation and hygiene are also key factors in reducing the spread of the infection within households and villages.

EYES CLEAR AND FREE OF PAIN: ETHIOPIA'S JOURNEY TO BLINDING TRACHOMA ELIMINATION

The sun shone high in the sky above the sorghum fields of the Somali region of Ethiopia. Feysel Abdullahi Samatar's hands made quick work of harvesting his crop. But his eyes watered painfully in the sun's light, a result of the disease that had followed him for most of his life: trachoma, a bacterial infection that can lead to blindness.

"My eyes have always been watery since I was a young child, but I never tried the treatment as I couldn't afford it," said Feysel. "My eyes itch and hurt a lot. Being in the sun makes it difficult for me to work on the farm."

Persistent infection with trachoma causes scarring of the eyelids, which twists the eyelashes inward to scrape painfully against the cornea. Eventually, this destroys a person's eyesight. The condition is known as trachomatous trichiasis, or TT.


Feysel's solution to keep his eyesight was drastic but necessary. "I pull out my eyelashes every six months. I use a mirror to help me tug my eyelashes with my nails."

In Ethiopia, TT is the second leading cause of blindness with over sixty-eight million people at risk. In 2023, 89% of the population of Ethiopia lived in areas with high trachoma risk.

A simple, twenty-minute surgery on the eyelids – roughly USD \$86 per surgery – can ensure that a TT patient keeps their vision. The ARISE Fund supports the END Fund's program partners in Ethiopia to provide treatment to 36,586 patients in 2023. Surgeries are provided free of charge to anyone who needs it, and the need is great. According to Amref Africa, there are over 6,500 patients requiring TT surgery just in the Somali region of Ethiopia alone.

Ahmed Yusuf Egge is a veteran TT surgeon. When he began working in the region, it was not uncommon for him to find that communities were resistant to the idea of surgery. Over the past two years, partners in Ethiopia have worked hard to engage communities and build trust through a network of health extension workers. These workers are a critical link between surgeons and people in need. They travel from village to village to identify people suffering from trachoma and explain the positive effects of surgery. As a result of this outreach, TT surgeons find that more patients are willing to undergo the procedure.

Ahmed made the journey to Feysel's village to treat patients and found them lined up outside the health clinic. One of these patients was Feysel, who eagerly waited for his turn to receive the surgery that he once thought was out of reach. This moment held the promise of working his fields in the light of the sun, with eyes clear and free of pain.



The work in Somali supported by the ARISE Fund builds on other efforts in Ethiopia. The END Fund's partners in Ethiopia, supported by the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, Legatum, and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, performed a total of 81,391 TT surgeries – uncovered by over 8.2 million screenings – over recent years across seven regions, including in the Somali Region.



Reflecting on Ethiopia's progress to defeat NTDs

In May 2023, Ethiopia's Ministry of Health hosted members of the neglected tropical disease (NTD) community, including partners, donors, and the END Fund's board members to celebrate ten years of partnership with the END Fund towards NTD elimination goals.

Ethiopia has one of the highest burdens of NTDs in Africa, with over seventy-seven million people at risk. Despite this vast number, Ethiopia has made remarkable

The END Fund supports Ethiopia's national NTD elimination program through four investment portfolios which bolster the government's deworming efforts and strategic initiatives to combat trachoma, river blindness, lymphatic filariasis, and visceral leishmaniasis.

strides towards elimination. Diseases such as lymphatic filariasis (LF) and river blindness have been reduced as a result of improved diagnosis and sustained mass drug administration (MDA). Over 36,000 people received corrective surgery to prevent vision problems resulting from trachoma. Nearly 1.5 million health workers, government staff, and volunteers were trained in MDA, diagnosis and surveillance, community engagement, and prevention strategies.

At the ten-year celebratory event, Ethiopia's Ministry of Health and its partners reflected on these accomplishments achieved through powerful political will, community engagement, and global partnership. Discussions on sustaining this momentum during the visit led to a historic achievement of direct co-funding of programs with the State of Oromia.

A media round table led by a panel of NTD experts and the END Fund's Board Chair Emeritus, Bill Campbell, shared messages about the importance of prevention and treatment with attending media journalists and youth health activists.

