

TDR 2025 Performance Overview

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TDR Performance Framework 2024 - 2029



Related documents

- Draft TDR Results Report 2025
- Draft Risk Management Report 2025 and Outlook 2026

Impact stories in 2025

- **Niger met the criteria for onchocerciasis elimination** — the fifth country globally and first in Africa acknowledged by WHO for interrupting transmission.
- **Human African Trypanosomiasis** was declared **eliminated** as a public health problem in **Guinea and Kenya** in 2025.
- Two countries declared **malaria-free** by WHO in 2025 **Suriname** and **Timor-Leste**.

TDR contribution, long-term:

- Global partnerships
- Innovative tools
- Treatments
- Strategies
- Community-directed health approaches
- Training researchers, strengthening institutions
- Shaping policy.

=> Results Report impact section.
=> Annex 2: Impact: TDRs past and present efforts towards disease elimination.
=> Annex 3: List of tools generated with TDR support (1974–2021).

Outcomes 2025

Key performance indicators	Baseline (2023)	Target (2029)	Progress (contribution 2025)	
1. Number and evidence when innovative knowledge or new/improved solutions/tools developed with TDR support are applied in disease endemic countries ⁷	0	100	47 (26)	
2. Number and evidence when tools and reports are used to inform policy and/or practice of global/regional stakeholders or major funding agencies	0	15	14 (8)	

- **TDR-led comprehensive research package to assess malaria vaccine coverage and uptake barriers adopted by 14 countries.**
- **Moxidectin added to the WHO Essential Medicines list and Model list of Essential Medicines for Children** as a therapeutic alternative to ivermectin for the treatment of onchocerciasis and lymphatic filariasis.
- **SORT IT becomes an integral part of Myanmar's 2026–2030 TB national strategic plan.**
- **TDR One Health MOOC** co-created, launched and implemented for the first time with UCAD in Senegal.
- **Global Health Matters podcasts:** episodes have gained wide traction on various health platforms
- (For more, see Results Report and Annual Reports by Strategic Priority Area)

Outcomes 2025

Key performance indicators	Baseline (2023)	Target (2029)	Progress (contribution 2025)
3. Evidence demonstrating the benefits of research on gender, on equity or on vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities, used to inform policy and/or practice	N/A	N/A	Evidence provided

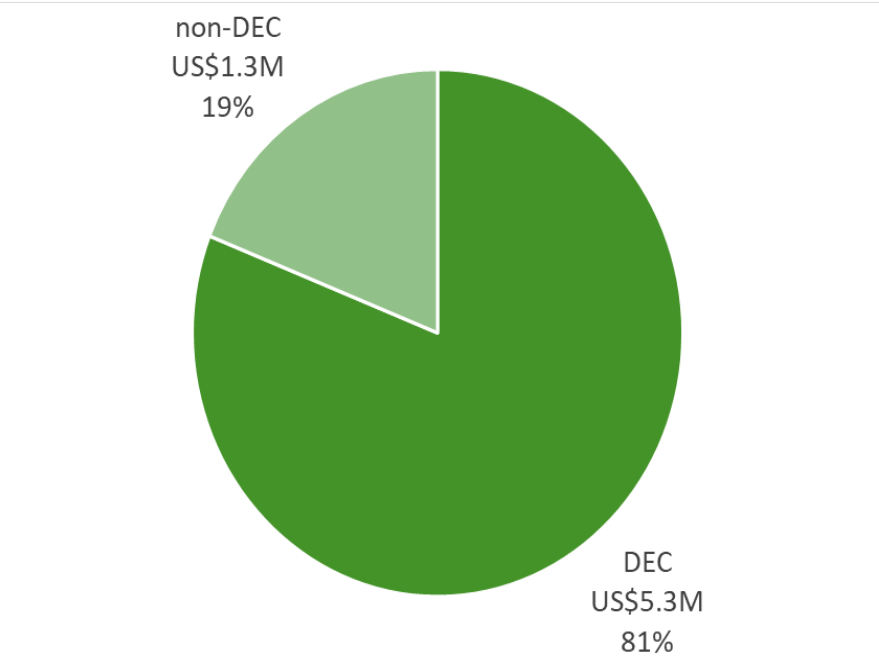
Examples:

- **BMJ Innovations Collection on Gender and Social Innovation** explores innovative social solutions to gender-related challenges in health, with experiences from Africa, Asia and Latin America. Highlights the importance of fostering inclusive innovation ecosystems that focus on the experiences of marginalized or disadvantaged groups.
- **Research Capacity strengthening with the National programmes in Ghana, Malawi and Tanzania** highlights the need to address barriers and improve service delivery for Female Genital Schistosomiasis.

