Led and coordinated by UNDP, the Access and Delivery Partnership (ADP) focuses on providing low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) with technical skills and expertise to develop the systems and processes required to effectively promote access to and delivery of new health technologies for tuberculosis (TB), malaria and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

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TB, MALARIA AND NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDs)

TB, malaria and NTDs are diseases of poverty and inequality, disproportionately affecting poor and marginalized populations in LMICs.

**TB** is one of the world’s deadliest communicable diseases. In 2014, an estimated 9.6 million people developed, and 1.5 million died from the disease.

**Malaria** is the leading cause of death among children under five years of age in sub-Saharan Africa. An estimated 3.3 billion people around the world were at risk of malaria in 2014; with a total of 214 million cases and 438,000 deaths.

In 2012, 1.9 billion people were estimated to require preventive chemotherapy for at least one NTD, accounting for a disease burden of at least 26 million disability-adjusted life years (DALYs).

Despite their significant human and sustainable development impact, relatively few new health technologies are available for these diseases. Many current TB, malaria and NTD treatments are outdated and ineffective.

**SNAPSHOT OF ADP RESULTS**

The ADP project partners have identified Ghana, Indonesia and Tanzania as the focus countries for the project. The ADP also collaborates with Thailand as a partner country, to leverage its considerable experience in the public health arena for facilitating technical exchanges with the focus countries. These are some highlights of the ADP’s work:

**Indonesia**

- 1% of 148,445 registered clinical trials were for NTDs.
- 1% of 366 approved new chemical entities were for neglected diseases.

**Ghana**

- 4% of the 850 new therapeutic products registered were for neglected diseases.

The ADP supported the introduction of bedaquiline, a new treatment for MDR-TB, in efforts to meet the treatment gap for over 300,000 MDR-TB patients. The ADP also partnered with the Ministry of Health to launch pilot evaluations to ensure the selection of health technologies providing the ’most value for money’ and equitable health care.

The ADP partnered with the Ministry of Health to support the multi-sectorial initiative to prioritize and design activities for effective implementation of the National Medicines Policy. The NMP represents the government’s commitment to UHC and ensuring equitable access to health care in Ghana.
AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH

While important initiatives have started to address the dearth in innovation in health technologies for TB, malaria and NTDs, positive health outcomes will only result from the effective adoption of new health technologies by communities and the health systems of LMICs. Enabling policy and regulatory frameworks, active safety monitoring; and efficient pricing, supply, and delivery systems are some of the crucial factors for the introduction of new technologies.

The Government of Japan has led the way in adopting an innovative, dual-pronged approach in combating TB, malaria and NTDs.

- The Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) Fund is a public-private partnership established by the Government of Japan and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in collaboration with the Wellcome Trust, UNDP and a consortium of Japanese pharmaceutical companies, to promote the discovery and development of new health technologies for TB, malaria and NTDs.

- The Access and Delivery Partnership (ADP) is a collaboration between UNDP, TDR and PATH that aims at assisting LMICs to strengthen their capacities to enable equitable access to, and sustainable delivery of, new health technologies for TB, malaria and NTDs.

This is aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 which call for a broad systemic approach to tackling TB, malaria and NTDs, underlining the importance of health systems strengthening and universal health coverage.

OF ADP RESULTS

The ADP supported the country-wide campaigns for mass drug administration to deliver preventive chemotherapy to 43 million people at risk of NTDs, through strengthening supply chain management and addressing cost inefficiencies in the US$ 180 million NTD treatment programme.

The ADP leveraged the experience of policy-makers and technical experts in Thailand for South-South learning on key aspects of health governance, particularly in relation to health technology assessment and the strengthening of an enabling policy and legal environment for improving access to health technologies.
PARTNERS

GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
The collaboration between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Japan is a strategic partnership to promote research and development, and to increase access to and delivery of health technologies used to address neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), tuberculosis (TB) and malaria.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
UNDP works in some 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN TROPICAL DISEASES
TDR is a global programme of scientific collaboration that helps facilitate, support and influence efforts to combat diseases of poverty. TDR is hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO), and is sponsored by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), UNDP, the World Bank and WHO.

PATH
PATH is an international nongovernmental organization that drives transformative innovation to save lives and improve health, especially among women and children. PATH works to accelerate innovation across five platforms – vaccines, drugs, diagnostics, devices, and system and service innovations – that harness entrepreneurial insight, scientific and public health expertise, and passion for health equity.

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