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ACHIEVEMENTS



Ghana has mapped all five NTDs and has nation-wide mass drug administration (MDA).



All 29 previously endemic districts have stopped district-level trachoma treatments.



Transmission assessment surveys (TAS) found MDA for LF is no longer needed in four previously endemic districts.



Forty-five LF endemic districts are eligible for TAS; those that pass can stop mass treatments.



NTDS IN GHANA

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) affect all 10 regions of Ghana, with an estimated 11 million Ghanaians at risk of contracting one or more diseases. NTDs are debilitating and disproportionately affect the poor and vulnerable, particularly women and children.

While lack of awareness, unsafe health practices, and limited access to safe water and sanitation continue to present challenges, Ghana's NTD control efforts have made good progress, particularly against trachoma and in some districts lymphatic filariasis (LF), as well. Nevertheless, LF, schistosomiasis (SCH), onchocerciasis (Oncho) and soil transmitted helminthes (STH) continue to be a threat in Ghana and require continued attention and support from USAID's END in Africa project and other partners.



ALL **10** REGIONS ARE
AFFECTED BY NTDs



11 MILLION

AT RISK FOR CONTRACTING NTDs

CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN GHANA

MASS DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- Conduct an integrated round of community-based MDA for LF, Oncho and STH in 137 districts (129 with USAID funding), targeting over 10.7 million people for LF, and over 3.3 million for Oncho.
- Conduct a round of school- and community-based MDA for SCH in 126 districts, targeting over 7.5 million school children and high-risk adults.
- Conduct a round of school-based MDA for STH in 170 districts, targeting over 7.3 million school children. The STH and SCH treatments will be integrated into a single campaign in 126 districts.
- Conduct MDA for trachoma in one community with a Trachoma folliculitis rate above 5%.
- Participate in the national post-MDA review meeting.

DISEASE ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- Carry out night blood surveys, or pre-transmission assessments (pre-TAS), for LF in 12 endemic districts.
- Procure 32,000 immunochromatographic test (ICT) cards and conduct LF transmission assessment surveys (TAS) in 18 evaluation units covering 45 districts.
- Conduct a trachoma case search in 7 districts adjacent to endemic districts.

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- Cascade training prior to each MDA campaign for all levels of implementation.
- Refresher training prior to conducting disease assessment surveys.

- Training in LF survey techniques (night blood surveys and TAS) or new laboratory technicians.
- Capacity building training for NTD team in program planning, management and implementation.

NTD PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Support and participate in the Ghana NTD program's (NTDP) quarterly Intra-Country Coordinating Committee (ICCC) meetings to coordinate work among NTD stakeholders and partners, and in technical, advocacy and fundraising subcommittee meetings.
- Help the NTDP make projections and apply for NTD drugs.
- Provide technical assistance to update the tool for integrated planning and costing (TIPAC); improve supply chain

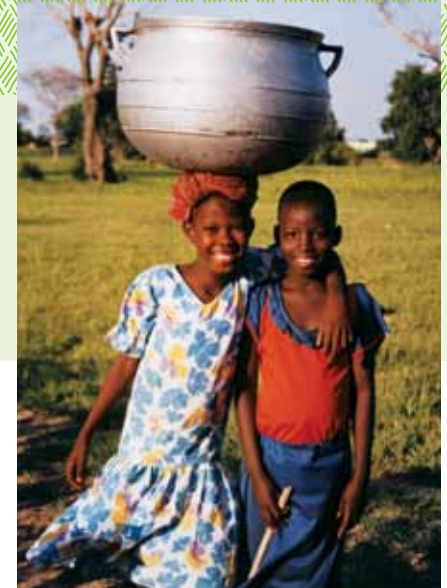


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management; and coordinate and facilitate lab techniques training pertaining to NTD impact assessments for laboratory technicians.

- Participate in and support key NTDP staff at meetings of the Global Alliance for the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF); the Joint Action Forum (JAF) for Onchocerciasis Control/ Elimination in Africa; and the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH).
- Help implement the NTDP's communication plan.
- Support and participate in annual work planning meetings.

END IN AFRICA

Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and managed by FHI360, the END in Africa project aims to reduce the prevalence of five neglected tropical diseases, including trachoma, onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminths, in Ghana and four other West African countries (Burkina Faso, Niger, Sierra Leone and Togo).

In addition to FHI360's overall program administration and direct implementation support to Ghana's NTDP, END in Africa receives support from Helen Keller International in Burkina Faso, Niger and Sierra Leone; and from Health and Development International in Togo. Other END in Africa partners include John Snow Inc., Deloitte Consulting LLP and Liverpool Associates in Tropical Health, which provide respective support in supply chain management, financial performance, and monitoring and evaluation activities.

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Ghana's NTDP also receives support from several other external and national partners, including the Liverpool Centre for Neglected Tropical Diseases, the Partnership for Child Development, the African Program for Onchocerciasis Control, the Volta River Authority, the Ghana Education Service's School Health Education Program and Sightsavers.

OTHER NTD
PARTNERS
IN GHANA

