

CANADIAN ORGANIZATION TAKES A STAND AGAINST A GLOBAL MENACE

Effect Hope joins global actors to stand up for the health of 1.7 billion people globally.

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Canadian Global Health Organization,

[Effect Hope](#), will sign [the Kigali Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases](#). This move demonstrates Canadian leadership in action toward neglected tropical diseases, a group of 20 diseases that impact 1.7 billion people globally.



Ending Neglected Tropical Diseases

Effect Hope is a Christian Global Health Organization.

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The Kigali Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases is a global political declaration that aims to activate political will and garner commitments to achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal 3 target on neglected tropical diseases and the goals outlined in the World Health Organization’s 2030 Neglected Tropical Disease Roadmap.

“The Kigali Declaration makes a bold call for the world to come together to end neglected tropical diseases,”

explained Effect Hope CEO Kim Evans. Neglected tropical diseases are a consequence and cause of poverty. They thrive where access to clean water, sanitation and healthcare are limited. These diseases disable, disfigure, and sometimes kill,” Evans added.

As a signatory organization, Effect Hope is fully invested in seeing an end to neglected tropical diseases. The organization will ensure that our programs align with the goals stated in the Kigali Declaration and the World Health Organization’s 2030 Neglected Tropical Diseases Roadmap.

This is not the first declaration on neglected tropical diseases signed by Effect Hope. In 2012, Effect Hope was part of the London Declaration that galvanized global action to achieve some of the targets set in the World Health Organization’s first Neglected Tropical Diseases Roadmap. Thanks to that action, forty-three countries have eliminated at least one neglected tropical disease; 600 million people no longer require treatment for neglected tropical diseases. Two

diseases, sleeping sickness and Guinea worm disease are at an all-time low.

“We believe in global health equity,” explained Evans. “We cannot achieve global health equity if the 1.7 billion people (1 in 5 of us) affected by neglected tropical diseases continue to experience debilitating illnesses that are preventable and treatable. That’s why we felt it was essential to sign the Kigali Declaration.”

The global community will be celebrating the endorsements of all countries in a pre-summit meeting ahead of the Commonwealth heads of state meeting hosted by the Government of Rwanda later in June.

Effect Hope is one of Canada’s oldest global health organizations and one of the country’s only organizations that are 100% committed to supporting people affected by neglected tropical diseases like leprosy.

To learn more about Effect Hope and the Kigali Declaration on Neglected Tropical diseases, visit www.effecthope.org/kigali.

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The infographic features a central blue speech bubble containing a white person icon. This bubble is surrounded by four dark blue person icons, two on the left and two on the right, representing a total of five people. Below this visual, the text reads "1 in 5 people" in a large, bold, black font, followed by "worldwide are affected by neglected tropical diseases." in a smaller, regular black font. At the bottom right of the infographic is the "Effect Hope" logo, with "Effect" in black and "Hope" in blue.

1.7 billion people are affected by neglected tropical diseases globally.



The graphic has a dark red background. In the top left corner is the "100% COMMITTED" logo, which includes a stylized "100%" with a person icon inside the zero and the word "COMMITTED" below it. To the right of the logo is a world map in a light teal color. Scattered around the map are several white plus signs and colored diagonal bars (red, purple, white). On the right side of the graphic, the text reads "A HIGH-LEVEL, POLITICAL DECLARATION TO MOBILISE POLITICAL WILL AND SECURE COMMITMENTS TOWARDS ENDING NTDs" in white, all-caps font. Below this, the main title "THE KIGALI DECLARATION ON NTDs" is written in a larger, bold, white, all-caps font, with "(NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES)" in a smaller font underneath. At the bottom right, there are two white circles of different sizes and a white horizontal line.

The Kigali Declaration will mobilize global actors to end neglected tropical diseases (image courtesy: 100% Committed/Uniting to Combat NTDs).

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