


What do we do?

Events and activities

- **Presentation on “NTD Youth Initiatives of the Global North”** 
 - CTM, Session 25
 - 21st of September 2024, 12:15-12:30 Uhr
- **Interdisciplinary webinar on leishmaniasis** 
 - as part of the “Kolibrifälle im Dialog” of the Young Network for Infectious Diseases (JUNITE) 
 - 26th of September 2024, 19:00-21:00 Uhr
- **Webinar “Advocacy for Action Against NTDs”** 
 - as part of the DTG Global/FESTMIH event series
 - 6th of November 2024, 11:30-13:00 Uhr 

Outlook...

- Articles in the journal Flug-, Tropen- und Reisemedizin with a presentation of the individual NTDs, NTD-relevant topics and interviews with experts
- Campaigns for World NTD Day, social media campaigns 

How can you get in touch?

Are you interested in more information?
You are invited to visit our website with the QR-code below!



Do you have any questions or would you like to contact us?
You are welcome to send us an e-mail to the following address:

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Are you interested in what youth initiatives are doing globally?
Then have a look at our video on NTD youth initiatives across continents!



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Working Group
**Neglected
Tropical Diseases**

an initiative by the young DTG

Sources:

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Who are we?

Relevance of NTDs

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) affect more than 1.7 billion people worldwide and represent a **major medical and socio-economic problem**. Their consequences are likely to **affect young people** in particular.

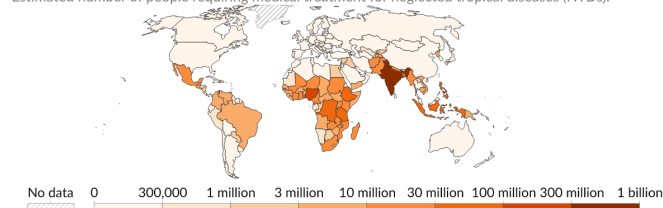
Founding

The NTD working group was founded at the beginning of 2024 and currently consists of ten members of the young DTG from **different professional backgrounds**. The aim of the NTD working group is to promote **consciousness** of NTDs and raise **awareness** of this group of diseases.



Number of people requiring treatment against neglected tropical diseases, 2021

Estimated number of people requiring medical treatment for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).



Data source: World Health Organization - Global Health Observatory (2024)
OurWorldInData.org/burden-of-disease | CC BY

What are our goals?

Young people and NTDs

The working group aims to inform young people about NTDs, **motivate** them to get involved in the field of NTDs and support them in **clinical practice and research**. Only if young people are involved in the fight against NTDs can the set goals of control and eradication be achieved.

Awareness for NTDs

Our main goal is to **raise awareness of NTDs** and their consequences among young people. We **promote** understanding of NTDs by **educating** both the public and professionals in Germany and provide **educational resources** and **training events**.

NTD initiatives and research

The involvement of young people in the fight against NTDs in Germany takes place through the support of **NTD youth initiatives** and **international cooperation** with other NTD initiatives. In addition, young people are to be supported in **research and innovation in the field of NTDs**.



Cooperation and networking

The NTD working group promotes the collegial exchange of young colleagues both nationally and internationally in order to encourage cooperation. As the majority of the burden of NTDs lies outside of Europe, **intercontinental networks and projects** are of crucial importance. We are already connected with **various youth-NTD groups** from **different continents**. On a national level, we cooperate with the German Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (DNTDs), the Young Network for Infectious Diseases (jUNITE) and the German Society for Tropical Pediatrics (GTP).

One Health and NTDs

The NTDs working group aims to pool expertise from the **One Health sector**, as NTDs and their triggers are often influenced by **environmental or zoological factors**. An **interdisciplinary approach** is therefore essential in the fight against NTDs.