

Request for support:

PROPOSED HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ON NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDS)

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CC: [Add your Minister of Health]

Your Excellency [Insert the name of your Minister for Foreign Affairs],

We are writing to draw your urgent attention to an important resolution that will be tabled at the 62nd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council by Malawi, alongside a core group of African Member States.

The resolution is entitled ‘Human Rights and Neglected Tropical Diseases’ and represents a timely opportunity to elevate NTDs as a human rights concern at the global level. As you will know, NTDs affect one billion people across all regions of the world and disproportionately affect vulnerable and underserved populations, particularly those living in poverty and rural communities. NTDs are both a cause and consequence of inequality, undermining the rights to health, education, work, and non-discrimination, amongst others. Addressing NTDs through a human rights lens can help ensure that prevention, treatment, and care reach those most in need, while also tackling stigma and the structural drivers of disease. This proposed resolution would formally recognise NTDs as a human rights concern – highlighting their impact on dignity, equality, well-being and access to essential services – and support more equitable and effective national responses.

As you will also know, a resolution at the Human Rights Council would help raise the visibility of NTDs beyond the health sector, strengthen accountability, and support Member States in advancing national efforts aligned with universal health coverage and broader development goals. It would also contribute to tangible outcomes, including improved access to care, reduced stigma, and more inclusive health systems for affected populations.

We would be grateful if the Permanent Mission of [Insert the name of your country] in Geneva be encouraged to support this resolution.

Optional additional sentence for partners to include (please adap/edit): We believe this is important for [Insert the name of your country], given its relevance to [insert country-specific context—e.g. affected populations, national health priorities, or commitments to equity and universal health coverage].

We would greatly appreciate your confirmation of [Country]’s support for this important initiative, and stand ready to provide any additional information if helpful.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Your Name

[Title]

[Organisation]