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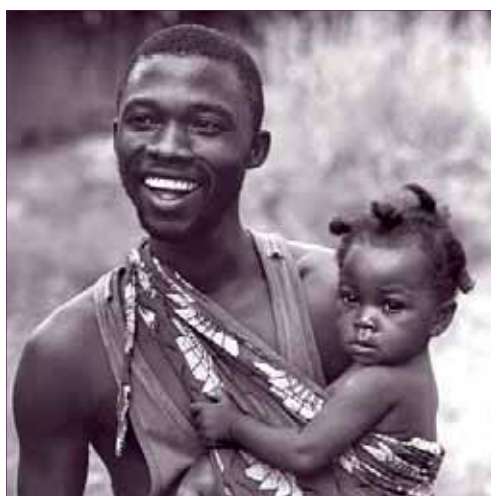
# Introduction

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The meeting of global partners on neglected tropical diseases is a positive sign that health is a responsibility shared by the international community.

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# Neglected tropical diseases

An estimated one billion people – one sixth of the world's population – are infected with one or more neglected tropical diseases. These diseases are largely ancient infectious diseases that thrive in impoverished settings, especially in the heat and humidity of tropical climates.

The list of neglected tropical diseases is not exhaustive and has regional and national variations. Initially, WHO will focus on control of the following diseases:

- Buruli ulcer
- Chagas disease
- Dengue/dengue haemorrhagic fever
- Dracunculiasis (guinea-worm disease)
- Endemic treponematoses (yaws, pinta, endemic syphilis...)
- Human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness)
- Leishmaniasis
- Leprosy
- Lymphatic filariasis (elephantiasis)
- Onchocerciasis
- Schistosomiasis
- Soil-transmitted helminthiasis
- Trachoma

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