

Integrated Workshop on Data Collection, Reporting, and Utilization for Preventive Chemotherapy NTDs

Day 3

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Wrap Up Day 2

JAP – Strengthening Submission Processes and Addressing Key Challenges

- Countries shared experiences addressing delays in JAP submission due to outdated population data, redistricting, and inconsistent reporting across sectors.
- ESPEN showcased tools such as pre-filled forms, demographic projections, and the JAP Upload Tool to support accuracy and reduce workload.
- The importance of early stakeholder coordination, internal validation meetings, and timely survey data submission was emphasized by Guinea and Sierra Leone.
- Q&A sessions highlighted feasibility of rolling submissions, use of AI to detect data inconsistencies, and integration of community-level census data with national estimates.
- WHO and ESPEN encouraged countries to form JAP Working Groups (national programmes, implementing partners, WHO CO) to align data, inventory, and funding prior to submission, improving review timelines and reducing errors.

Medicine Inventory and Reconciliation – Visibility, Accountability, and Approval

- A practical case study illustrated how cumulative reporting gaps can leave millions of tablets unaccounted for, delaying JRSM approval and shipment.
- Participants learned to calculate theoretical stock balance and identify mismatches between distributed tablets, reported treatments, and inventory records.
- Key lessons included the need to reconcile inventory before forecasting, monitor expiry dates, and apply First-Expiry-First-Out (FEFO) principles.
- Countries were urged to report all medicines, including from open bottles and non-WHO sources, and validate inventory from health facility level upward.
- Reconciliation is now a precondition for medicine shipment approval, reinforcing its centrality to effective supply chain and program management.

Enhancing the JAP Process through Digitization and Automation

- A plenary session explored the feasibility of digitizing and automating JAP components to reduce delays and improve data integrity.
- Countries expressed support for tools that auto-populate fields, flag inconsistencies, track trends, and link to ESPEN Collect, IU Planner, and DHIS2.
- Key features prioritized by participants included built-in data validation, expiry alerts, reminders for overdue surveys, and integration with funding confirmation workflows.
- Concerns raised included the need for adequate training, infrastructure, and flexibility in the system to avoid excluding low-connectivity areas.
- Ghana and Tanzania volunteered to pilot a digitized JAP tool, with several countries recommending leveraging and expanding existing platforms.

The Importance of Data-Driven Decision-Making in NTD Programmes: Highlighting real- life examples

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ESPEN Surveillance Officer

Overview

- Why data matters for PC-NTDs
- From Data to Action
- What decisions rely on data?
- Case Studies

Why Data Matters for NTD Programmes

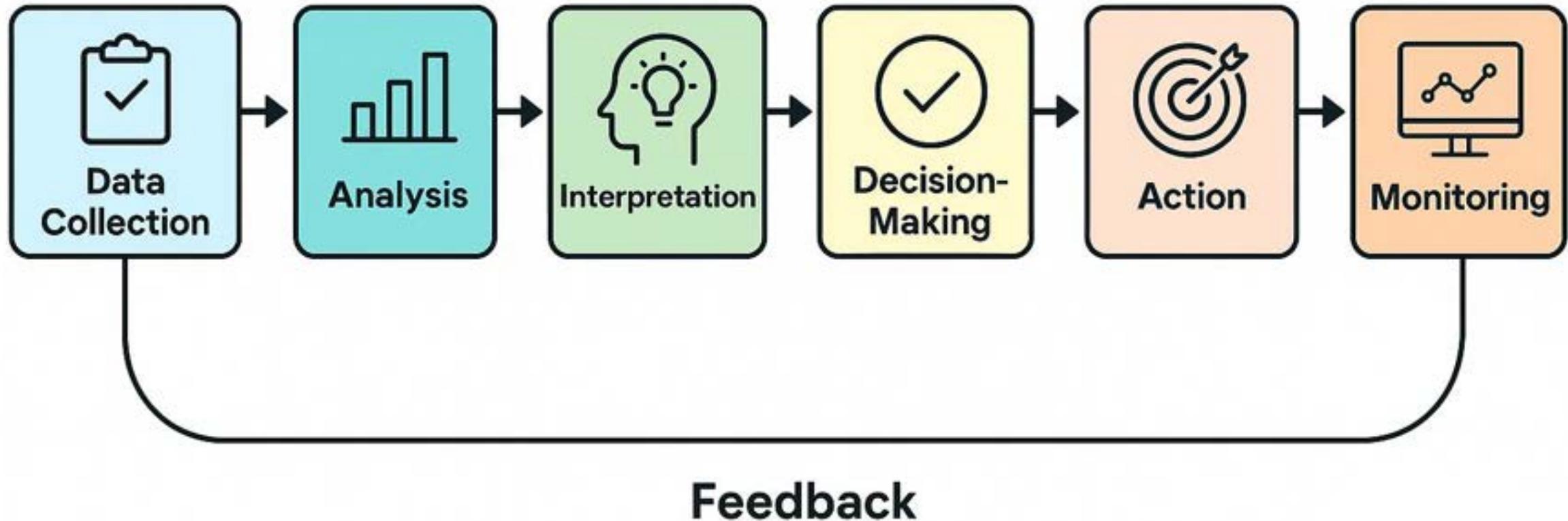
Challenges (some) in NTD Programme Implementation

- **Limited resources:** Funding gaps and shifting donor priorities
- **Large and dispersed target populations**
- **Evolving epidemiological landscapes:** transmission patterns shift
- **Fragmented data systems:** Vertical programs often use parallel systems
- **Need for targeted interventions:** as reaching the endgame risk for persistent hotspots of transmission

The Role of Data in Addressing these challenges

- **Precision:** Identify exact areas and populations that still require treatment or intensified surveillance.
- **Equity:** Ensure interventions reach the most vulnerable, marginalized, or high-burden areas.
- **Efficiency:** Use available funding, medicines, and personnel where they will have the greatest impact.
- **Accountability:** Track progress, justify investment, and communicate success to partners and communities.

From Data to Action



What Decisions Rely on Data?



Planning MDA Campaigns:

- Identify where, when, and for whom mass drug administration should occur based on population at risk and treatment history.



Prioritizing Interventions Geographically:

- Focus limited resources on high-burden or persistent-transmission areas using IU-level endemicity maps and coverage data.



Adjusting to Epidemiological Trends:

- Respond to new survey results, shifting disease prevalence, or coverage gaps by refining treatment strategies or intensifying monitoring.



Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention (MMDP):

- Use data to identify where morbidity services (e.g., for LF or trachoma) are needed and ensure service integration with routine systems.



Evaluating Impact and Stopping Treatment:

- Determine if disease transmission thresholds have been met to stop MDA (based on TAS, pre-stop surveys, and longitudinal trends).

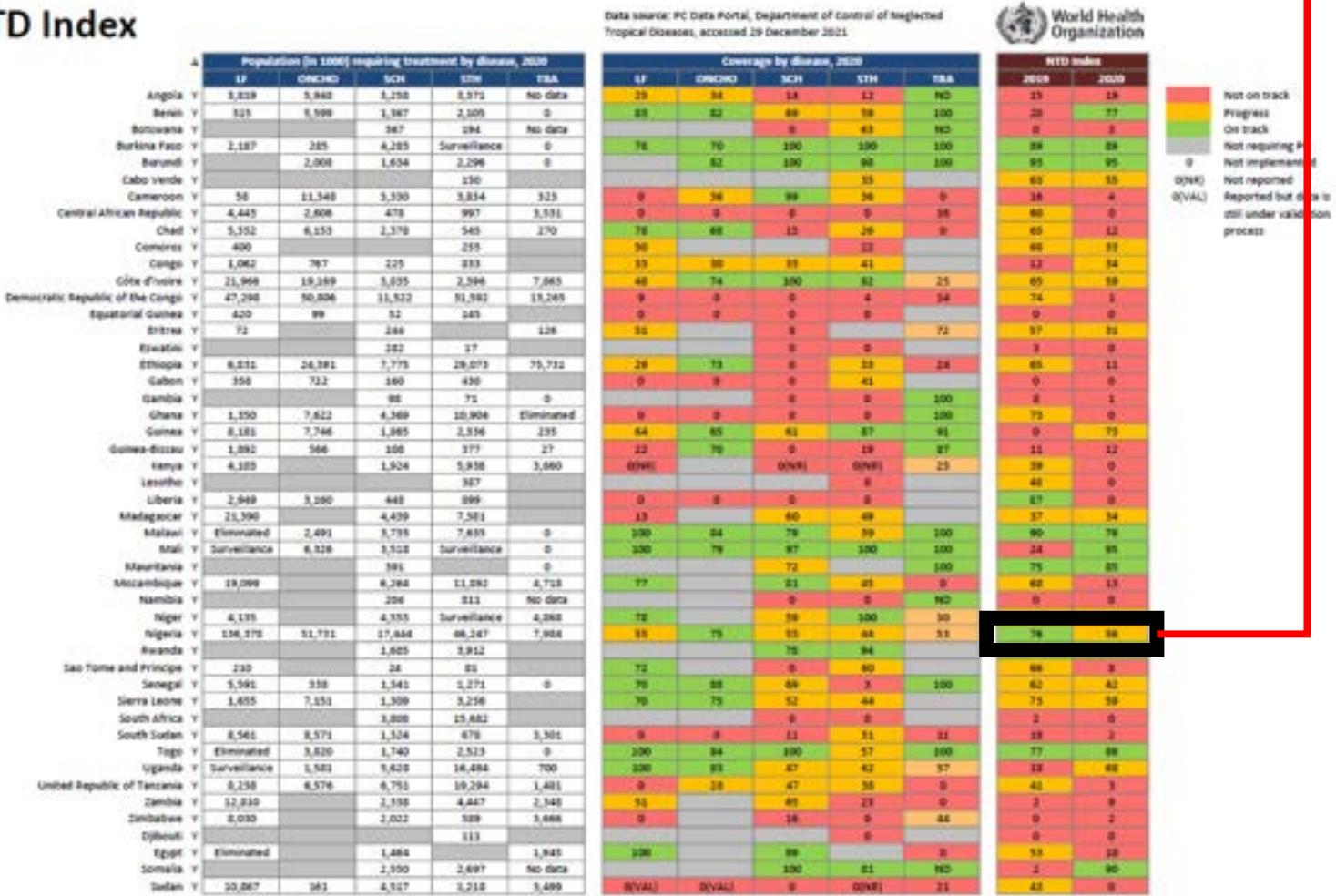


Securing and Allocating Funding:

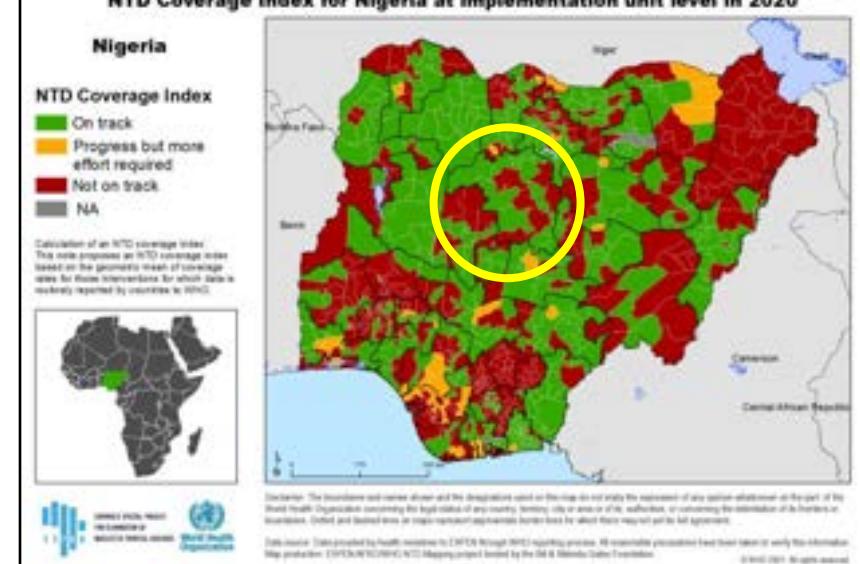
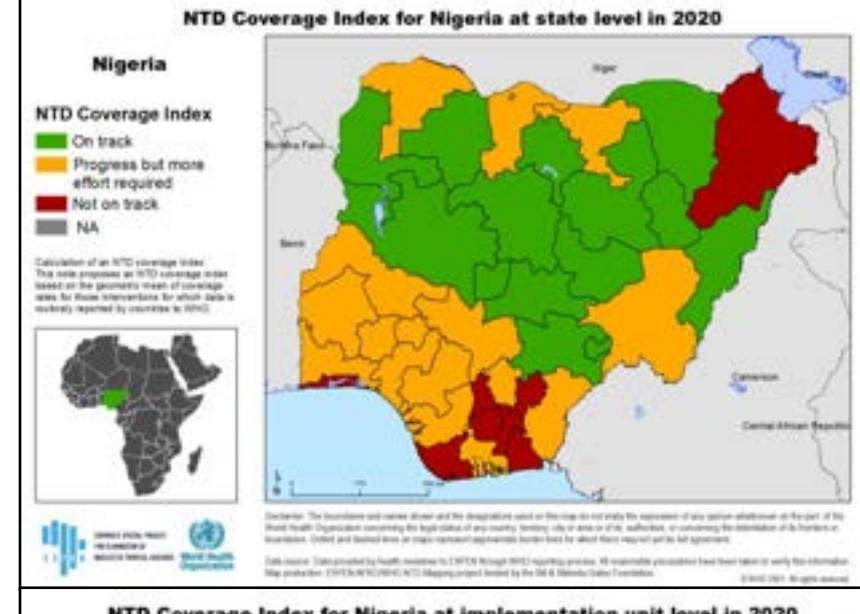
- Use performance data to advocate for continued support and guide equitable distribution of funds, medicines, and technical resources.