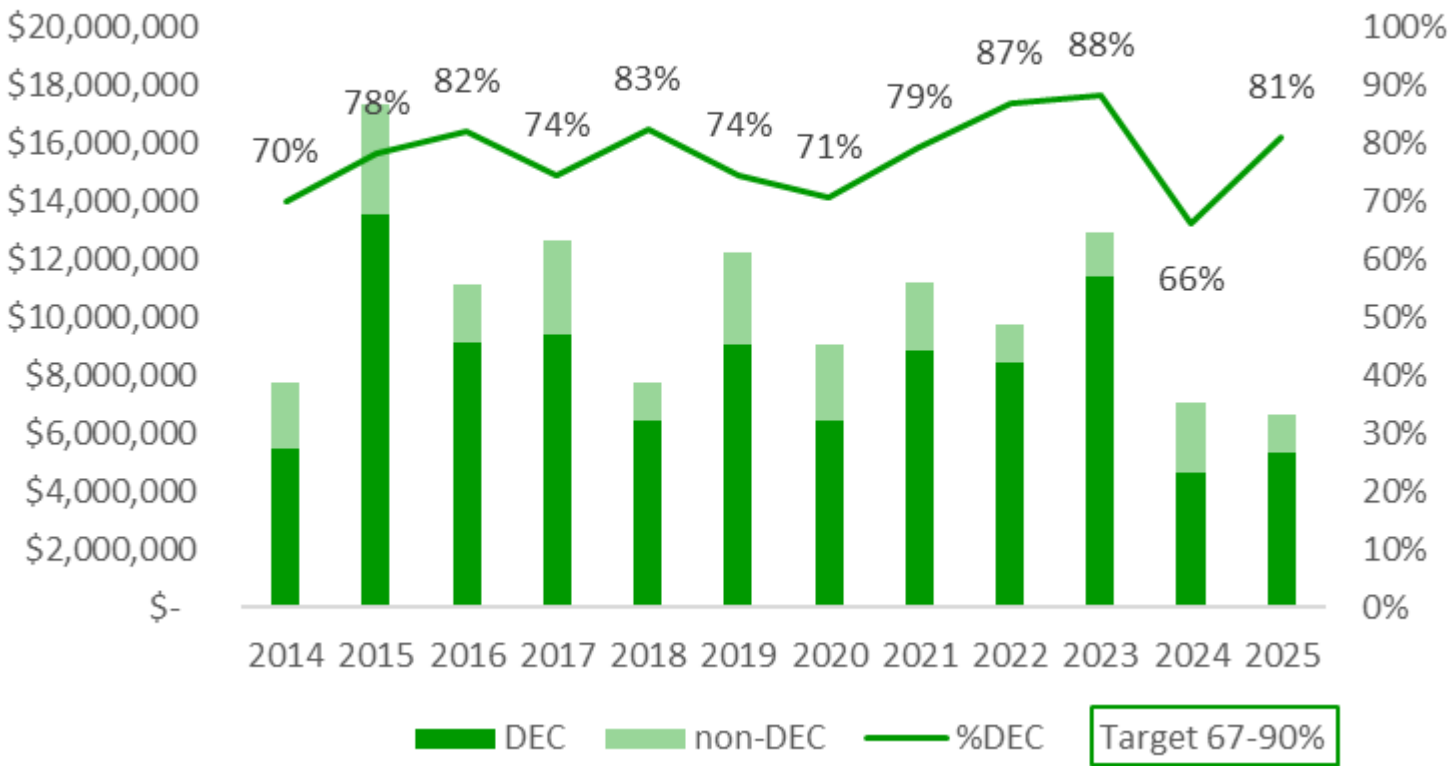
Application of core values

Key performance indicator (KPI)	Baseline	Status 2025	Target 2029
KPI 10. TDR grants/contracts awarded to institutions or individuals in disease endemic countries (% amount)	80%	81%	67-90%
KPI 11. Proportion of experts from DEC's on TDR external advisory committees	57%	70%	50-75%
KPI 12. Proportion of peer-reviewed publications supported by TDR with authors from DEC institutions (first author - FA, last author - LA, corresponding author - CA)	FA: 77% LA: 57% CA: 72%	FA: 68% LA: 59% CA: 66%	≥67%
KPI 14. Proportion of women among grantees/contract recipients (% total amount)	49%	50%	45-55%
KPI 15. Proportion of women on TDR external advisory committees	67%	62%	45-55%
KPI 16. Proportion of women authors of peer-reviewed publications supported by TDR (first author - FA, last author – LA, corresponding author - CA)	FA: 42% LA: 31% CA: 36%	FA: 50% LA: 44% CA: 46%	45-55%

DEC allocation of funding (grants and contracts)

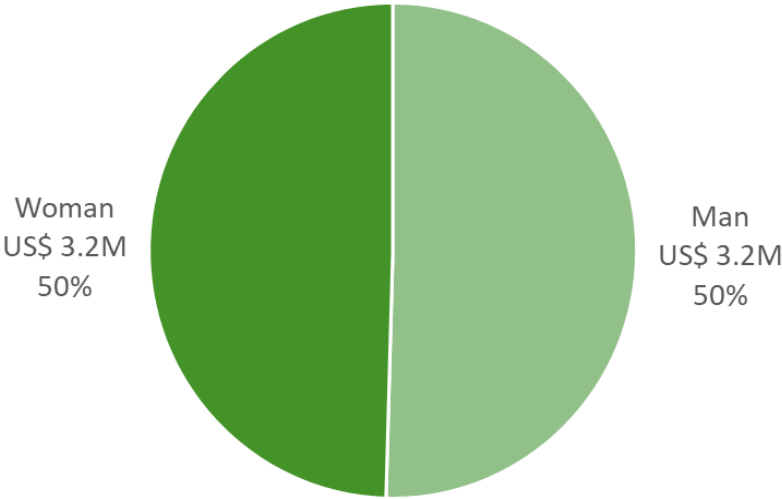


Proportion of TDR funding (grants and contracts) going to DEC / non-DEC in 2025 (amount US\$ and %)

