

# Introduction

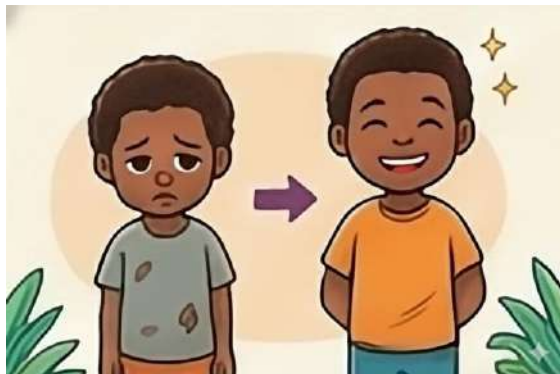
## What are Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)?

A group of diseases caused by parasites, bacteria, and viruses that primarily affect people living in poverty. They not only take lives, but also cause disfigurement and disability – preventing children and adults from going to school or work.

They are called “neglected” diseases – but they must not be “ignored”.

## Why This Matters?

NTDs continue to steal the health and future of many people in Papua New Guinea, especially children. But these diseases are preventable and treatable. Together, we can end the suffering.



# Actions

## Simple Actions to Protect Your Family

- ✓ Take the Medicine during MDA campaign
- ✓ Wash Hands and Stay Clean
- ✓ Visit the Clinic Early
- ✓ Sleep Under a Mosquito Net
- ✓ Wear Shoes or Boots
- ✓ Use a Toilet or Latrine

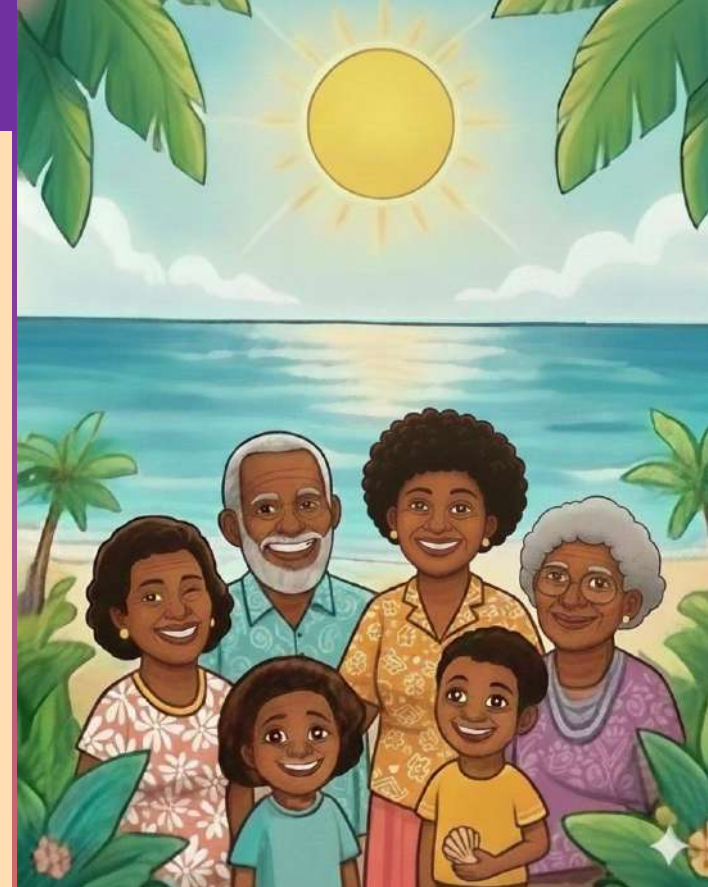


**Together, we can beat NTDs!**

**We support the fight against NTDs.**



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# World NTD Day: 30<sup>th</sup> January

Let's Unite, Act, Eliminate Together  
to End Neglected Tropical Diseases  
in Papua New Guinea



30 January  
**WORLD  
NTD  
DAY**  
NEGLECTED  
TROPICAL  
DISEASES

National Department of Health

# Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Papua New Guinea



## Lymphatic Filariasis

Spread by mosquitoes. It causes legs and body parts to swell.



## Intestinal Worms

Worms from dirty soil. They cause stomach pain and stop children from growing.



## Scabies

Tiny mites that cause very itchy skin and rashes.



## Yaws

A skin disease spread by touch. It causes sores, especially in children.



## Leprosy

Pale or red patches that have no feeling. It can be cured with early medicine.



## Buruli Ulcer

Starts as a small lump and turns into a deep skin wound.



## Dengue

Spread by mosquitoes during the day. It causes high fever and joint pain.



## Trachoma

An eye infection spread by dirty hands and flies. It can cause blindness.



## Snakebite

Do not use a tourniquet. Stay still and go to the clinic immediately.