Case Study 1 – Planning Based on Coverage Gaps

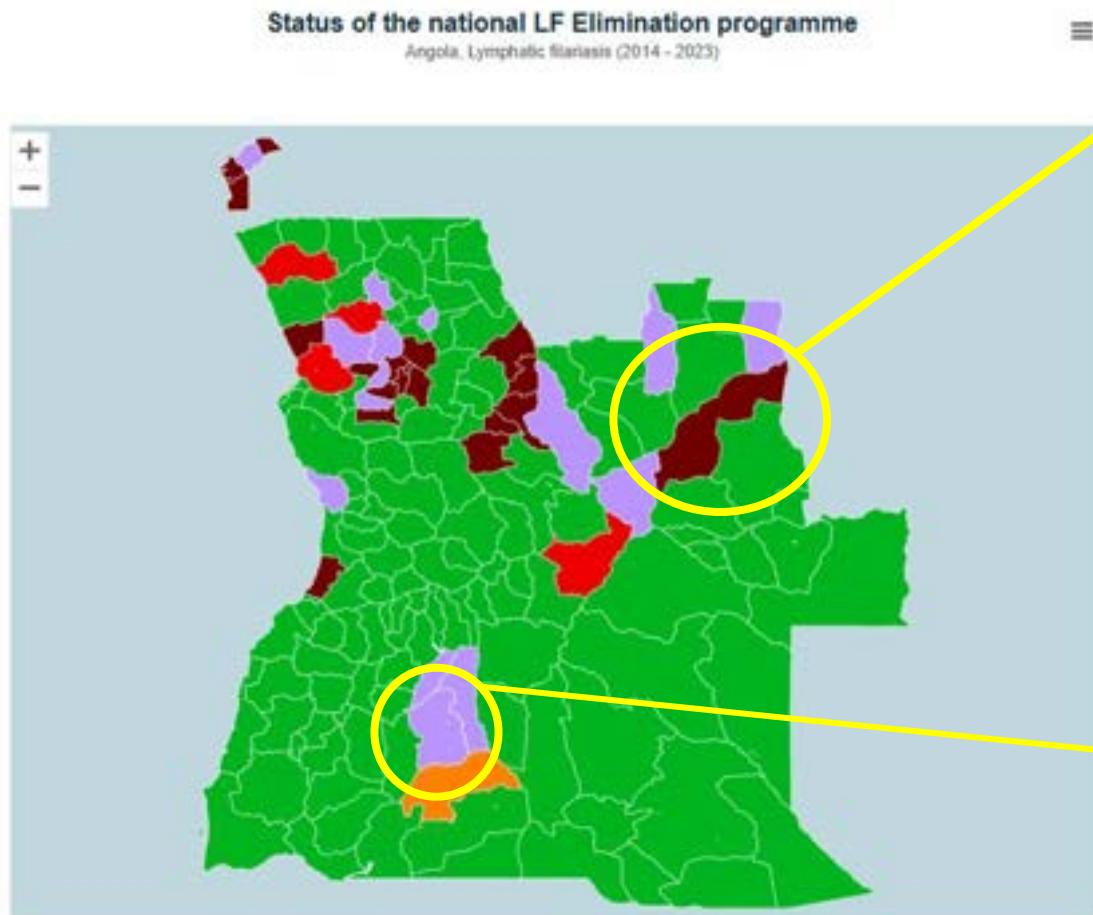
NTD Index



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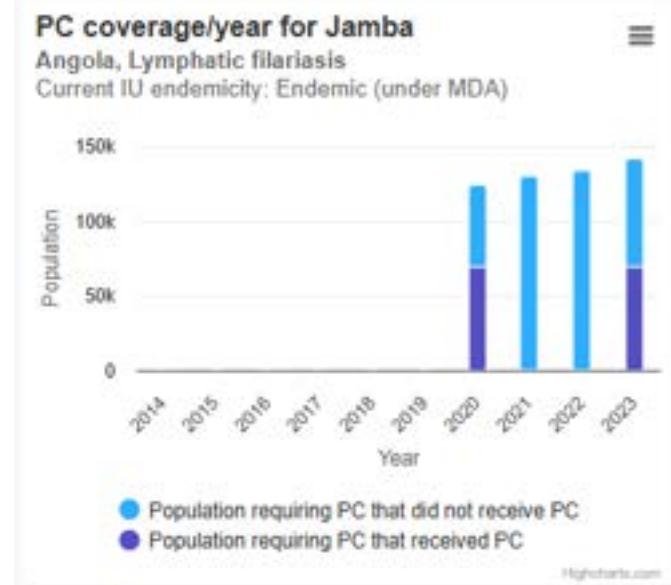
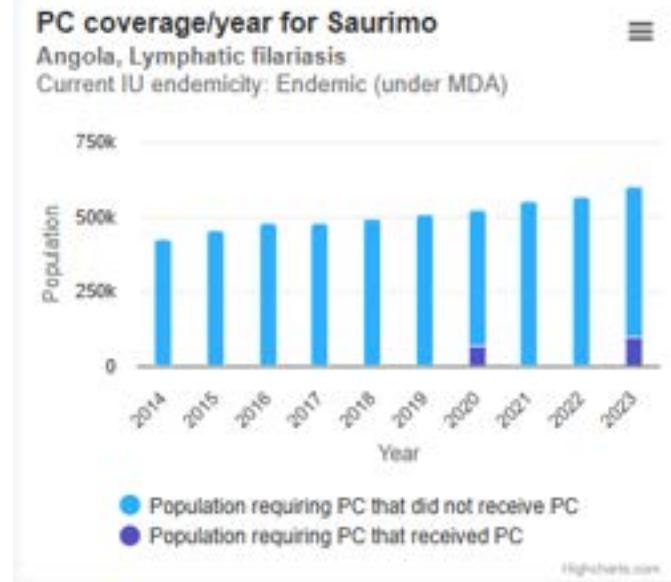


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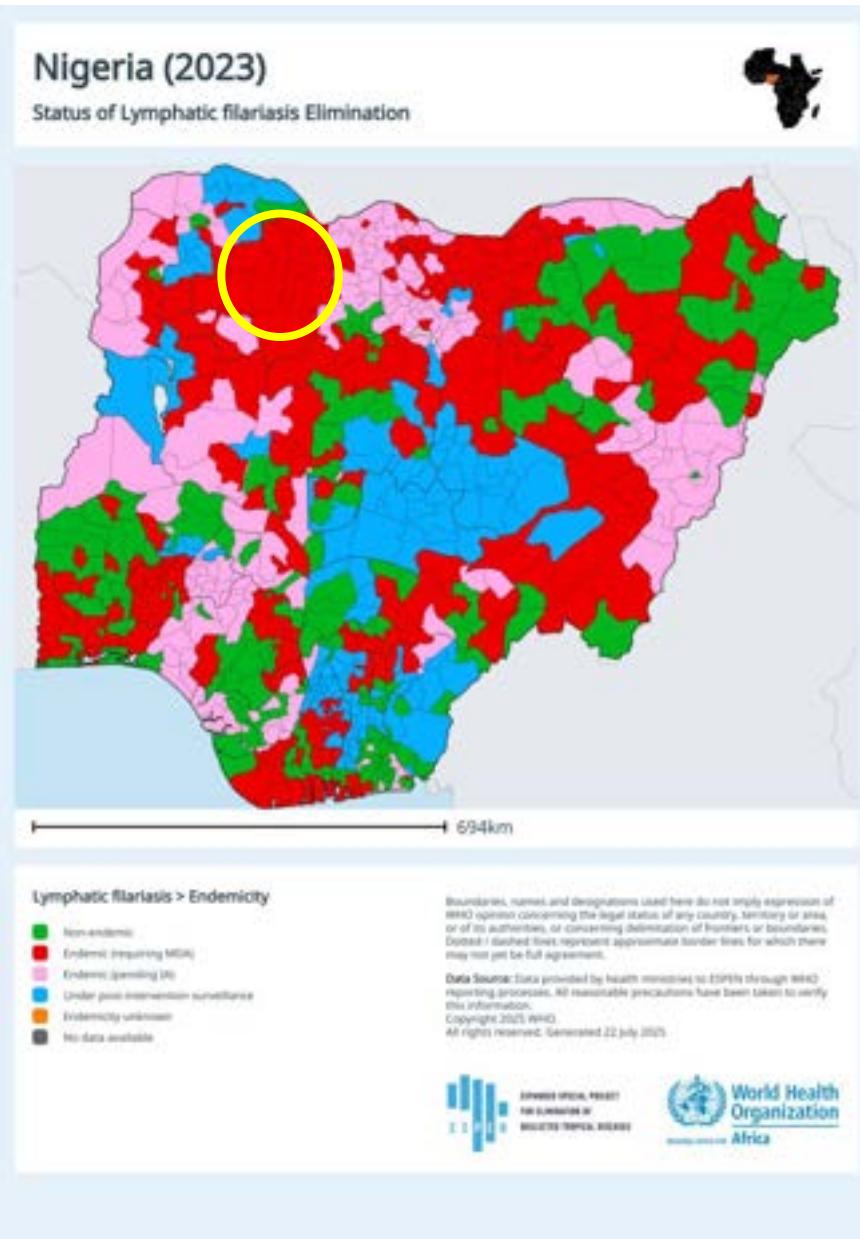


Saurimo: Endemic, no effective rounds (<65%)

Jamba: < 5 effective rounds (>=65%)



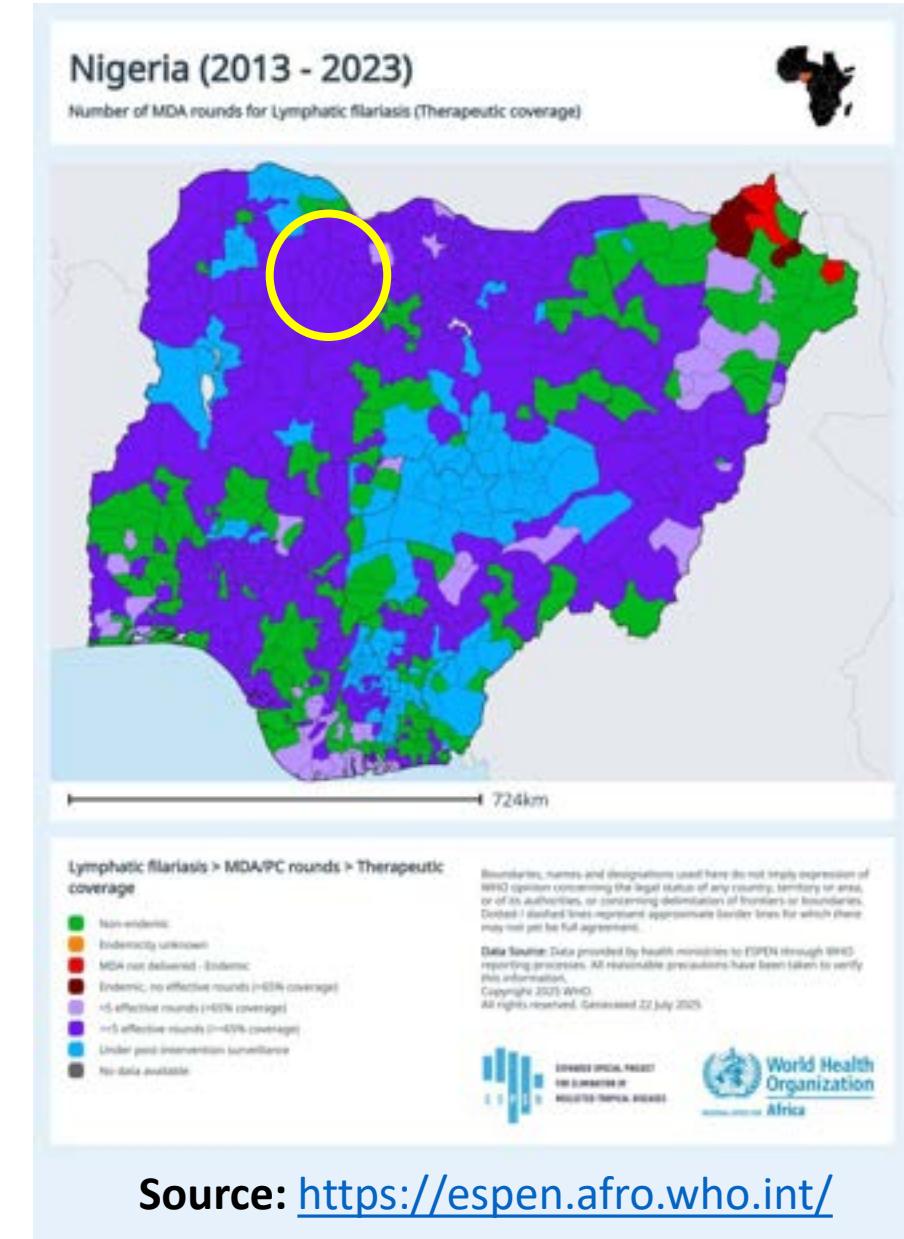
Case Study 2 – Stopping MDA Based on Impact Survey Data



LGAs with a history of more than 5 effective rounds since 2013, yet to implement pre-TAS/EMS

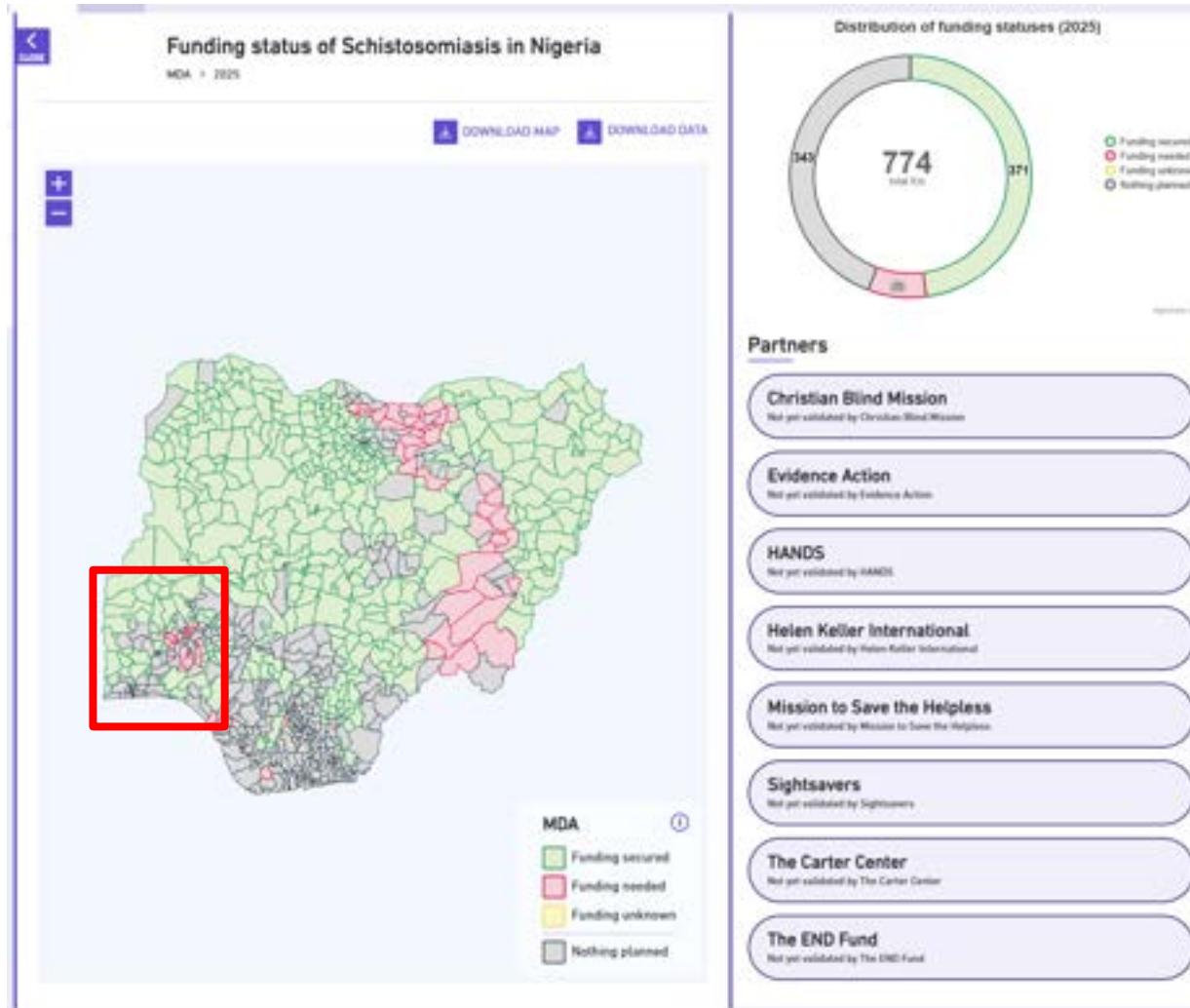
- Failed pre-TAS in the past?
- Inertia?
- Available support?