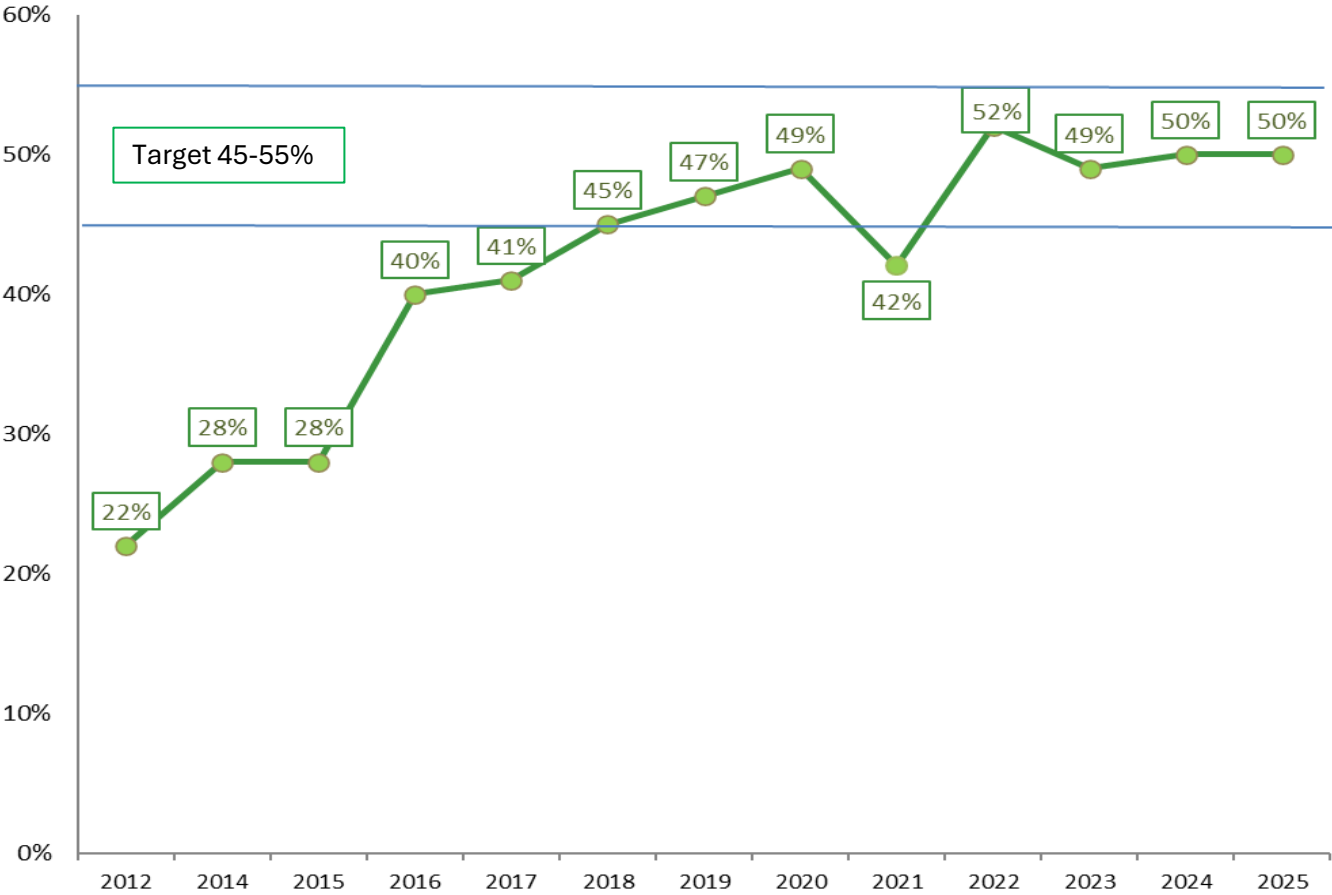


Proportion of TDR funding (grants and contracts) going to DEC, 2014-2025 (amounts US\$ and %)

Gender equity in allocation of