

Launch of the strategy: Ending Cholera – A Global Roadmap to 2030

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Cholera is a disease that continues to affect 2.9 million people each year across 40 countries, many of which are in Africa. While clean drinking water and advanced sanitation systems have made Europe and North America cholera-free for decades, more than 2 billion people remain without access to safe water and sanitation. Cholera continues to disproportionately affect the poorest and most vulnerable people worldwide and within each affected country.

The Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC) brings together more than 50 organizations to intensify efforts and strengthen partnerships to reduce cholera deaths by 90% by 2030 through a renewed strategy and global roadmap that focuses on:

1. A multisectoral approach to control cholera in hotspots in endemic countries – with a focus on improving water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services
2. Early detection and response to contain outbreaks at an early stage – including strengthened disease surveillance systems, cholera vaccination campaigns and improved case management
3. An effective mechanism of coordination for technical support, resource mobilization and partnership at local and global level

At the end of the launch, the Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC) will issue a **Declaration to Ending Cholera**.

The launch of the Global Roadmap has been coordinated by the GTFCC Secretariat with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and WaterAid and will be hosted by the Fondation Mérieux.