Exceeding required rounds may lead to can result in inefficient use of resources

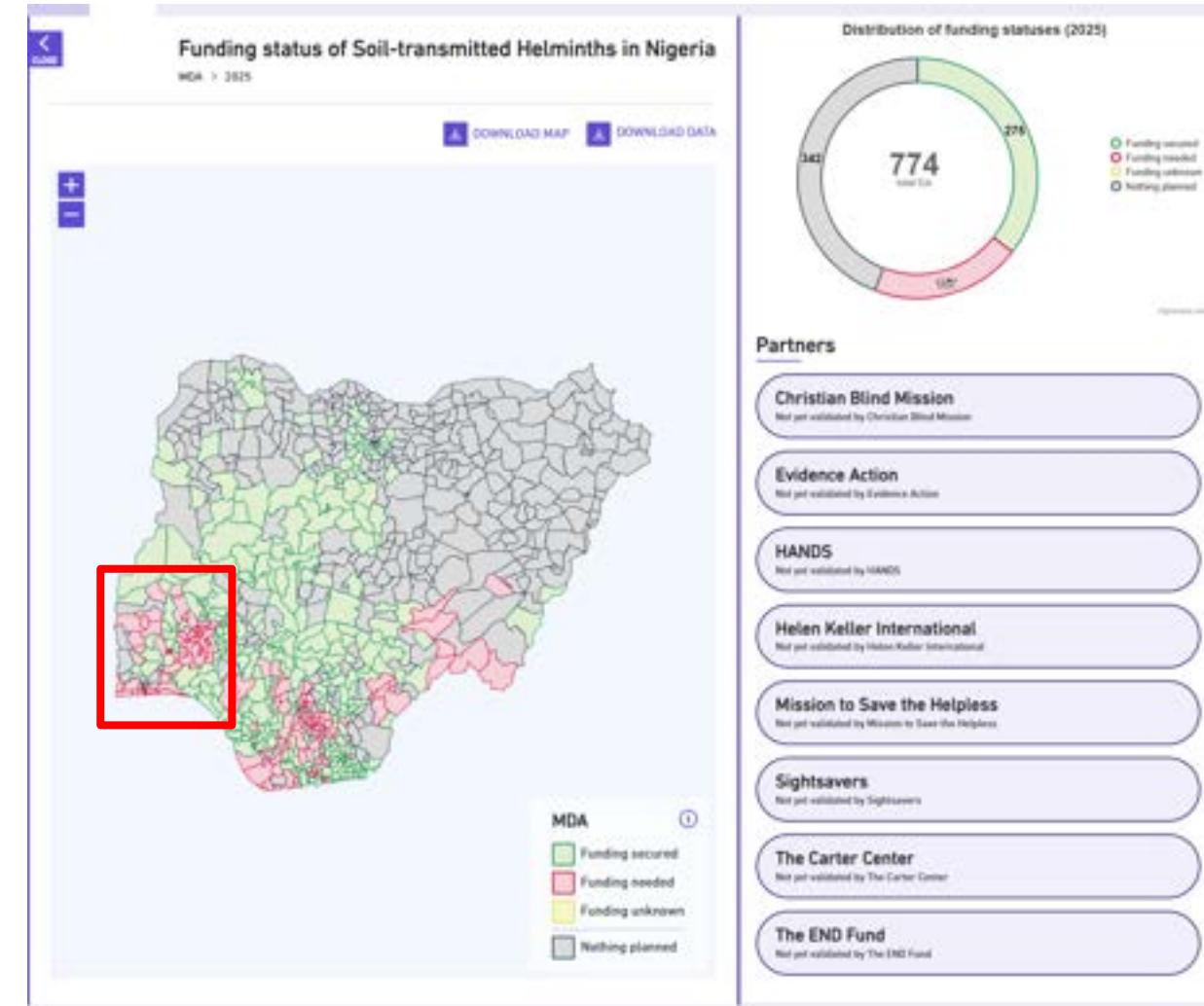


Source: <https://espen.afro.who.int/>

Case Study 3 – Integrating Data to Improve Efficiency



Funding gap: 60 LGAs



Funding gap: 157 LGAs

Recap – Why This Matters

- Data is not just for reporting—it directly informs planning, prioritization, and policy decisions in NTD programs.
- A strong feedback loop from data collection to action ensures that programmes remain adaptive and effective.
- Real-life case studies showed how data was used to:
 - ✓ Identify low-coverage areas (e.g., Saurimo) requiring intensified MDA support.
 - ✓ Flag districts with multiple effective rounds yet lacking pre-TAS assessments, prompting reallocation of resources.
 - ✓ Potential for integrating MDA campaigns (e.g., through the IU Planner) to visualize funding gaps and coordinate partner support more efficiently.
- Using reliable data leads to **better targeting, faster progress, and greater programmatic impact.**
- **Countries should make data part of everyday decisions and see it as a tool to improve results—not just something for reporting.**

Why Do We Collect and Use Data?: Linking data collection to programmatic goals and outcomes

Dr Julia Dunn

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What do we mean by 'data use'?

Which houses were reached during the MDA campaign yesterday and where do my teams need to go tomorrow?

Why doesn't this NTD data match up with that NTD data? Are we achieving our targets or not?

Will we reach our elimination goal with our current strategy? What else could we be doing?

Why are NTDs endemic and why do they persist in this area?

I wish I had a beautiful dashboard of NTD treatment coverage that I could use to advocate for more funding...

How should we target the upcoming MDA campaign for maximum impact with the limited resources we have?



Incorporating data and evidence into understanding and decision-making

“Because that’s how it’s always been done”

“We’ll find out when it’s completed”

“Because that’s what people expect”

“Because it’s easiest like this”

“Because we are targeting the highest prevalence areas”

“Because this is the most impactful and cost-efficient strategy”

“Because the vector is present here”

“Because this area regularly experiences stock-outs”

“Because coverage is too low”

“Because data quality is poor and needs improving”

“Because this intervention did not have the impact we expected”

Use of information and evidence can inform multiple use cases that can drive elimination of PC-NTDS



Inform **NTD program strategy** (e.g. use of mathematical models to assess the impact of suggested interventions)



Improve **quantification of MDA commodity or coverage estimates** by refining community-level population estimates



Plan surveys and MDA campaigns using historic and current evidence to target resources to most at-risk geographies

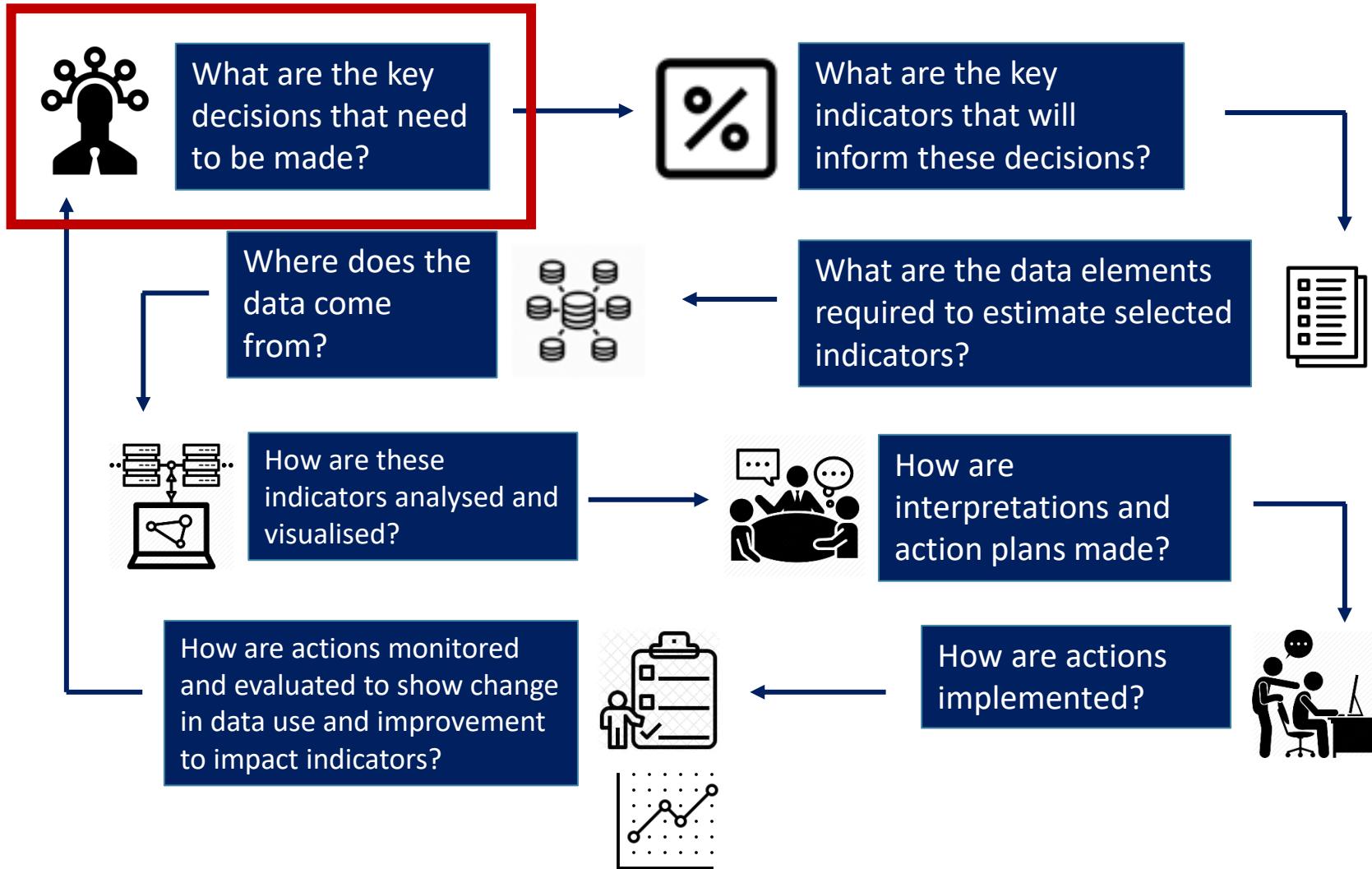


Increase efficiency of MDA delivery by improving treatment register quality, routine monitoring of community campaign operations and coverage, providing feed-back at district level and supervision to drug distributors



Inform program advocacy and/or donor approach to **seek resources**

“Data use” is ensuring that decisions are made by collating, digesting and interpreting the evidence available to us to make informed choices



A “data-to-action” framework starts by asking **what key decisions and questions do program staff need to answer?**

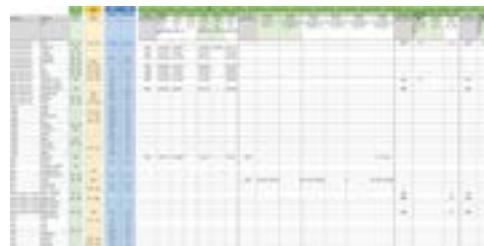
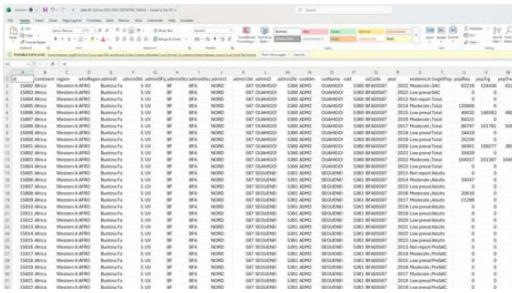
This framework is iterative:
The data collected inform the monitoring and evaluation of the actions taken, which lead to additional questions to be answered



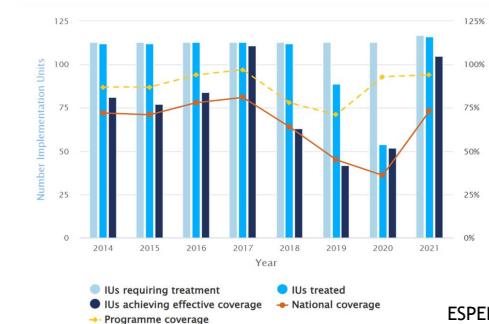
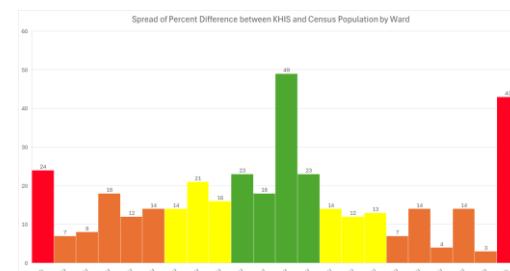
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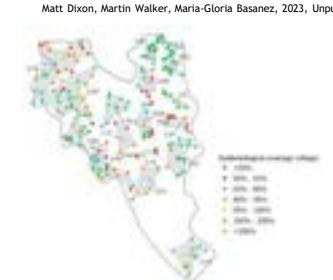
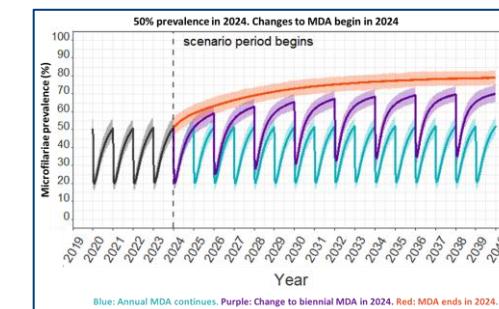
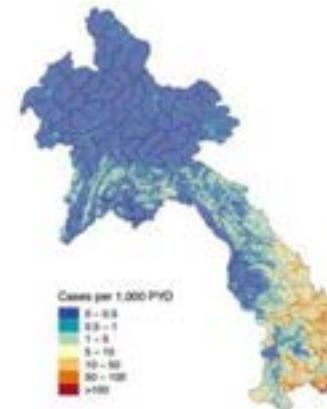
Numerical data



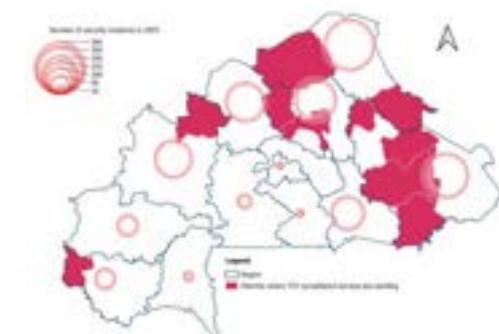
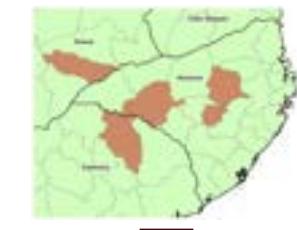
Visualisations and dashboards



Analytical outputs



Context and operational considerations



Where does the data come from?

Surveillance and routine data

Morbidity and case management

Post-elimination surveillance

Campaigns and interventions

Real-time campaign monitoring

Geographical and therapeutic coverage

Digitized data collection

Post-MDA surveys

Surveys

Prevalence surveys

TAS

Academic studies

Analytical outputs

Geospatial modelling outputs on prevalence and vector suitability

Mathematical modelling of intervention impact

Risk factors

Other ministries

Population data

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Qualitative data and experience

Events affecting data quality and intervention roll-out (e.g. conflict, strikes)

Accessibility

Population preferences and intervention suitability

Ideally, data is **collated** and **integrated** into one **online system** that is accessible to all those who require to use data for visualization, M&E and decision-making.

This could be an integrated NTD data repository and/or the main HMIS.

What counts as “use”?

How data use occurs depends on the use-case, targeted actions and decisions arising from the data.

Data use can take place at whatever frequency, format and attendance as is necessary.

People



- Are the people responsible for follow-up and decision making involved?
- Are the people with the greatest knowledge of the data and context involved?

Place



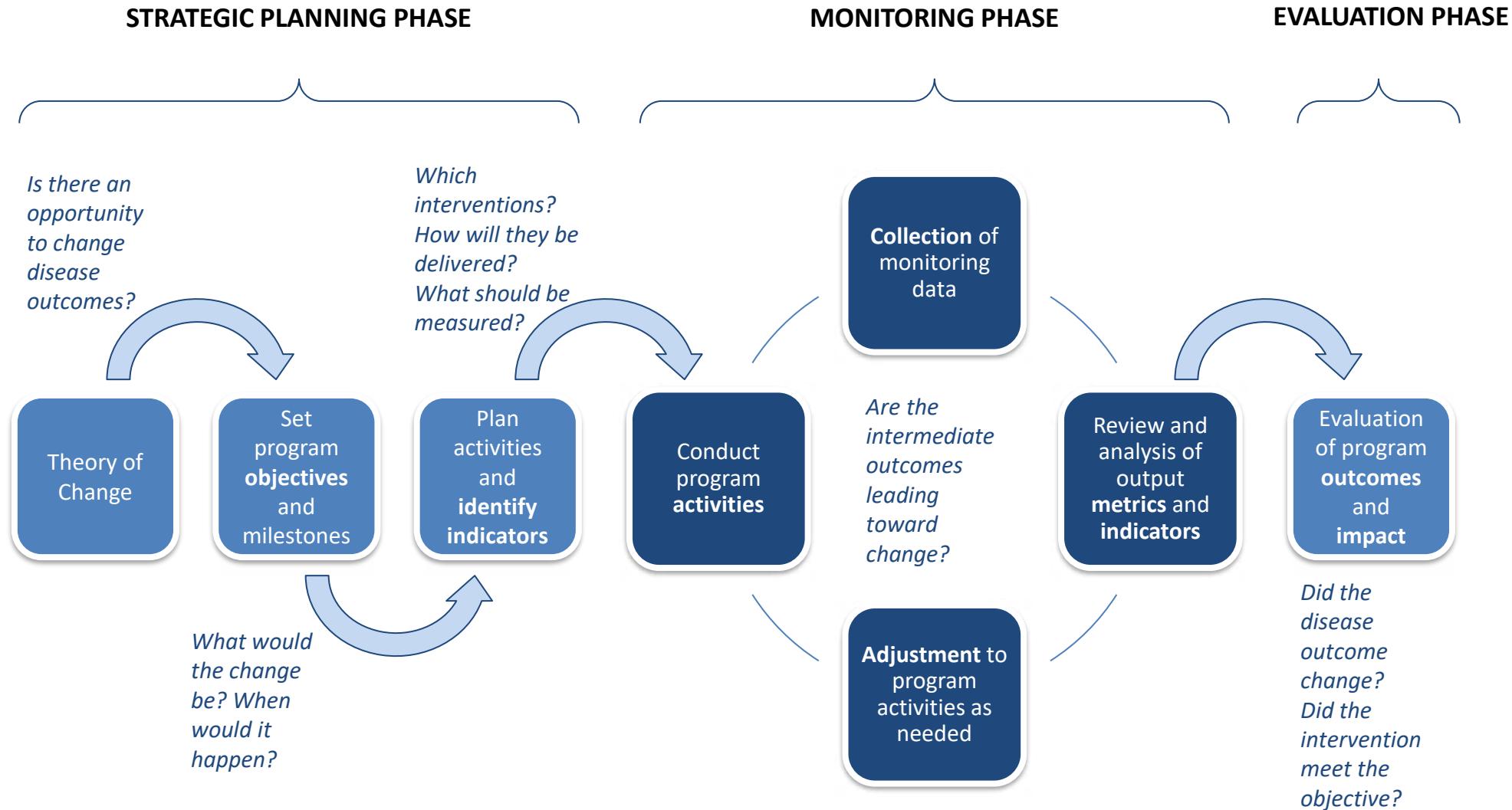
- Virtual/in-person
- Regular data review meetings
- Ad-hoc data review
- Automated dashboards or reports
- Workshops
- Formal programme reviews