funding (grants and contracts)

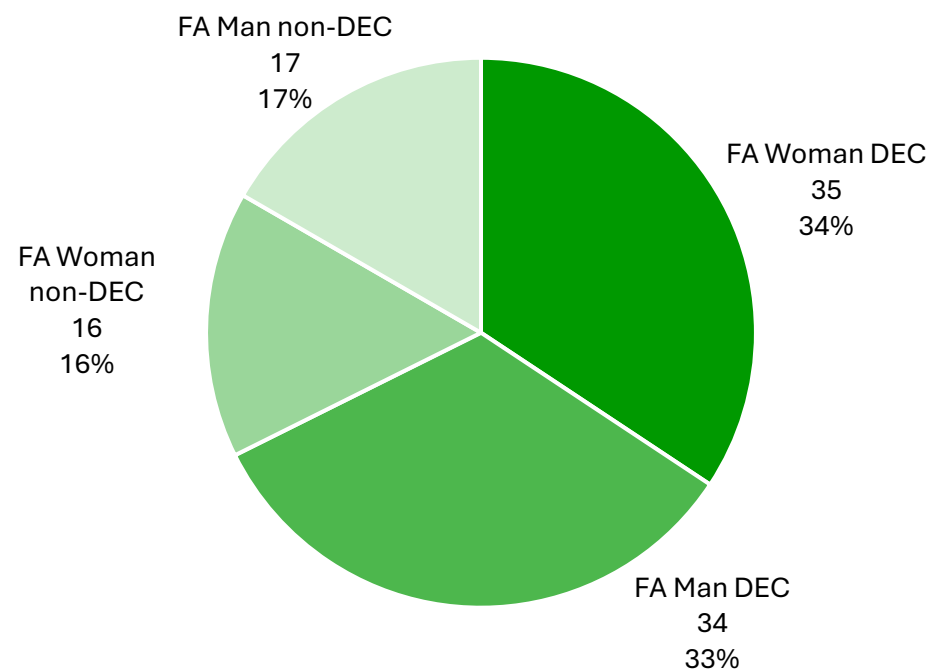


Proportion of TDR funds (grants and contracts) allocated in 2025, by gender (amount and %)

