



GTFCC COUNTRY SUPPORT PLATFORM (CSP)

BACKGROUND

The **Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC)** is a partnership of more than 50 institutions, including NGOs, academic institutions, and UN agencies, with a secretariat hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO). The GTFCC brings together groups working across multiple sectors to support countries in the implementation of the global cholera prevention strategy, *Ending Cholera: A Global Roadmap to 2030*, which targets a 90% reduction in cholera deaths globally and cholera elimination in 20 countries by 2030.


Cholera-affected countries frequently called for additional technical support from the GTFCC to develop and implement their **National Cholera Plans (NCPs)**. In response to countries' needs, the GTFCC established the Country Support Platform (CSP), which supports efforts – primarily at national level – to control and eliminate cholera.

The **International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** serves as the host of the CSP.

OBJECTIVES


The CSP provides multisectoral operational support as well as advocacy, coordination, and policy guidance necessary for countries to develop, fund, implement and monitor their NCPs effectively, ensuring consistency and alignment with the Global Roadmap.

The CSP strives to achieve three key outcomes:




OUTCOME 1

Cholera-affected countries have an NCP and a multisectoral coordination mechanism to align government, national actors, GTFCC partners, and key stakeholders towards a shared strategy.



OUTCOME 2

With support from CSP advocacy and resource mobilization efforts, Cholera-affected countries have mobilized resources toward the funding needs identified in their NCPs.



OUTCOME 3

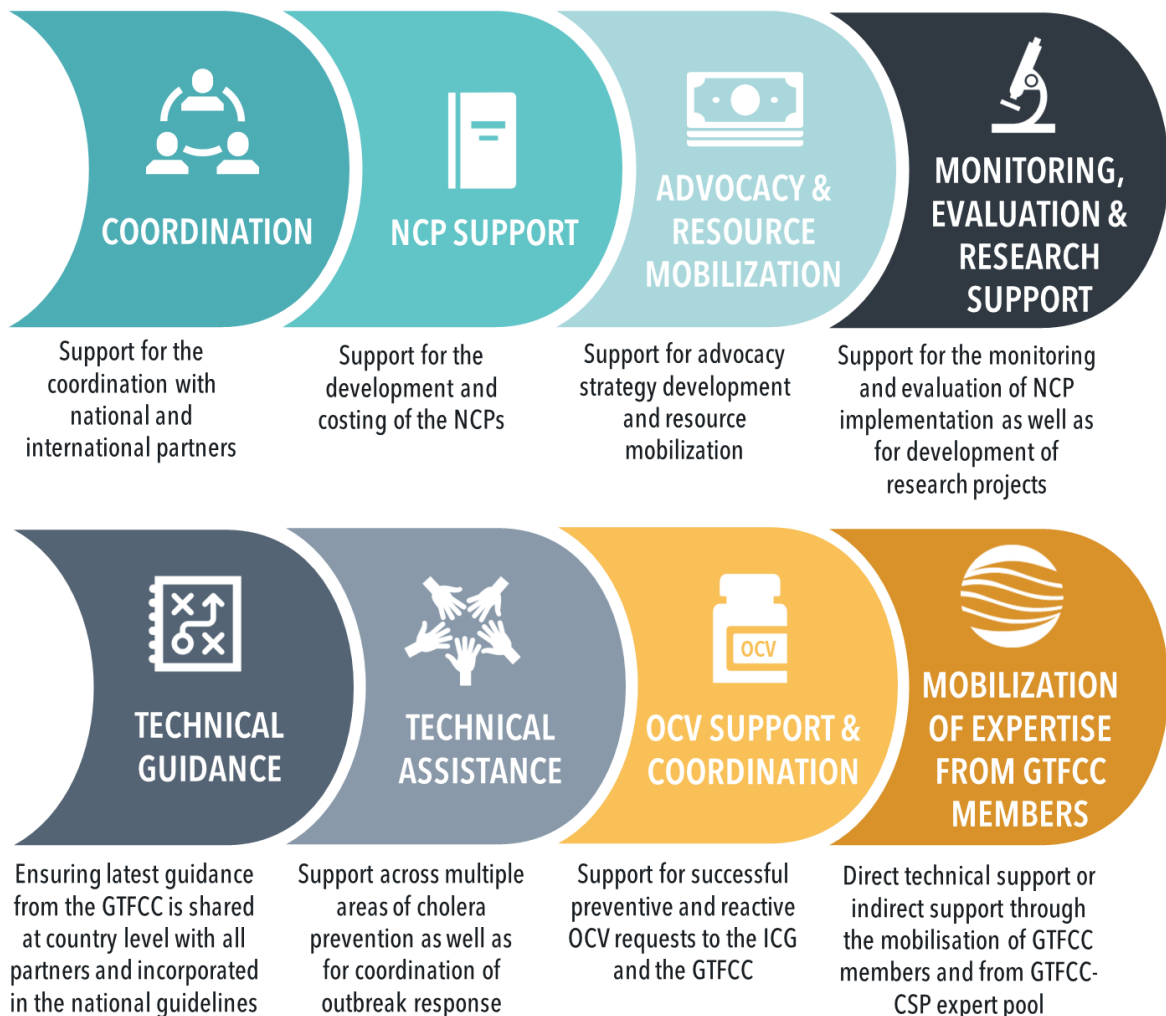
Cholera-affected countries have received multisectoral technical support and capacity building for the formulation and implementation of their NCPs.