Time

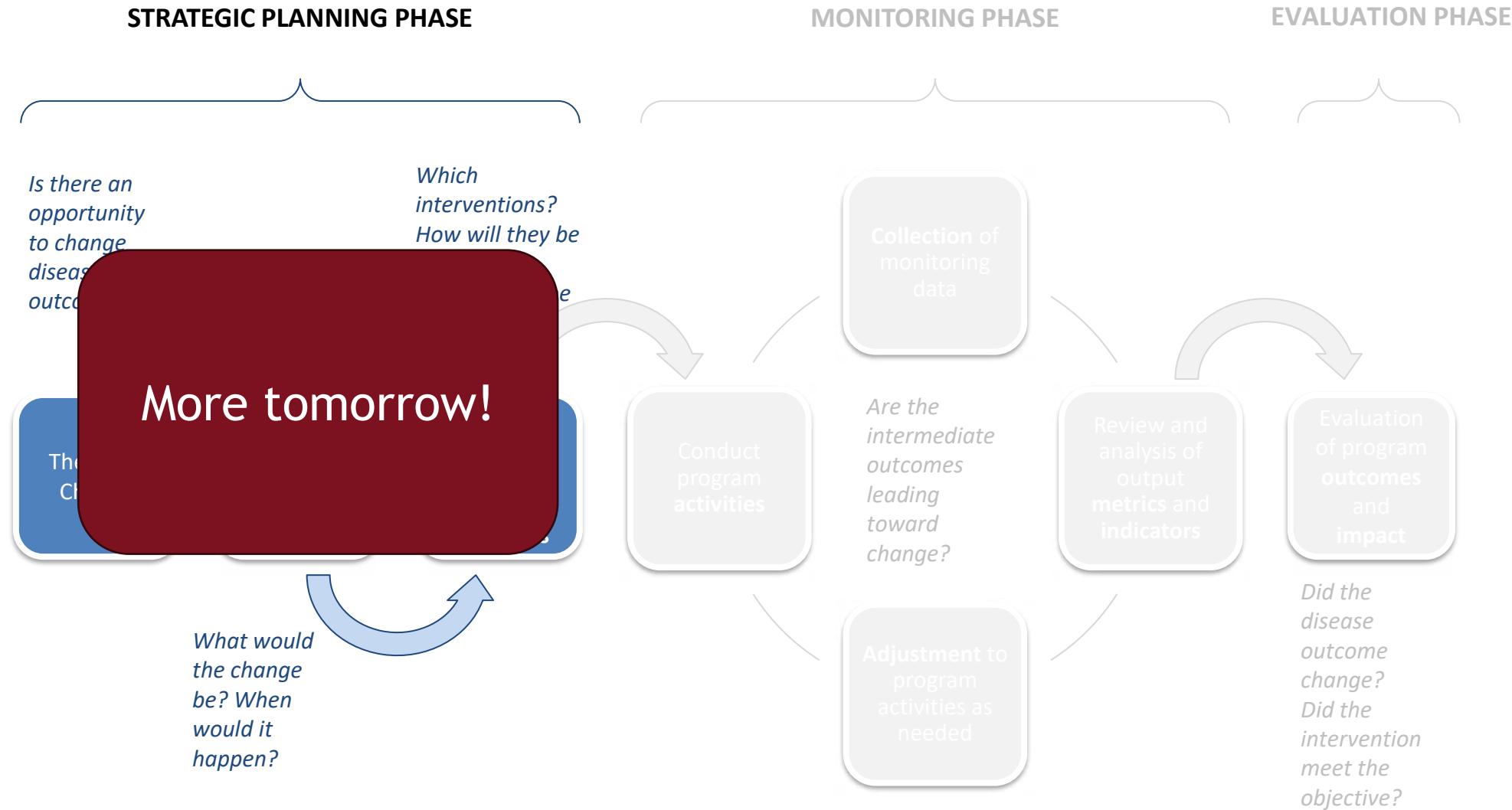


- Daily for e.g. MDA campaign monitoring and quick decision making
 - Monthly for programme monitoring
 - Annual for programme evaluation and review

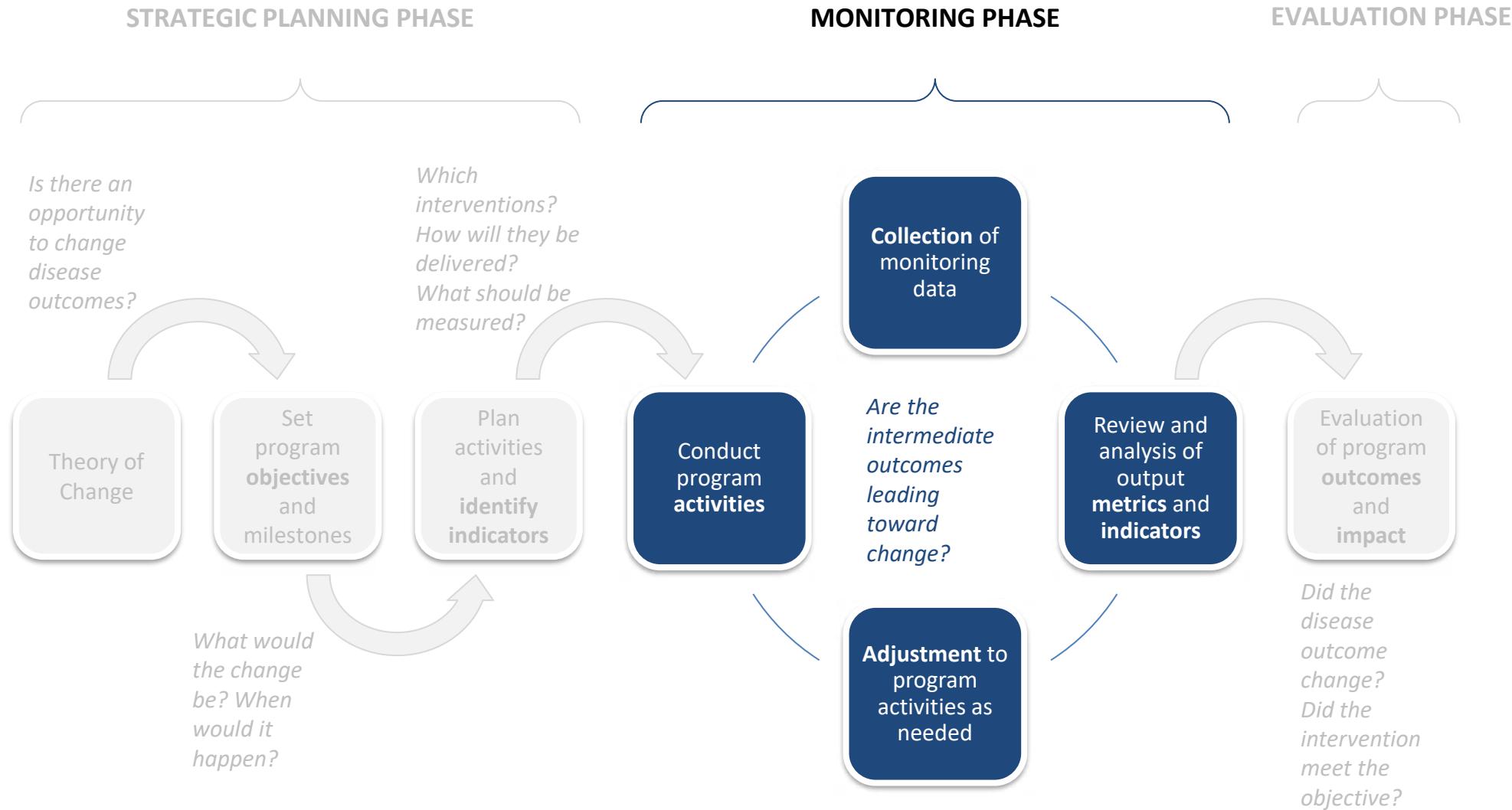
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Programs can use different data review forums to routinely monitor indicators



A few (non-exhaustive) examples include:



DHIS2/other HMIS dashboards and analysis tools
(eg dashboards on disease burden and intervention coverage)



Routine surveillance activities
(eg case/outbreak investigations, supervision visits)



Routine data review meetings
(eg meetings to assess data quality and intervention coverage)

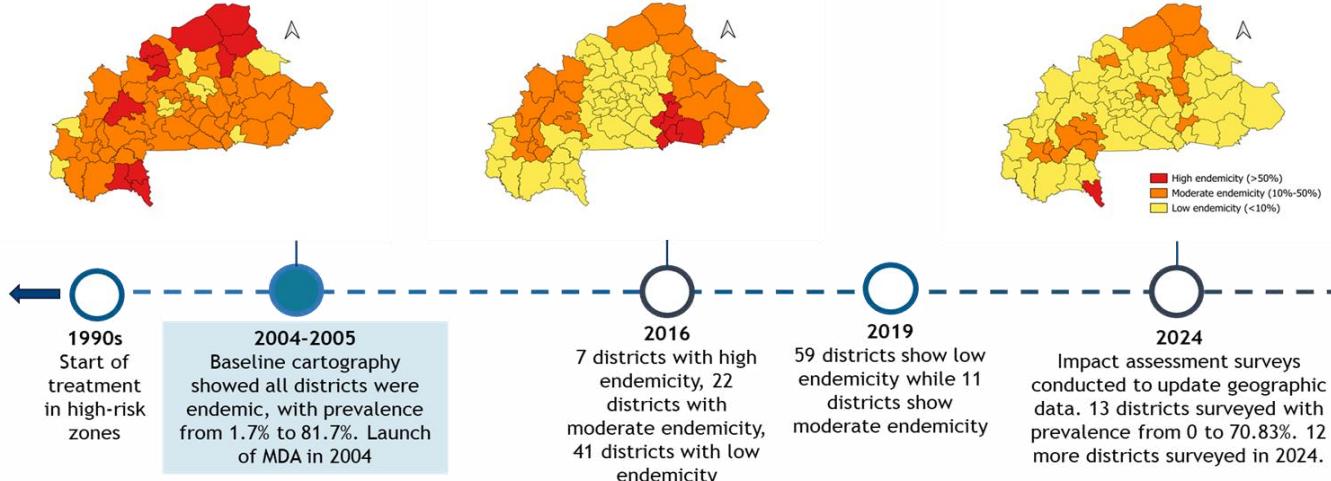


Additional review and planning meetings
(eg annual, mid-term, or end-term program review meetings)

Regularly reviewing epidemiology and intervention data informs us how the programme is performing and why disease may be persisting



Epidemiology



Source: Burkina Faso NTD Strategic plan 2024-2028

Programme M&E

Indicator	Source	Definition	Target	Source of Evidence	Method of Evidence	Success	Program	Recommendation	Notes
Endemicity	Geographic Information System (GIS) data from the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) and other health information systems.	Endemicity is determined by prevalence and transmission risk. Endemic districts are those where the disease can be transmitted from person to person, while non-endemic districts are those where transmission is interrupted or absent.	High endemicity (100%)	National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) data, other health information systems.	Geographic Information System (GIS) data, other health information systems.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



M&E FRAMEWORK

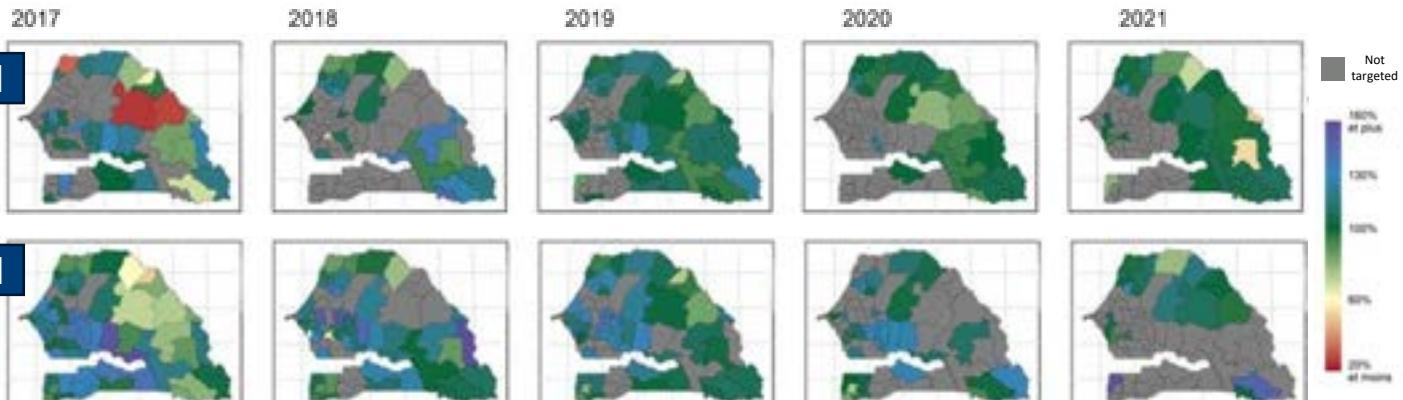
Streamlined set of well-constructed indicators designed to assess whether the strategies described in the Master Plan are advancing progress against control and elimination targets.



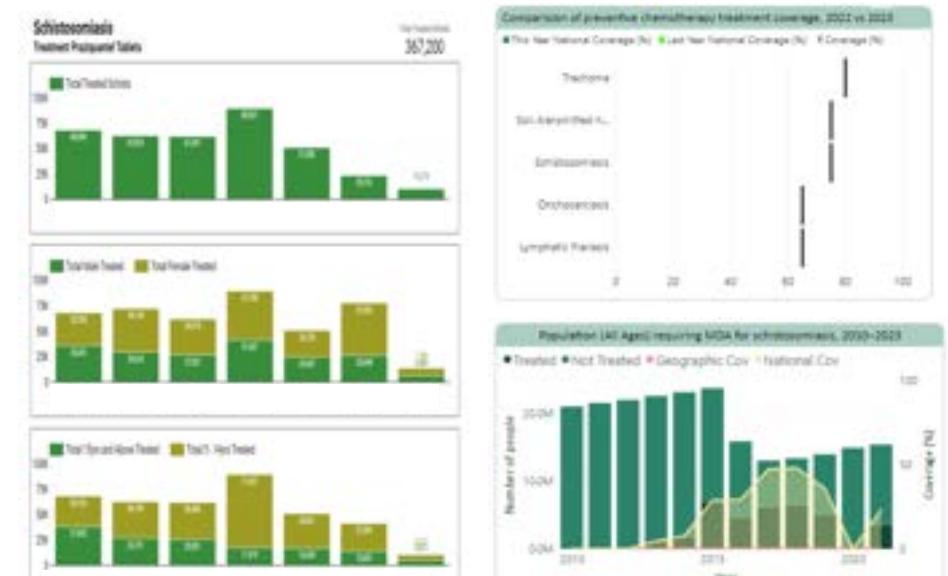
M&E PLAN

A concise document laying out (1) processes to collect, manage, and analyze the data necessary to calculate the indicators in the M&E framework and (2) how the NTD program will use this data to make decisions.