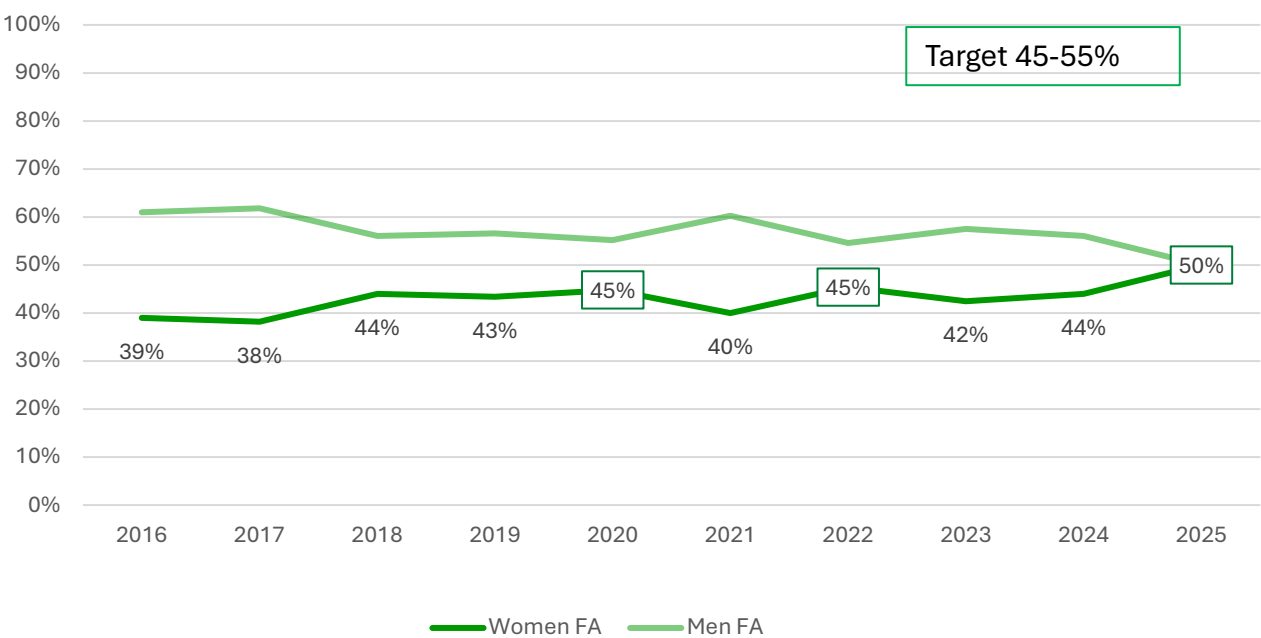


Proportion of TDR funds (grants and contracts) going to women, 2012-2025 (% amounts)

Gender equity in first author of publications



Gender and country status, first authors, 2025



Proportion of women first authors 2016-2025

Risk management update December 2025- May 2026

TDR Programme-level risks	End December 2025	17 May 2026
Risk 1: Portfolio alignment with TDR strategy		
Risk 2: TDR income		
Risk 9: Communication of TDRs unique value		
Risk 10: Appropriate and timely translation of research evidence to inform policy and practice		
Risk 12: Impact of WHO response to financial constraints on TDR		
Risk 18: TDR’s visibility within collaboration and partnerships		
Risk 20: Replacement of TDR key personnel.		

Risk management action items status (May 2026)

2026 action items for risk 2 (TDR income) and risk 20 (Director replacement) – one completed, the rest on track:

- Start the 2026-2027 biennium under the **approved contingency plan**, freezing vacant positions and short-term contracts.
- **Optimize human resource use** across the Programme:
 - Streamline the incoming Director's reporting lines to focus on resource mobilization and partnerships.
 - Fill the Director's Assistant and Administration & Finance Officer roles.
 - Expand the Partnerships Manager's role to Senior Advisor and deputy to the Director.

Lessons learnt in 2025 and Moving forward

- ✓ Impact contribution: Importance of showcasing TDR's contributions over decades
- ✓ Governance: essential for preserving TDR's credibility, identity and ability to serve countries.
- ✓ Contingency planning, disciplined financial management as core measures for sustainability.
- ✓ Donors not honouring prior commitments expose us to consequences in operations and ethics.
- ✓ WHO digital transformation: ensuring interoperability and continuity of critical functions is key.

- Continue to implement the 2024-2029 Strategy
- Manage change, risks and opportunities
- Enhance fundraising for TDR's global health challenges
- Conservative planning, stable finances

JCB is invited to review and approve:

- Draft TDR Results Report 2025
- Draft Risk Management Report 2025 and Outlook 2026

Thank you

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