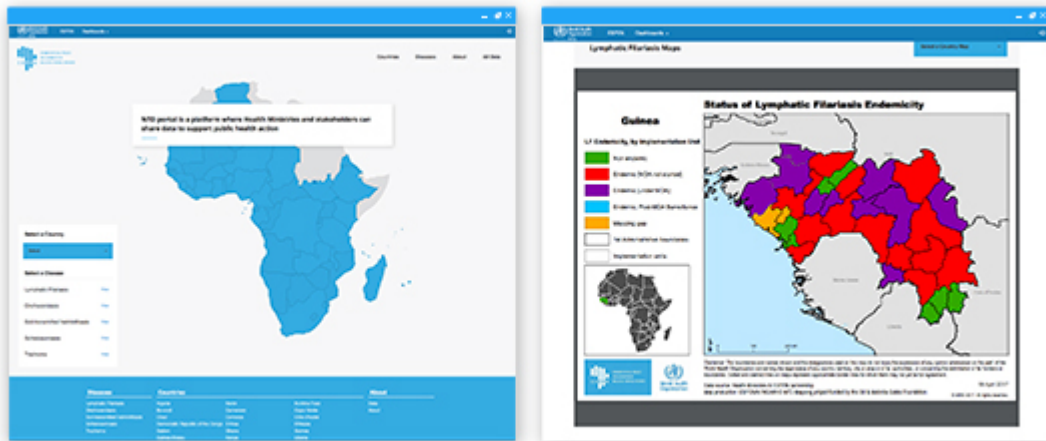


Dear partners,

The NTD portal is now live and accessible to all at ntd.afro.who.int.



As ESPEN strives to help countries make the most informed decisions to accelerate the reduction of the NTD burden, we created this platform for health ministries and stakeholders to share data to support their public health action.

We were very pleased to launch the NTD Portal yesterday during the ESPEN luncheon at the NTD Summit in Geneva. We would like to thank those of you who could join us at this event. As ESPEN is about to celebrate its first year, this luncheon was our way to update the NTD community on our collective progress towards NTD control and elimination in the African region.

Thank you to our esteemed panellists for their valuable perspectives on the way forward.

ESPEN is characterized by innovation, public private partnership and data driven technical leadership. The NTD portal illustrates our strong commitment to quality data.

This work could not have been possible without the leadership of affected countries. To date, 36 countries, which have given their official consent to be included into the NTD portal, are sharing their endemicity maps and data with the broader NTD community. We will continue to work with all our country partners to collect quality data and continuously improve the functionality and accessibility of the platform.

Finally, we would like to thank all the partners who embarked on this journey with us and who helped make this project come to fruition.

Best regards,
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