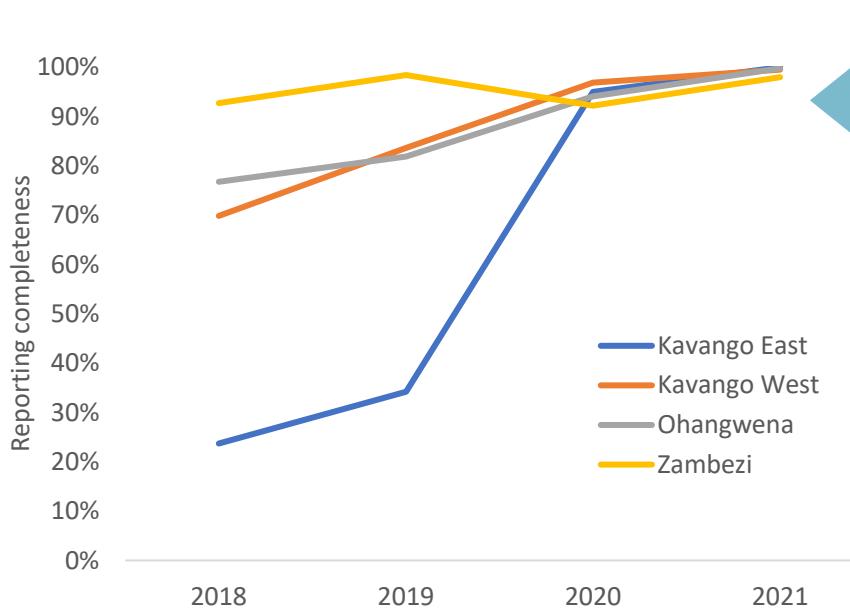
Interventions



Source: ESPEN



Improved granularity and quality of data have allowed thorough and routine use of data, including investigating drivers of transmission



Improved data quality
(reporting & completeness up to >85%, concordance)

Greater trust in data

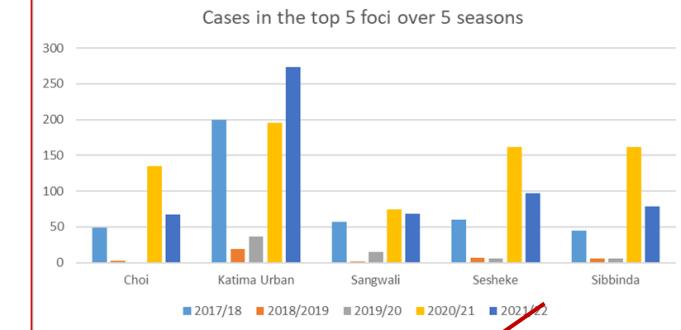
Improved use of data
(identifying hot-spots, transmission patterns)

Evidence-based decisions
(targeted SBCC, IRS mop-ups in classroom, refresher trainings)

Improved prevention and case management (e.g., testing rate went up 100%; 74% IRS mop-up)



Focus investigations in Zambezi started with a desk review to determine highest burden facilities

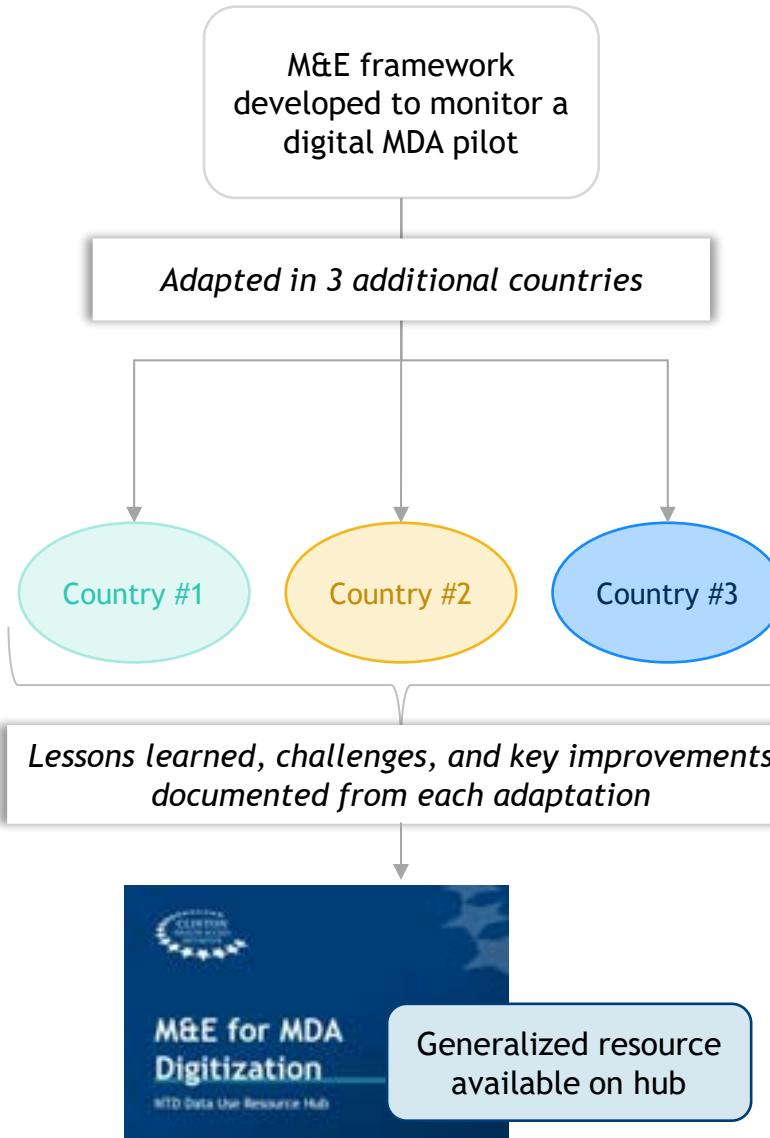


The majority of cases reported at Sibbinda facility were listed as coming from Makanga village



District	KATIMA MULILO
Village	MAKANGA
Total structures targeted (microplan)	1,269
MicroplanIncl	1
Supervisor reported targeted structures (av)	1,269
Total structures visited (E4/E5 Form)	1,930
SprayStatus	1
Total structures sprayed (E4/E5 Form)	1,437
Total structures locked (E4/E5 Form)	255
Total structures refused (E4/E5 Form)	238
Microplan Coverage	113%
Operational Coverage	74%

The NTD Data Use Resource Hub: Customized solutions □ generalized guidance



- While solutions were developed for the specific goals and challenges of individual NTD programs supported through the CHAI grant, the work revealed **significant overlap between countries in impactful solutions**.
- Throughout implementation, **CHAI teams actively shared and adapted guidance, templates, and best practices** - showcasing the transferability of learnings and resources across countries.
- To enable broader uptake beyond grant-supported countries, these resources were **standardized and paired with concise “how-to-use” guides** to facilitate adaptation by other NTD programs.
- The tools are designed to **complement existing resources** from the WHO and key NTD partners, with a focus on bridging the gap between technical tools and day-to-day program operations.
- **Emphasis is placed on practicality and usability**: organizing planning meetings, structuring data review discussions, and improving access to and use of routine data without overburdening NTD program staff.

Available resources and intended users

- These tools are designed for NTD program teams—**particularly program managers and M&E officers**—who want to strengthen data use to inform decision-making.
- These resources are designed to help programs **address existing challenges in how they organize, review and use data** for planning and decision-making.
- Each resource includes a brief usage guide to support customization and integration into existing workflows accompanied by generalized templates for adaptation.
- In addition, **training materials and guide decks from trainings completed** in each of the focus countries will be packaged and made available in the second round of uploads.

Available resources in Hub

Creating data-driven, integrated work plans

Integrating microplanning ahead of MDA

Developing NTD data systems and repositories

Digitizing MDAs with standard XLS forms

Developing MDA digitization M&E plans

Implementing data quality support tools

Conducting effective data review meetings

Developing M&E frameworks for NTD Master Plans

Developing and conducting NTD modelling projects (TBD)

Turning Guidance into Action: The WHO's Roadmap M&E Framework outlines best practices for managing NTD data. These Hub resources are designed to help programs apply those practices in real-world settings.



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Data collection



- Integrated and standardized disease-specific and cross-cutting indicators and data collection tools
- Mainstreamed into health management information system/integrated disease surveillance and response
- Disaggregated by age, gender and location
- Recorded and reviewed on the same day that collected
- Reported to the next level in a timely manner
- Supervised collection of data
- Digital health platform used for collection

Data storage and aggregation



- Mainstreamed into health management information system/integrated disease surveillance and response
- Secured with defined users and access
- Updated at regular intervals

Data validation



- Validated at multiple levels with feedback on data quality
- Triangulated from various sources
- Checked for internal and external consistency
- Routine (e.g., during supportive supervision) and period exercises (e.g., coverage evaluation surveys, data quality audits) conducted

Data analysis



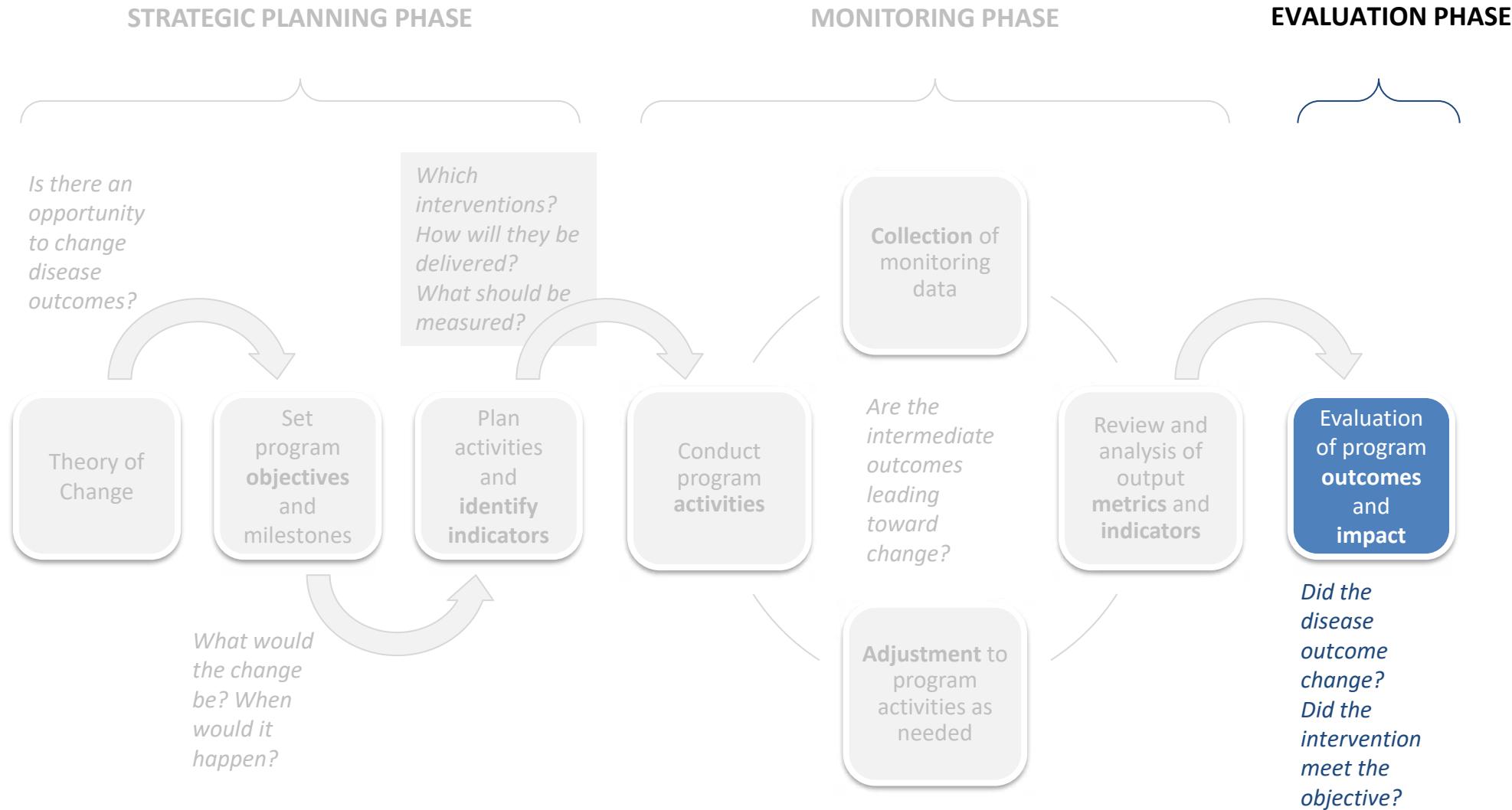
- Viewed through the lens of person, time, place to answer 4/5 Ws: "what, where, when, why and how?"
- Analysed at multiple levels (community, health facility, district, national, regional, global)
- Advanced analyses used to fill public health data gaps

Monitoring progress towards targets



- Progress measured with attention to geographical areas, population groups and trends over time
- Progress analysed as to how and why targets are being achieved or not achieved to inform decisions

Data use is not a one-off activity, but an important part of the monitoring and evaluation cycle

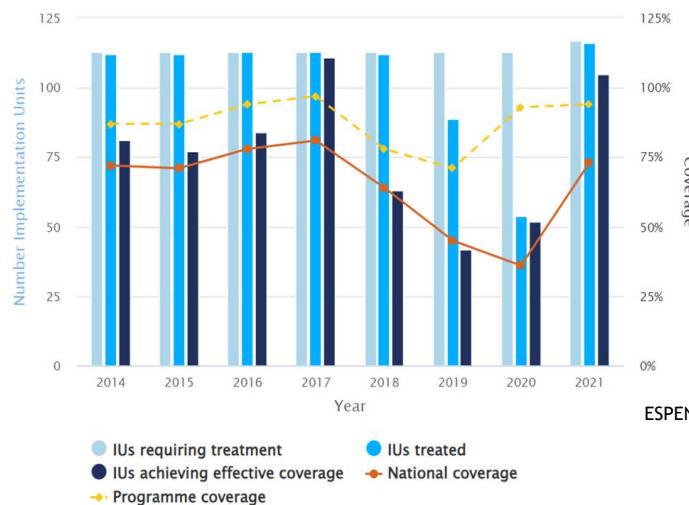


Using data to evaluate programmes gives us greater insight into what works and what to improve



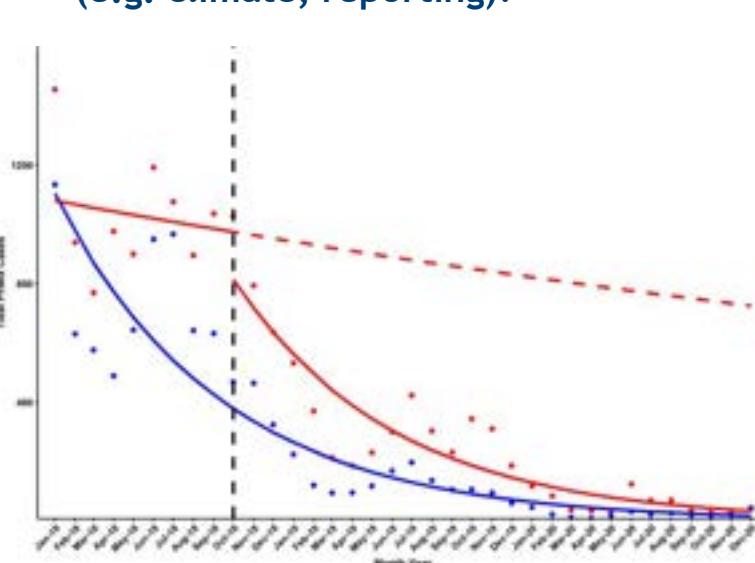
Quality of the programme

- Are interventions taking place at high quality down to a granular level?
- Are any areas or populations being missed?
- Are we hitting our goals?



Impact of the programme

- Are we seeing a decline in incidence, prevalence, cases, deaths?
- Is this change consistent across all endemic geographies and populations?
- Is the change attributable to programme actions or other factors (e.g. climate, reporting)?



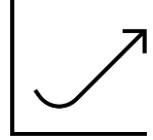
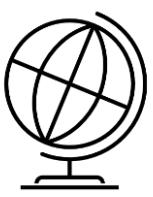
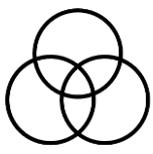
Next steps

- What interventions should we continue to apply?
- What interventions should we stop?
- How do we improve the effectiveness of the programme?
- How do we make the programme sustainable into the future?