Attendees also experienced the artistic depiction of Ethiopia's journey to eliminate NTDs through traditional music, contemporary dance, and poetry. This joyous moment was a chance to reflect on how far Ethiopia has come in its journey to eliminate NTDs, and plan for a hopeful future of continued progress.



TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS AGAINST NTDS IN ETHIOPIA



3.6 MILLION PEOPLE IN 50 DISTRICTS no longer require MDA for lymphatic filariasis



2.6 MILLION PEOPLE IN 29 DISTRICTS no longer require MDA for onchocerciasis










































186 DISTRICTS ACHIEVED THE ELIMINATION THRESHOLD for trachomatous trichiasis (advanced form of trachoma that results in blindness) through surgery



65% DECREASE in the prevalence of schistosomiasis infections as a result of MDA and prevention

Country Portfolio 2023

COUNTRY	IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	DISEASES	PEOPLE TREATED	TREATMENTS DISTRIBUTED	SURGERIES PROVIDED	HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED	VALUE OF TREATMENTS	DISBURSEMENTS GRANTED
Afghanistan	World Food Programme		7,500,000	8,752,104	0	0	\$175,042	\$198,351
Angola	The MENTOR Initiative	  	2,350,246	5,248,106	0	10,544	\$9,922,933	\$1,424,935
Benin	Sightsavers		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$86,922
Burkina Faso	Sightsavers	   	59,197	59,197	960	178	–	\$2,130,571
Central African Republic	Organisation pour la Prévention de la Cécité,CBM	   	2,840,789	6,022,738	0	13,500	\$12,149,536	\$73,481
Chad	Le Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Solidarité Nationale, Tchad		4,202,767	7,052,841	0	21,155	\$17,651,621	\$824,245
Congo-Brazzaville	World Health Organization	  	0	0	0	0	–	\$299,932
*DRC	CBM,United Front Against River Blindness,Unlimit Health	   	46,010,721	73,428,352	0	257,191	\$190,347,253	\$5,004,627
Eritrea	The Fred Hollows Foundation		0	0	1,258	0	N/A	\$307,678
*Ethiopia	The Carter Center, Ethiopia Federal Ministry of Health,National Podoconiosis Action Network (NaPAN), Research Triangle Institute (dba RTI International), The Fred Hollows Foundation, Unlimit Health, NALA Foundation, The Power of Nutrition, AMREF Health Africa - Ethiopia, Orbis International, Light for the World, Bruyère Research Institute	   	30,830,208	51,823,542	36,586	574,502	\$246,197,488	\$13,032,212
Ghana	Ghana Health Services		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$694,732
Guinea-Bissau	AIFO Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau ETS		0	0	0	0	N/A	\$7,562
Guyana	Pan American Health Organization		0	0	0	157	N/A	NA
India	Evidence Action		27,876,846	27,876,846	0	225,026	\$557,537	\$414,339
Kenya	Amref Health Africa - Kenya, African Institute for Health and Development, WASH Alliance Kenya, Akros	   	3,371,140	6,506,459	125	11,224	\$669,414	\$6,119,035
Madagascar	Unlimit Health, Bruyère Research Institute, World Health Organization	 	14,615,326	18,635,384	0	27,015	\$58,493,924	\$749,128
Malawi	Lions Sight First Eye Hospital, Giving Heart Ministries	 	1,908,516	2,308,128	0	18,472	\$6,083,047	\$435,512
Mali	Helen Keller International, International Center of Excellence in Research, Akros, Ministère de la Santé et du Développement Social, Sightsavers		5,191,933	5,191,933	259	10,487	\$21,806,119	\$1,418,501