FUNCTION

The CSP is an integral part of the GTFCC structure with the flexibility and resources to provide countries with multi-sectoral support. The CSP and the Secretariat work as “one GTFCC” in close cooperation, with the CSP serving as the GTFCC’s in-country operational arm. Additionally, the majority of CSP staff are located within target countries.

The CSP functions in the following ways:

- **Providing global level support**, including technical expertise from GTFCC partners (e.g., coordinating a pool of experts for short- or medium-term deployments based on needs expressed by countries, providing advocacy and fundraising expertise, etc.).
- **Providing support at country level** via CSP program managers, who work closely with countries to develop their national cholera control programmes.

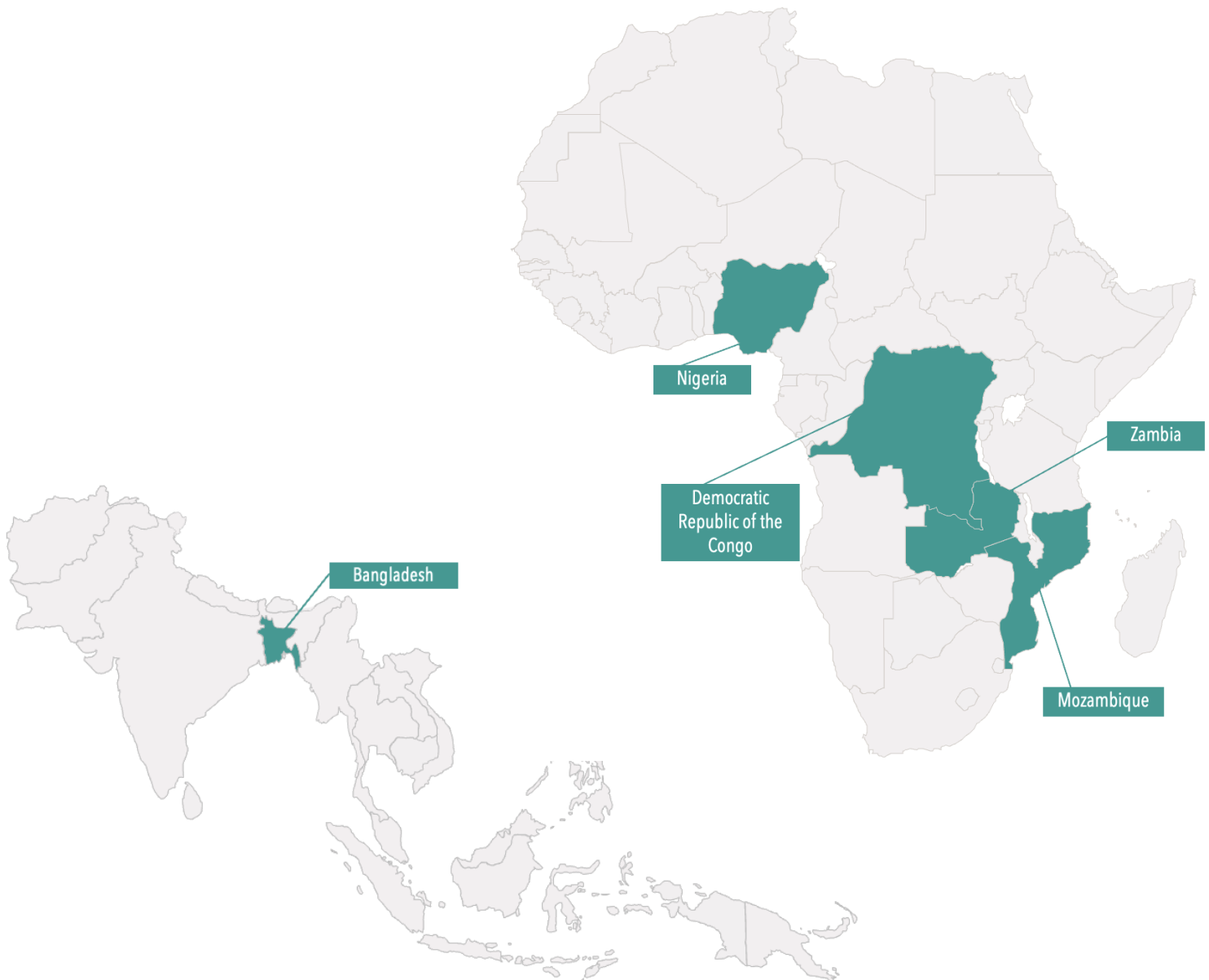


COUNTRIES

The CSP currently operates in five countries across Africa and Asia:

- Bangladesh
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Zambia

In addition to these five countries, the CSP has the flexibility to expand into additional countries, pending the acquisition of supplemental funds and staff.



MILESTONES ACHIEVED BY END OF YEAR 2022



FUNDING

The CSP is currently funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, and Wellcome Trust.

HOW CAN GTFCC PARTNERS AND DONORS HELP THE CSP?

GTFCC partners and donors can contribute to country support for cholera control by:

- **Coordination:** Helping the CSP in supporting national coordination – sharing information on activities and projects implemented in cholera affected countries
- **Technical assistance:** Supporting the CSP with technical expertise – responding directly to countries requests or indirectly through expert loan (skill-based sponsorship) or through the GTFCC – CSP expert pool
- **Advocacy & Resource Mobilization:** Aligning as one behind the national cholera control plans to help governments engage in cholera elimination in a structured and coordinated way.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To express interest in receiving support from or providing expertise to the CSP please contact **Jayanthi Palani, Resource Mobilization and Advocacy Senior Officer** at jayanthi.palani@ifrc.org