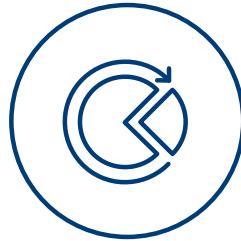


Data analysis can be used to answer difficult questions in changing environments



-  NTD epidemiology is constantly changing due to interventions, climate, human movement, etc. (e.g. impact of vector control or a severe drought)
-  Programs may have to rely on data with varying quality over time and availability (e.g. reported case data from only 8/10 districts, but improved to 10/10 the next year, many years since the last survey)
-  Shifting geography: heterogeneous transmission means the same interventions might not be required everywhere in the country
-  The best tools for some contexts may not be the best tools for others (due to e.g. vector behavior, drug availability, drug resistance)
-  Metrics like coverage might be tricky to measure due to data limitations outside NTDs, changes in admin units or census data

Data analysis and data review are essential tools for ensuring that decision making is informed by evidence and has the highest chance of success



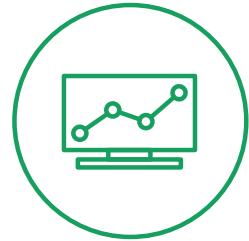
Descriptive analysis



Statistical analysis and modelling



Decision-making

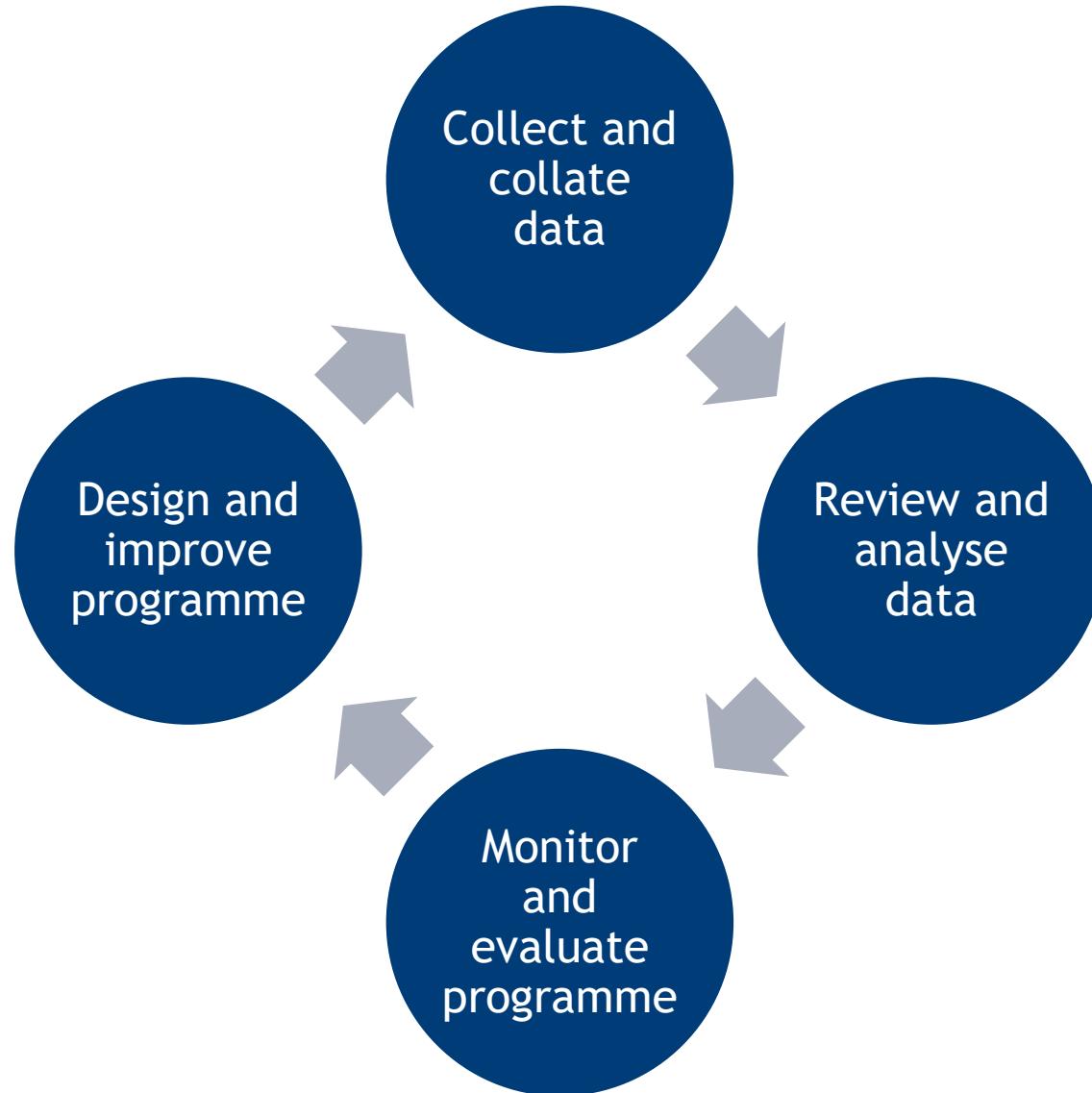


Monitoring and Evaluation

- Assess data availability and quality.
- Graphs, tables and maps can often be sufficient to review and analyse data.
- Generate hypotheses for further analysis.
- More complicated questions may require the use of statistical analysis and modelling.
- External partners can provide support in close collaboration with the program.
- Ensure that data and analytics are incorporated into decision making to provide further sources of evidence and maximise impact.
- Analytics is not a one-off activity but should be incorporated into regular M&E.
- Outputs can be regularly updated when more data is available and when the context changes over time.

Evidence and data-informed decision making

Using data to inform understanding and decision making helps programmes to maximise impact and achieve their goals



Core Principles of Data-Driven Decision-Making for NTD Programmes

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Data Scientist, JSI

Agenda

- Intro to Data Driven Decision Making
- Use of past data and dashboards for descriptive and diagnostic analysis
- Role of data quality
- Wrap up and tomorrow's topic

Why Use Data?

- Data helps improve decision-making
 - Don't only use it for reporting
- In this session, we'll focus on understanding past performance to improve future outcomes
- Examples:
 - Prevent stockouts
 - Identify underserved areas
 - Monitor coverage trends

What Does it Mean to be Data Driven?

Using data consistently to adjust the decisions we make

- To be data driven, we need:



A data-driven mindset



Appropriate tools



Descriptive analysis



Diagnostic analysis



Decision support analysis



Taking action in response



Making data use routine

Data-Driven Mindset

- We use data to learn and improve!
- Build a culture that values using data—not just collecting or reporting it
 - Use data to improve, not blame
 - Talk about data regularly
 - Make data part of everyone's job
 - Make data accessible
 - Model data-driven behavior
 - Link data to purpose



Tools for Data Use



Data Sources

- ESPEN Data Portal, NTDeliver
- eHMIS, eLMIS
- Mobile or app based reporting tools
- Paper forms

Analysis Tools

- Excel
- DHIS2 analytic features
- R, Stata, or Python

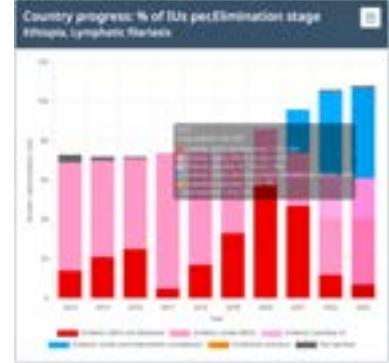
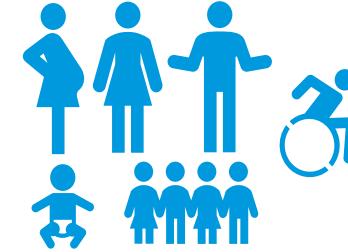
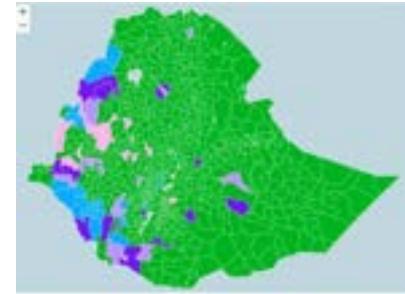
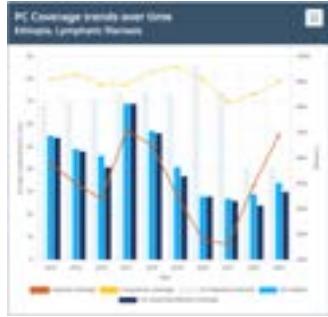
Dashboards and Visualizations

- ESPEN Data Portal, NTDeliver
- DHIS2 dashboards
- Custom Power BI or Tableau dashboards
- Excel summary charts

Descriptive Analysis: What happened?



$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$



Summary Statistics

- Mean
- Median
- Mode
- Distribution

Trends Over Time

Geographic Patterns

Categorical Breakdowns

- Check for different demographics

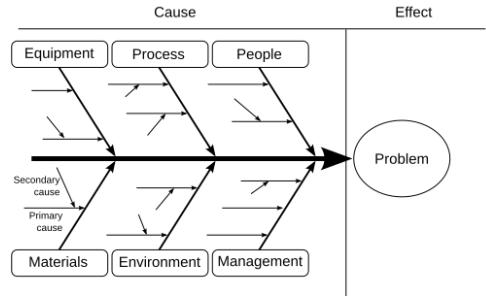
Proportions and Frequencies

Key Questions to Ask from Past Data

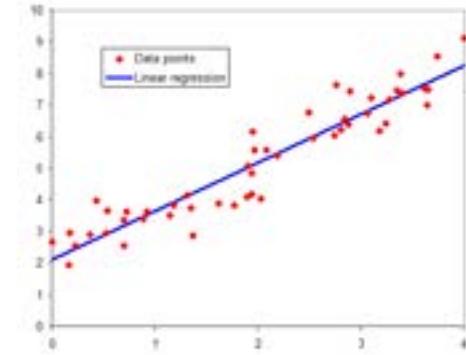


- What changed this month?
- Where are we behind?
- Are we improving?
- Who is underperforming, and why?
- What's the trend over time?
- What should we expect next?
- Where are we weakest?
- What are we missing?
- What interventions worked best?

Diagnostic Analysis: Why Did It Happen?



$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$



Root Cause Analysis

- 5 Why's
- Fishbone Diagram

Comparisons

- Compare high and low performing groups or regions
- Don't forget to look at reasons for good performance

Statistical Analysis

- Correlation/association tests

Qualitative Analysis

- Document review
- Interviews
- Focus groups

Causal Analysis

- Regressions
- Results of evaluations

What About Data Quality?

Data Doesn't Have to Be Perfect to Be Useful

- Most decisions don't need perfect data—just data that's good enough to spot a pattern.
- Using data drives quality
 - If data isn't used, it doesn't get better.
 - But when people see their data used to make decisions, they engage.
- Examples:
 - Stockout reports missing a few entries but still show recurring delays
 - Incomplete coverage data that still points to underperforming regions
- Use what you have to take a small step forward.

When Is Data 'Good Enough' to Act?

- Incomplete coverage data? → Still act if multiple districts show low rates
- Delayed stockout reports? → Still helpful if delays are consistent
- Patchy prevalence data? → Combine with expert judgment or triangulate
- Missing quantity data? → Use qualitative signals to guide planning

Key idea: Look for patterns, not perfection.

How to Improve Data Quality

- **Good system design** – make it easy and intuitive to enter good data into electronic systems
- **Simplify forms** – remove unused or confusing fields
- **Verify and validate** – have rules for data types, automatic alerts for suspicious data in electronic systems
- **Make it visible** – share data summaries (posters, meetings)
- **Give feedback** – even simple thank-yous show it matters
- **Spot-check** – conduct small audits or sampling to correct issues
- **Pair with context** – ask if the data ‘makes sense’ to local staff

Build improvement into daily work—not just audits.

Wrap Up

Key Takeaways

- Data helps you reflect, learn, and improve
- Make sure you have: Mindset, tools, descriptive analyses, diagnostic analyses, action, and routine use of data
- Don't stop at reporting or reviewing the dashboard—apply the trends to key decisions
- Don't wait for perfect data quality. Make small, confident moves based on what you have

What's one trend your program should revisit today?

Coffee Break



Country Case Studies: Applying Data to Real-World Programme Decisions



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

KENYA – Using Data to inform STH and SCH interventions

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The Breaking Transmission Strategy (BTS) - Kenya

A national strategy led by the Ministry of Health to eliminate key NTDs:

Schistosomiasis

Soil-transmitted Helminthiasis (STH)

Lymphatic Filariasis

Trachoma

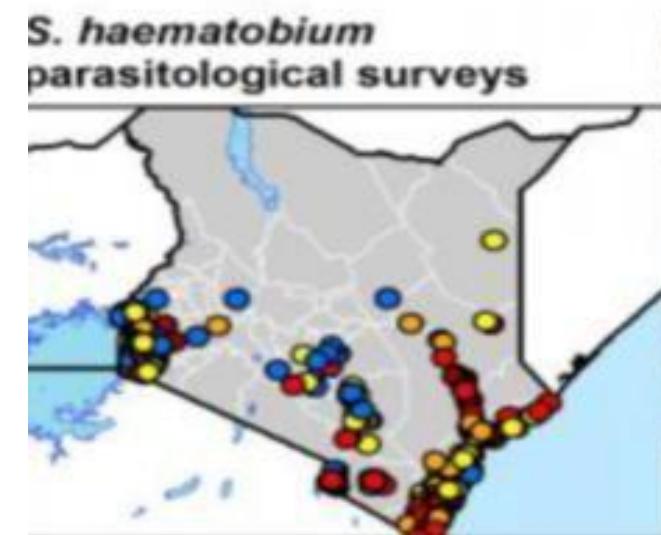
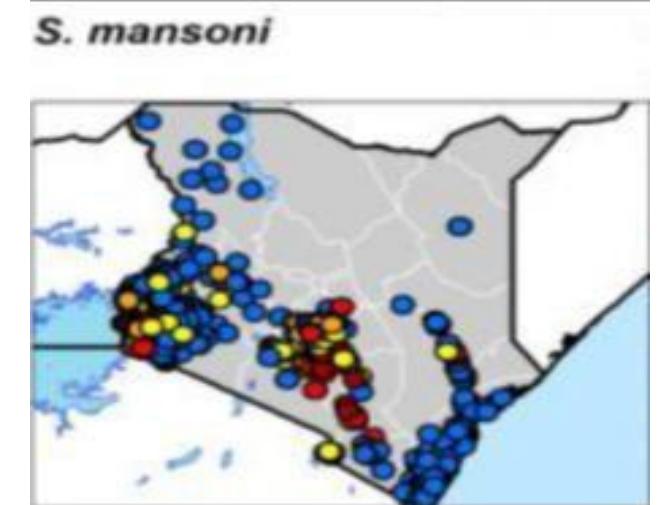
BTS Pillars:

1. Increase MDA coverage in all IU's
2. Expand NTD WASH-
3. Interventions Mainstream BCC

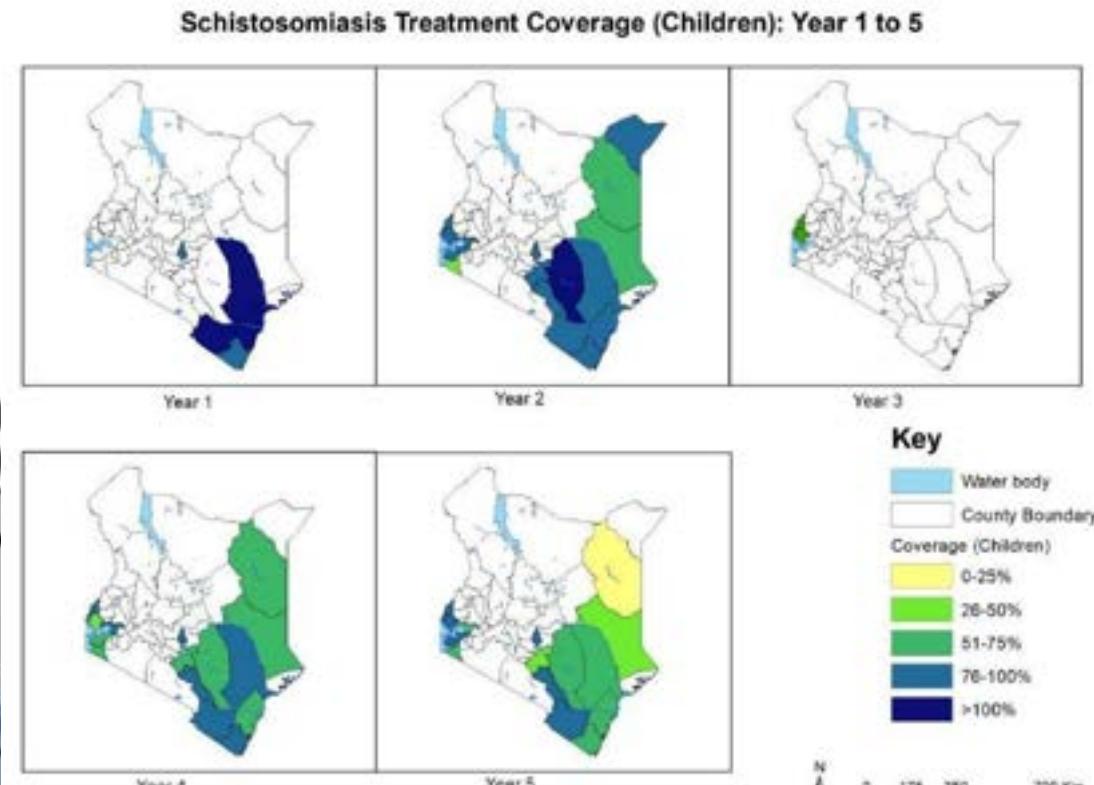


Granular Mapping of Schistosomiasis in Kenya

Focus on Schistosomiasis, a highly focal NTD needing detailed data



School based deworming (2012-2017)



Why Granular Mapping?