COUNTRY	IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	DISEASES	PEOPLE TREATED	TREATMENTS DISTRIBUTED	SURGERIES PROVIDED	HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED	VALUE OF TREATMENTS	DISBURSEMENTS GRANTED
Mauritania	Organisation pour la Prévention de la Cécité		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$5,045
Mauritania	Organisation pour la Prévention de la Cécité		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2,173.03
Niger	Helen Keller International, Ministère de la Santé Publique, de la Population et des Affaires Sociales du Niger (MSPPAS)		0	0	0	0	NA	\$29,255
Nigeria	Amen Health and Empowerment Foundation, Helen Keller International, CBM, Mission to Save the Helpless, AiDx Medical BV, Dimagi, Inc.		11,725,553	23,287,190	2,659	45,506	\$43,300,374	\$3,592,600
Rwanda	African Institute for Health and Development, The Chancellor, Masters & Scholars of the University of Oxford, Rwanda NGOs Forum on HIV/AIDS and Health Promotion (RNGOF on HIV/AIDS & HP), Heart and Sole Action/ Africa (HASA), Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC)		11,313,464	24,366,425	0	394	\$2,715,754	\$278,023
Senegal	Le Ministère de la Santé et de l'Action Sociale du Senegal		1,597,729	2,583,994	48	10,171	\$357,422	\$774,273
Sierra Leone	Helen Keller International		0	0	1,400	0	N/A	\$163,124
Somalia	World Health Organization		1,371,385	1,752,524	0	0	\$407,568	\$249,406
South Sudan	The MENTOR Initiative, CBM, The Carter Center, Amref Health Africa		5,670,499	10,686,505	2,045	25,006	\$54,134,169	\$4,253,757
Sudan	The Carter Center, Emory University		2,278,461	2,480,405	0	1,514	\$10,455,668	\$0
Tanzania	UNC School of Medicine, Neglected Tropical Diseases Control Program		0	0	1,172	302	N/A	\$250,238
Yemen	Global Health Development - Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (GHD-EMPHNET)		875,206	875,206	0	1,375	\$3,675,865	\$0
Zimbabwe	Ministry of Health and Childcare of Zimbabwe, Higherlife Foundation		0	0	0	80	–	\$31,327
Multi-Country	World Health Organization, ESPEN - YEMEN & CPC, Bridges to Development		0	0	0	1,148	N/A	\$944,663
Multi-Country VL (Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan)	Crown Agents Ltd, Ethiopia Federal Ministry of Health, The Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, IMA World Health		7,279	7,279	0	0	–	\$2,749,962
TOTAL			181,597,265	278,945,158	46,512	1,254,947	\$679,100,734	\$46,543,436

*Confirmed data for an estimated 26M treatments provided in 2023 across Ethiopia (13.5M) and DRC (12.4M) were not yet available for inclusion in the 2023 annual report; confirmed data will be reported in the 2024 annual report.

Financial Summary 2023

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	US	UK	Total
Contribution	\$55,663,487	\$5,003,887	\$60,667,374
Investment Income	\$696,371	\$71	\$696,442
Other income	\$32,500	\$4,154	\$36,654
Total Support and Revenue	\$56,392,358	\$5,008,112	\$61,363,816
EXPENSES	US	UK	Total
Program Services	\$59,125,014	\$1,951,119	\$61,076,133
Management and General	\$2,599,236	\$93,995	\$2,693,231
Fundraising	\$2,352,405	\$318,913	\$2,671,318
Total Expenses	\$64,076,655	\$2,364,027	\$66,440,682
Changes in Net Assets	\$(7,684,297)	\$2,644,085	\$(5,076,866)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS	US	UK	Total
Cash	\$292,100	\$598,038	\$890,138
Restricted Cash	\$21,402,352	\$4,371,401	\$25,773,753
Accounts and Pledges Receivable, Current Portion	\$3,729,247	\$187,431	\$3,916,678
Related Party Receivable	\$712,353	-	\$712,353
Short Term Investments (CDs)	\$20,698,228	-	\$20,698,228
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	\$702,989	\$16,028	\$719,017
Total Current Assets	\$47,537,269	\$5,172,897	\$52,710,166
Fixed Assets	\$21,111	-	\$21,111
Operating Right-of-Use Asset	\$2,067,509	-	\$2,067,509
Pledges Receivable, Net of Current Portion	\$621,988	-	\$621,988
Other Assets	\$156,000	-	\$156,000
Total Assets	\$50,403,877	\$5,172,897	\$55,576,774

LIABILITIES	US	UK	Total
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$484,863	\$48,039	\$532,902
Related Party Payable	-	\$712,353	\$712,353
Operating Lease Liabilities, Current	\$349,606	-	\$349,606
Total Current Liabilities	\$834,469	\$760,392	\$1,594,861
Operating Lease Liabilities, Long Term	\$1,850,465	-	\$1,850,465
Total Liabilities	\$2,684,934	\$760,392	\$3,445,326

