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WHO NTDs and G-FINDER NDs

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A comparison of WHO neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and G-FINDER neglected diseases (NDs)

G-FINDER and the WHO use different criteria for the inclusion and exclusion of neglected diseases. The WHO approach focuses on morbidity, mortality and geographical distribution of a disease in tropical and subtropical conditions. The criteria applied by G-FINDER rely on the income level of endemic regions, the existence of product gaps and the absence of market incentives. The WHO NTDs list includes a diverse group of 21 conditions, some of which align with the scope of G-FINDER, as outlined in the table below.

WHO NTD and G-FINDER ND comparison table

Disease	G-FINDER	Year of inclusion in G-FINDER	WHO NTD[1]
HIV/AIDS	✔	FY2007	
Malaria			
P. falciparum	✔	FY2007	
P. vivax	✔	FY2007	
Tuberculosis	✔	FY2007	
Diarrhoeal diseases			
Rotavirus	✔	FY2007	
Shigella	✔	FY2007	
Cholera	✔	FY2007	
Cryptosporidiosis	✔	FY2007	
Enterotoxigenic *E. coli* (ETEC)	✔	FY2007	
Enteroaggregative *E. coli* (EAEC)	✔	FY2007	
Giardiasis	✔	FY2007	
Kinetoplastids			
Chagas' disease	✔	FY2007	✔
Leishmaniasis	✔	FY2007	✔
Sleeping sickness (HAT)	✔	FY2007	✔

Disease	G-FINDER	Year of inclusion in G-FINDER	WHO NTD[1]
Helminth infections			
Soil-transmitted helminthiases			✔
Roundworm (ascariasis)	✔	FY2007	✔
Hookworm (ancylostomiasis & necatoriasis)	✔	FY2007	✔
Whipworm (trichuriasis)	✔	FY2007	✔
Strongyloidiasis & other intestinal roundworms	✔	FY2007	✔
Lymphatic filariasis (elephantiasis)	✔	FY2007	✔
Onchocerciasis (river blindness)	✔	FY2007	✔
Schistosomiasis (bilharziasis)	✔	FY2007	✔
Tapeworm (taeniasis / cysticercosis)	✔	FY2007	✔
Dracunculiasis (guinea-worm disease)			✔
Echinococcosis			✔
Foodborne trematodiases			✔
Dengue	✔	FY2007	✔
Bacterial pneumonia & meningitis			
S. pneumoniae	✔	FY2007	
N. meningitidis	✔	FY2007	
Salmonellosis			
Non-typhoidal *S. enterica* (NTS)	✔	FY2007	
Typhoid and paratyphoid fever (S. typhi, S. paratyphi A)	✔	FY2007	
Hepatitis B	✔	FY2018	
Hepatitis C	✔	FY2013	
Leprosy	✔	FY2007	✔
Trachoma	✔	FY2007	✔
Cryptococcal meningitis	✔	FY2012	
Buruli ulcer	✔	FY2007	✔
Leptospirosis	✔	FY2007	
Rheumatic fever	✔	FY2007	
Mycetoma	✔	FY2018	✔
Snakebite envenoming	✔	FY2018	✔

Disease	G-FINDER	Year of inclusion in G-FINDER	WHO NTD[1]
Histoplasmosis	✔	FY2020	
Scabies	✔	FY2020	✔
Yaws (endemic treponematoses)	✔	FY2022	✔
Chromoblastomycosis and other deep mycoses			✔
Rabies			✔
Other ectoparasitoses			✔
Noma			✔
Chikungunya			✔ [2]

[1] World Health Organization Neglected tropical diseases [Internet]. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization [cited 5 November 2026]. Available from: https://www.who.int/health-topics/neglected-tropical-diseases.

[2] The WHO neglected tropical diseases list includes Chikungunya, which G-FINDER classifies as an emerging infectious disease rather than a neglected disease. Funding for Chikungunya R&D is collected alongside the neglected diseases in the G-FINDER survey, but is analysed and reported separately along with other emerging infectious diseases.