- Schistosomiasis is **highly localized**—broad surveys may miss hotspots
- Prior district-level mapping led to over-/under-treatment
- Granular data at **ward/sub-county** level ensures accurate MDA targeting
- Reduces wastage and improves health equity

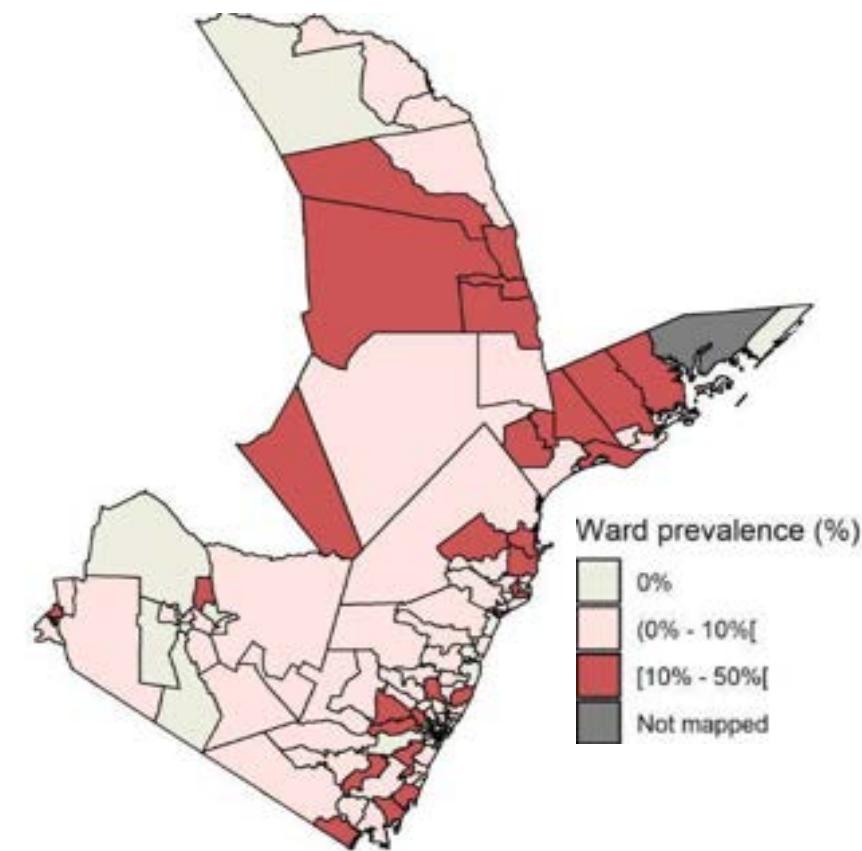
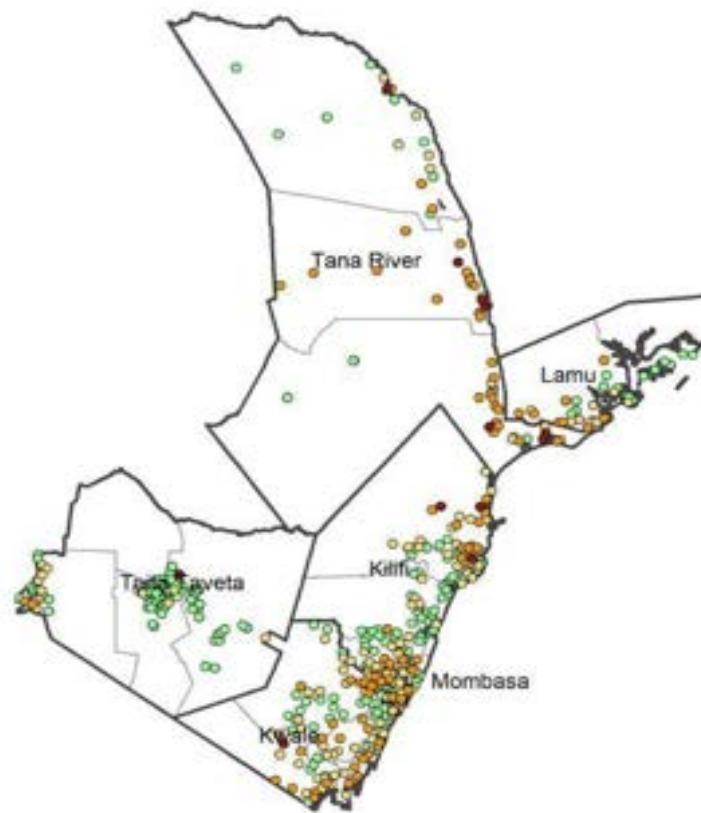
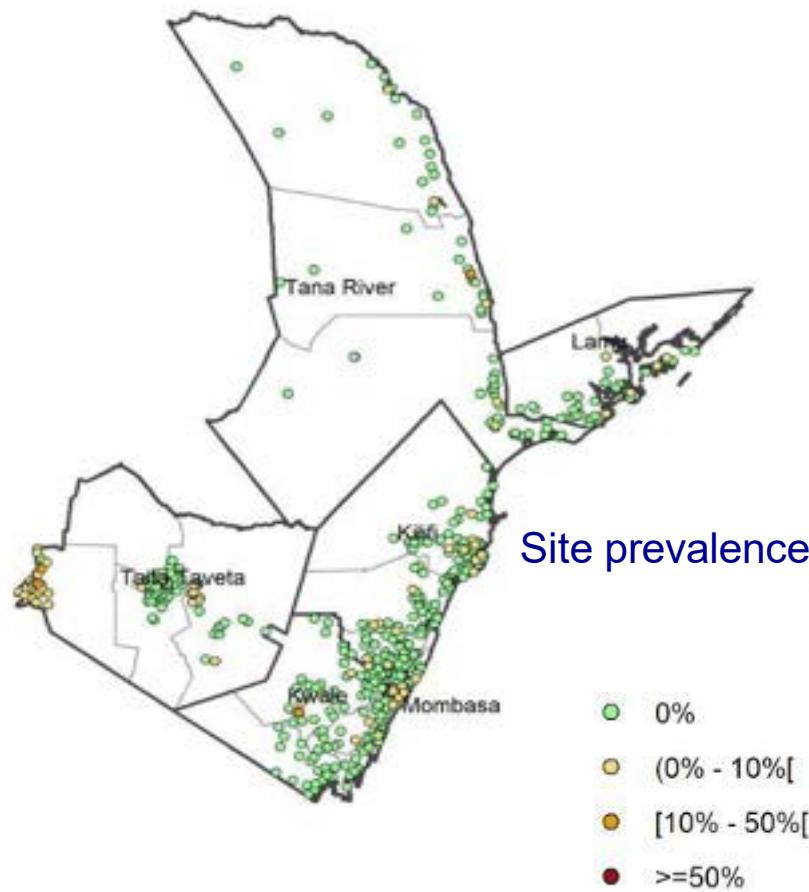
Sampling Design Overview

- **Coastal Region:** Community-based; 645 villages, 129 wards
- **Western Region:** School-based; 755 schools, 155 wards
- **Lake Region:** School-based; 900 schools, 180 wards
- Target group: 8–14 year-olds (gender-balanced)

Region: Site selection

- Based on:
 - a) Past transmission data
 - b) Historical surveys
 - c) Proximity to water bodies (suitability maps)
 - c) Purposeful sampling for better accuracy

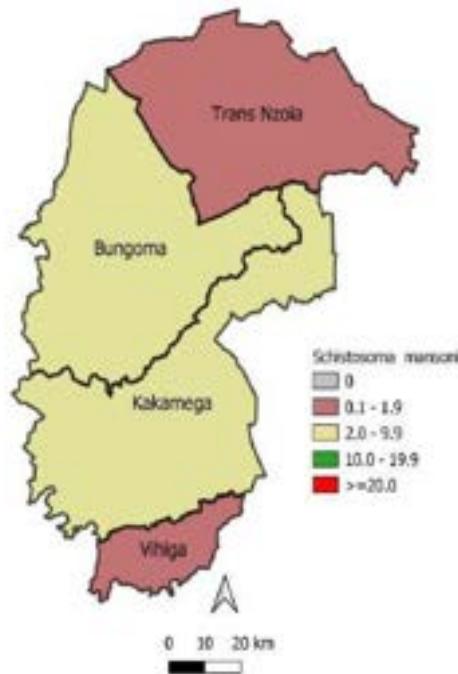
Prevalence Maps and Implications Coast Region



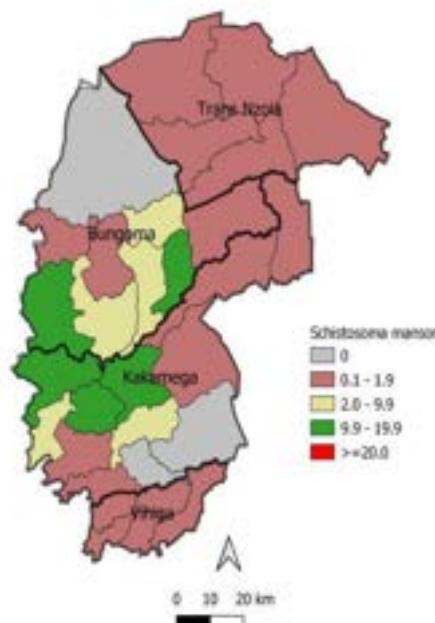
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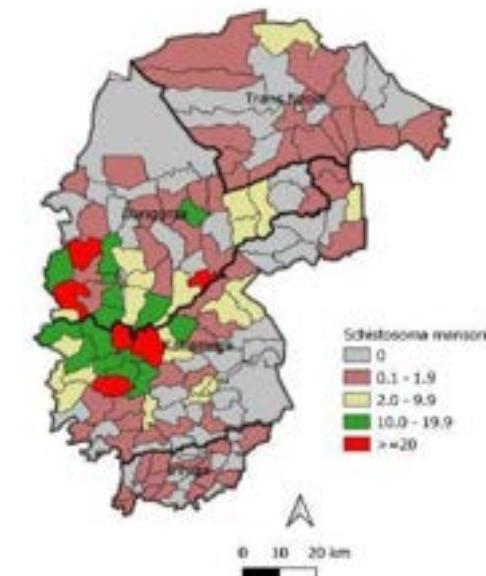
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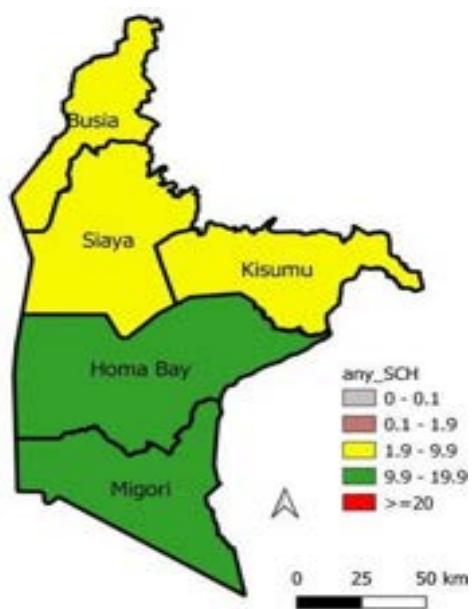


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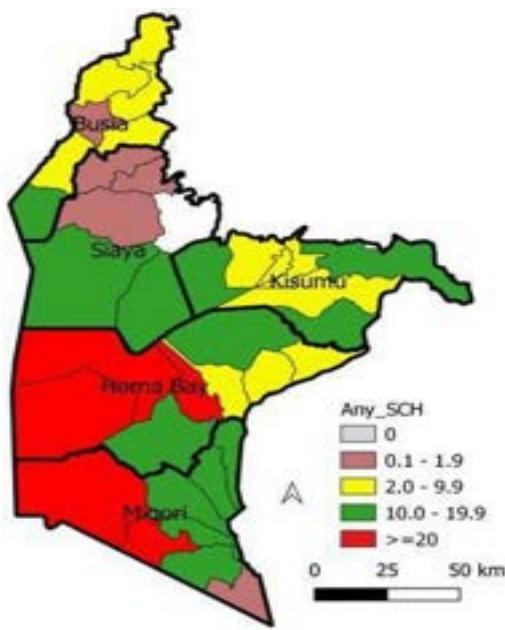


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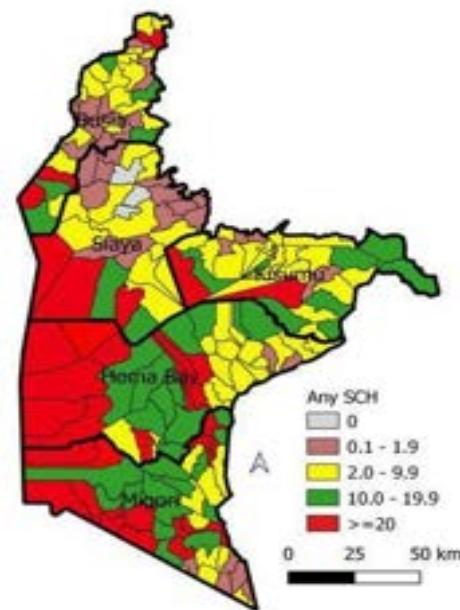
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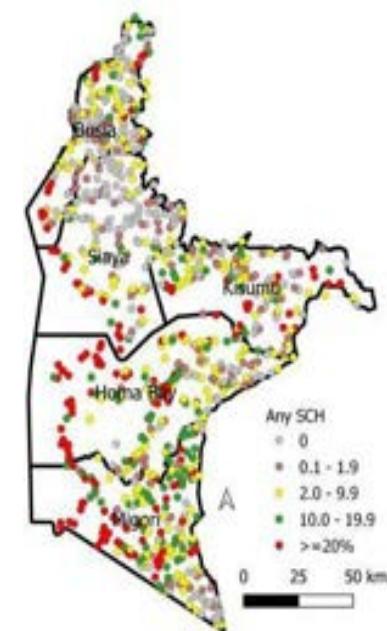
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WARD LEVEL



SITE LEVEL



Utilization of Data - Coastal Example

- Mapping in Oct/Nov 2020 → informed MDA planning in Mar/Apr 2021
- Expanded treatment from 13 IUs to 22 IUs
- Adjusted target population from 196K to 2.1M SAC
- Evidence-driven expansion led to better resource use and coverage