NET ASSETS	US	UK	Total
Net Assets: Without Donor Restrictions	\$296,764	\$785,469	\$1,082,233
Net Assets: With Donor Restrictions	\$47,422,179	\$3,627,036	\$51,049,215
Total Net Assets	\$47,718,943	\$4,412,505	\$52,131,448

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$50,403,877	\$5,172,897	\$55,576,774
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Celebrating our Inaugural CEO

OVER A DECADE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP IN THE MOVEMENT AGAINST NTDS

The END Fund's global community is moved to celebrate Ellen Agler's achievements as the Founding Chief Executive Officer of the END Fund. As she departs the organization in 2024, we thank her for her partnership and friendship, and for the impact her work has had on the lives of hundreds of millions of people since she joined the movement against neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

Ellen's journey with the END Fund began in 2012, at a crucial moment in the movement to end NTDs with the signing of The London Declaration on NTDs, a commitment from partners to control, eliminate, or eradicate ten diseases by 2020 and improve the lives of over one billion people. With over two decades of professional experience in global health, Ellen brought technical and operational knowledge, a deep-rooted passion, and an entrepreneurial spirit to her role as the first employee of the END Fund. Charged with building and nurturing a diverse global community of Board members, staff, investors, and program partners, in her twelve years Ellen has grown the END Fund so that it now operates in thirty-one countries.

Under Ellen's inclusive and warm leadership, the END Fund's collaborative philanthropy model has brought together over 7,000 donors from 68 countries, mobilizing nearly USD\$500 million which has enabled provision of over 1.8 billion NTD treatments, 143,519 life-changing surgeries, and the training of over 6 million health workers. In her time with the organization, the END Fund has formed fifty-three powerful programmatic partnerships, and multiple countries have reached disease control and elimination goals. Ellen's advocacy has played a crucial role in ensuring that millions of people globally will no longer require treatment for NTDs.

As Ellen embarks on the next chapter of her professional journey, the END Fund global community expresses our gratitude for her leadership, partnership, and passionate efforts on behalf of the movement to end NTDs. We are deeply committed to carry forward the END Fund's work inspired by your tireless example. Thank you, Ellen!



WITH DROUGHT COMES A DEADLY PARASITE: THE FLAGSHIP FUND SUPPORTS ETHIOPIA TO CONTAIN AN OUTBREAK OF VISCERAL LEISHMANIASIS

Amidst six continuous years of drought, a hospital in Ethiopia's South Omo Valley was put to the test by a deadly parasitic disease.

Ali Mohammad, a nurse at the Jinka General Hospital, stood over the bed of a teenage boy named Berkede, administering a life-saving medicine. Berkede was receiving treatment for visceral leishmaniasis (VL), also called kala-azar, a deadly parasitic disease that invades the blood and attacks every organ in its path. If the illness becomes severe – usually over a period of two to six months – 95% of people die without treatment. The only chance an ill person has is to reach a health center that has the medicine that can treat VL.

Berkede made it in time. "As soon as I started to take the medicine, the pain and fatigue began to go away," he said with a smile.

South Omo is currently facing its worst drought in decades, which caused not only food shortages and malnutrition, but a surge in this deadly disease. The effects of VL are exacerbated when faced with malnutrition, which suppresses the immune system, limiting the body's response to VL and increasing vulnerability to other diseases.

The health system in South Omo struggled to manage the sudden surge of VL alongside the effects of the drought and the day-to-day health needs of the population. Jinka Hospital is the only health facility

with the medication to treat VL in a region with 1.5 million people. Maintaining a steady supply of medication and diagnostic tests for VL became a challenge as the outbreak worsened. This made it difficult for people to access timely treatment.

Actively searching for cases is crucial to stopping an outbreak and eliminating the disease. Health extension workers provide the backbone of the region's disease surveillance system by finding new cases and linking them to treatment before the disease can spread further. These workers travel for miles between communities by motorcycle and on foot, asking villagers questions about recent illnesses and symptoms.

Due to the swift actions of the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and its partners, almost 1,600 patients were located and received lifesaving treatment procured and delivered by the WHO in 2023. Through the Flagship Fund, the END Fund provided resources to the Ministry of Health and its partners to deliver services and train health workers on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of VL cases.

