

From R&D to Access for Sleeping Sickness Elimination: Innovative Public-Private Partnerships for New Tools

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The first all-oral treatment for *Trypanosoma brucei gambiense* human African trypanosomiasis (g-HAT), co-developed through an innovative public-private partnership between Sanofi and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative* (DNDi) has proven to be effective and safe, according to results of clinical trials led by DNDi and numerous partners in DR Congo and Central African Republic, and published in *The Lancet* in October 2017. This new drug joins new diagnostics to round out the elimination toolbox for this fatal disease that is now at a historical low in terms of global disease burden.

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FINDING EVERY LAST CASE: THE ROLE OF DIAGNOSTICS IN HAT ELIMINATION

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MONITORING HAT ELIMINATION: PLANS FOR VALIDATION

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