"None of the patients we treated would have survived if there was no response," said Dr. Kebron Haile, Senior Technical Advisor for VL with the END Fund.

With more funding, the Ministry of Health can purchase larger quantities of drugs and set up clinics closer to the communities that need them. More funding also means more disease surveillance workers can be hired, trained, and equipped with more diagnostic tests that are essential to identifying the disease. These efforts are crucial to bring Ethiopia one step closer to eliminating this deadly disease.



Ethiopia's South Omo Valley has been experiencing a drought for six years, creating conditions exacerbating the spread of visceral leishmaniasis.

*“These are actual human beings
that are dying, actual families that
have been affected by this disease,”*

- Dr. Kebron Haile

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In 2023, the END Fund supported VL elimination in
Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda.



**A TOTAL OF 12,705
SUSPECTED VL CASES**

were screened & tested, and a total 7,279 patients were treated.
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Berkede, 14, at the Jinka General
Hospital receiving treatment for VL.



"When I walk, I feel pain. When I sit down, it hurts. I have to force myself to stand for long periods, but it isn't possible,"

- Kaimu Mussa, hydrocele patient

Tanzania is close to eliminating lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem, which means new cases of the disease will be rare. But, even when the country reaches this historic milestone, there will still be thousands of men who are living with hydroceles, which is swelling of the scrotum to as big as a bowling ball and weighing up to 40 pounds that is caused by lymphatic filariasis. The solution is simple, a short and easy surgery. However, first doctors must find all of the cases and then diligently make their way through more than 20,000 surgeries.

2.8M

PEOPLE ESTIMATED
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REFRAMING NEGLECT



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Art as a Catalyst for Change

The Reframing Neglect series, supported by Reaching the Last Mile, serves as a tool for advocacy, using art to dissect the impact of NTDs on gender equity, mental health, and mobility, and to challenge western representations of Africa.

The photographers, representing seven African countries with high NTD burdens, have captured the international art world through their work. In breathtakingly bold colors, the collection uses striking compositions and compelling narratives to dissect the disproportionate and marginalizing impact of NTDs. Alongside Aida Muluneh (Ethiopia), the project features works by Ala Kheir (Sudan), John Kalapo (Mali), Meseret Argaw (Ethiopia), Mustafa Saeed (Somalia), Omoregie Osakpolor (Nigeria), and Sarah Waiswa (Uganda).

As a vehicle to inspire awareness and shed light on the individuals and communities affected by NTDs, Reframing Neglect has begun to spark global conversations about the need to end these dangerous, yet preventable and treatable diseases. Since its public launch in 2022, the collection has reached an estimated 2.8 million people across North America, Europe, and East Africa.

Through prominent exhibitions in New York and London, including a notable showcase at the United Nations Headquarters during World NTD Day 2023 topped off with a powerful speech by UN Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed, the collection continues to reach new audiences and demand action. Reframing Neglect has opened the door to powerful new partnerships, including the Africa Center (New York, USA), Photo Vogue (Milan, Italy), The New York City Department of Transportation (New York, USA), as well as the United Nations where the collection has twice been exhibited.

Reframing Neglect serves as more than just art - it is a catalyst for change, amplifying the voices of those who have long been neglected by local and international systems. By shining a light and reframing the narrative surrounding NTDs, this series empowers individuals and communities to demand the attention and resources necessary to combat these often overlooked diseases.





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Without the catalytic contributions of our investors and programmatic partners, the neglected tropical disease (NTD) community would not have been able to advance as far down the road to elimination as we have done, nor be so optimistic about our opportunities to reach the finish line. The END Fund is incredibly grateful to have received gifts from more than 7,300 investors to date, helping to support the life-changing work of our incredible local and international programmatic partners. In 2023 alone, we received 3,142 contributions from investors worldwide, from Argentina to Zimbabwe. Each of these generous gifts inspires hope that those we serve, and all future generations, will soon need not worry about NTDs preventing them or their family from attending and thriving in school, from being able to provide for their loved ones and, ultimately, from fulfilling their hopes and dreams.

To every one of our supporters, thank you for investing in a healthier and more prosperous future for all, free from these devastating diseases. We look forward to continuing to tread the path to elimination in partnership with you all.

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