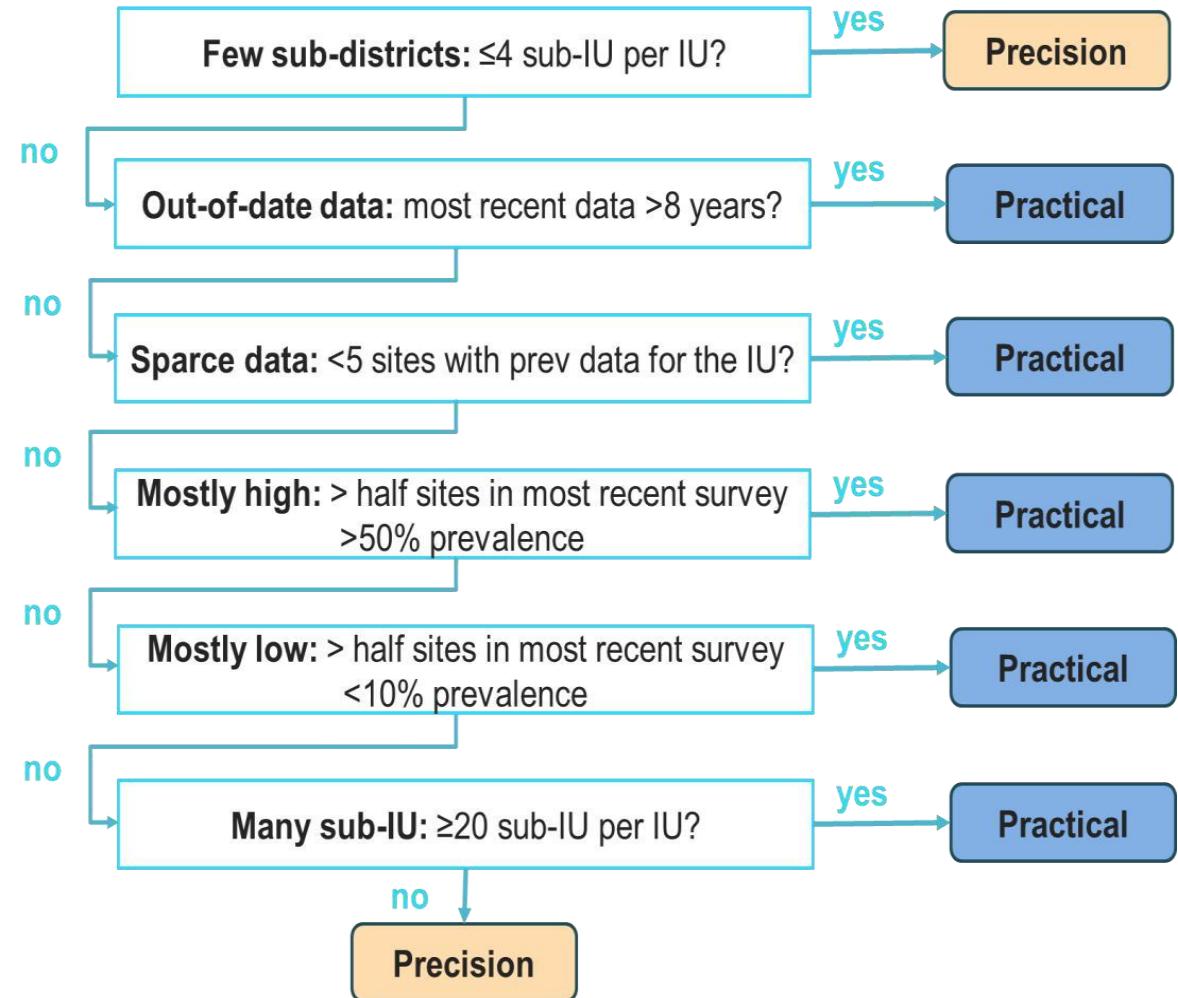
Introduction to Schistosomiasis Practical and Precision Assessments (SPPA)

Two stages:

- **Practical Assessments** – Is prevalence uniform across the district?
- **Precision Assessments** – Identify high/low prevalence wards within mixed areas

SPPA Methodology

- School selection tool with stakeholder validation
- Multi-layered school and village selection:
 - i. Historical transmission data
 - ii. Proximity to water bodies
 - iii. Stakeholder input



Stage 1: Practical Assessment

15 sites x 30 SAC @ IU
by systematic sampling

sites with $\geq 10\%$ prevalence:
8 - 15

Program Decision:
Annual treatment for
each sub-IU in the IU

sites with $\geq 10\%$ prevalence:
2 - 7

Program Decision:
Treatment decisions at sub-IU
level, or else conduct
Precision Assessment

sites with $\geq 10\%$ prevalence:
0 - 1

Program Decision:
Maintain/reduced treatment
for each sub-IU in the IU

*Some SCH programs may
determine it is more
appropriate to start directly at
this stage*

Stage 2: Precision Assessment:

4 sites x 20 SAC @ sub-IU
by purposive sampling (in all sub-
IUs)

Program Decision:
Annual treatment
in sub-IU

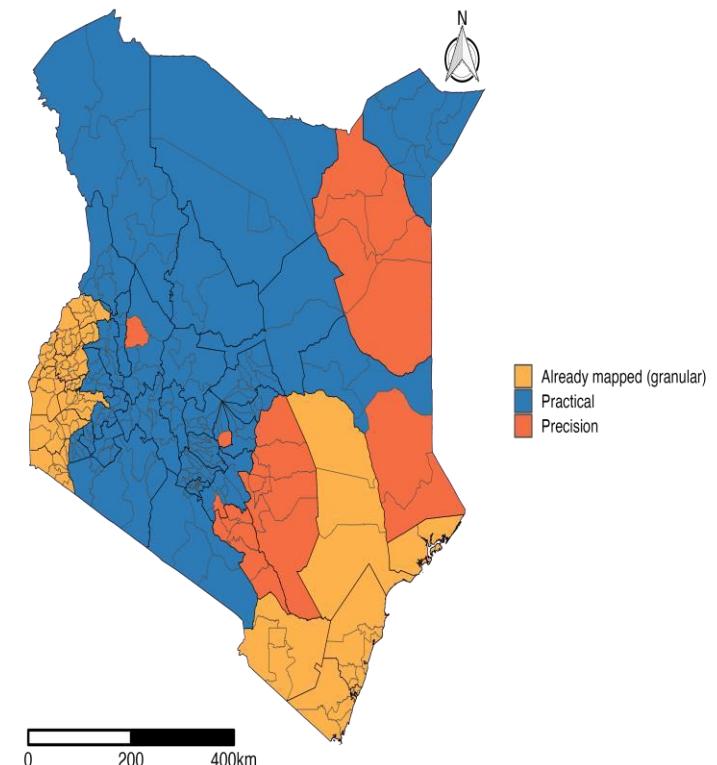
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Mean prevalence
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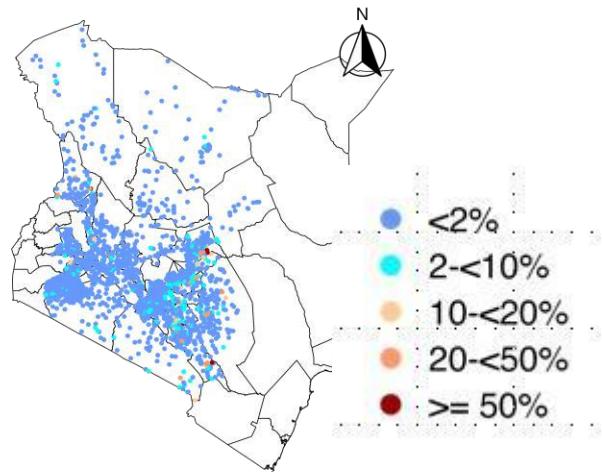
Program Decision:
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Kenya's SPPA Progress

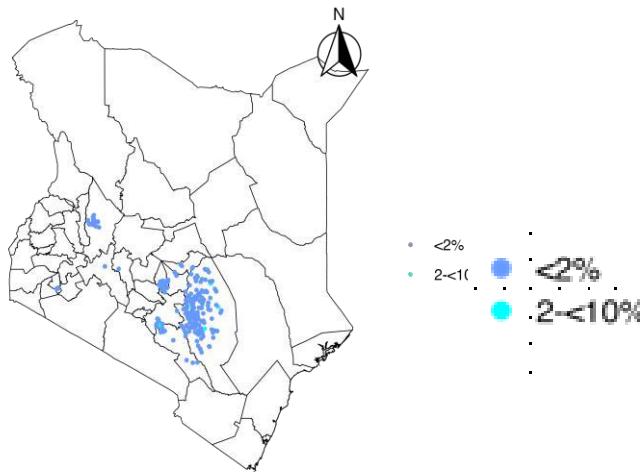
- 32 counties targeted for SCH assessments
- Data from 29 counties (91%) analyzed so far
- Data tools used: ESPEN Collect, cleaned with ESPEN support



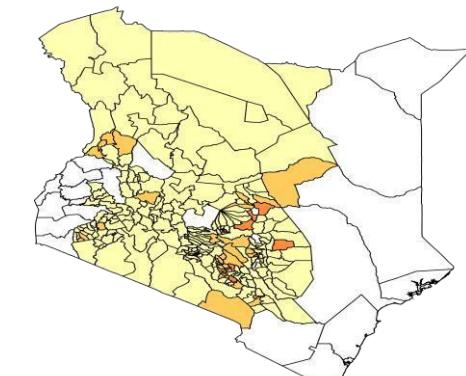
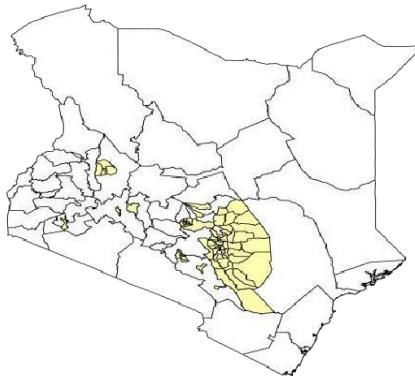
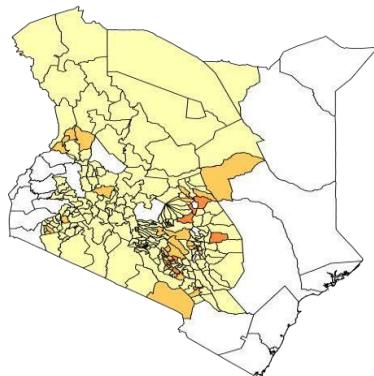
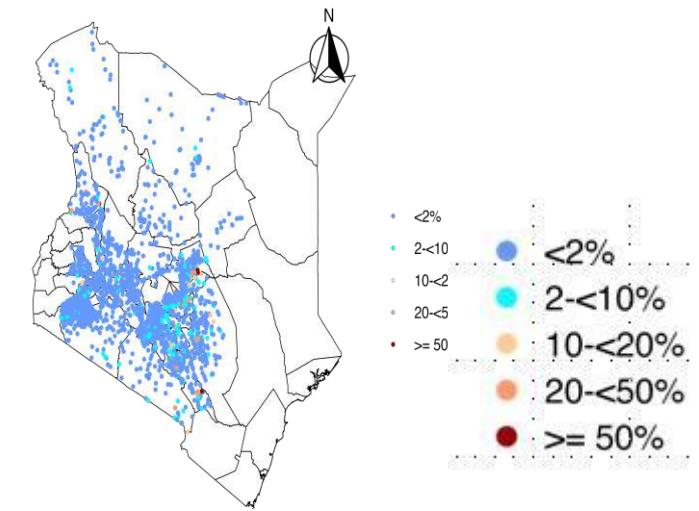
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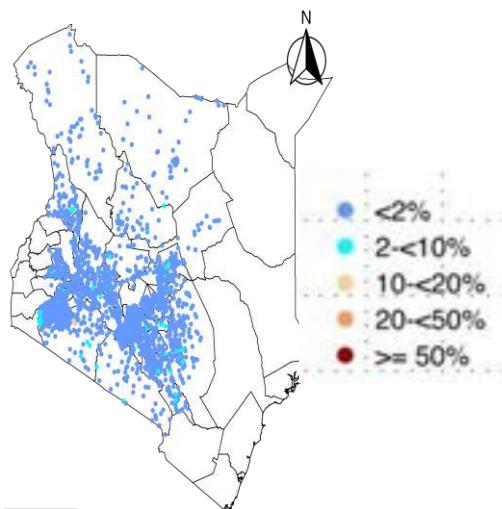
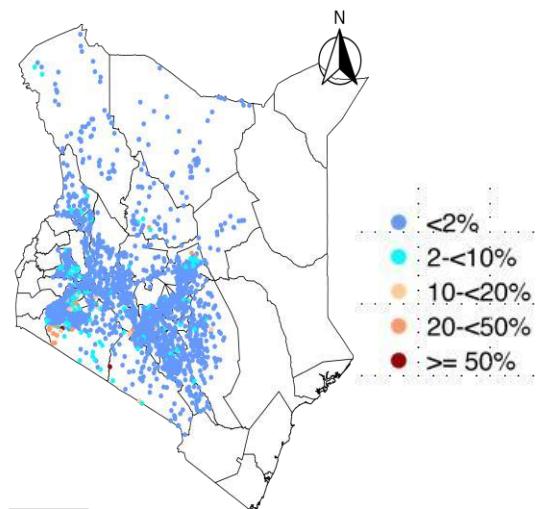
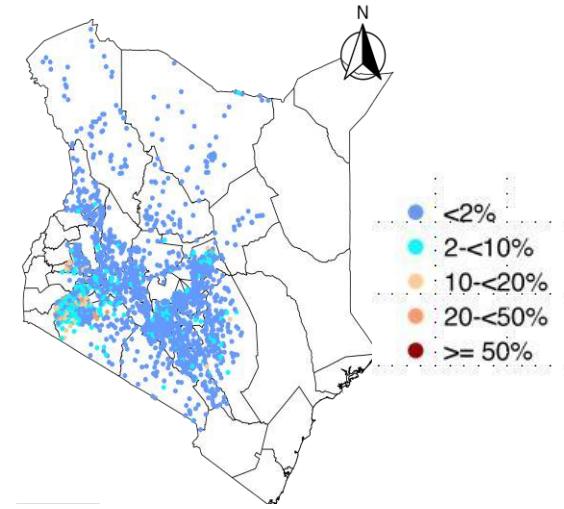
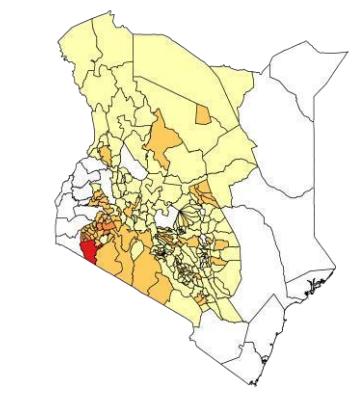
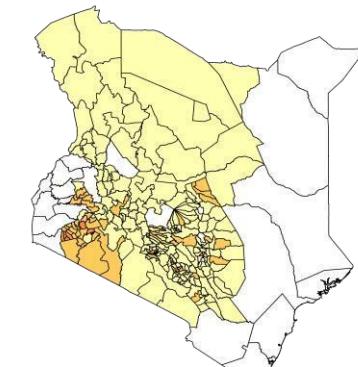
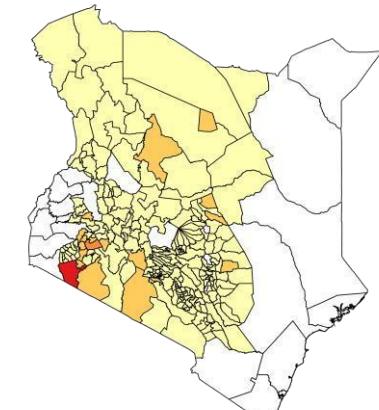
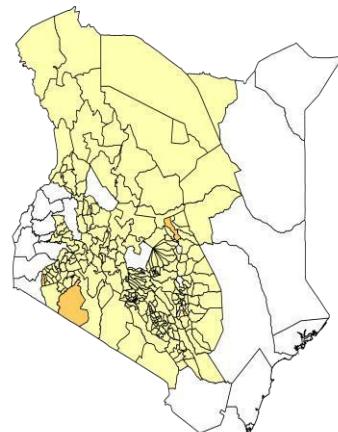
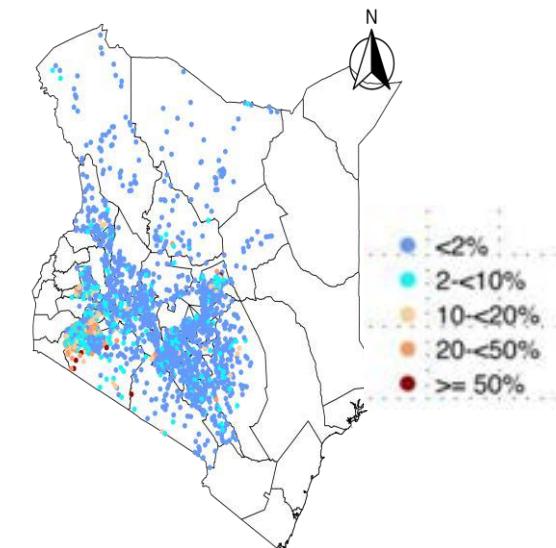


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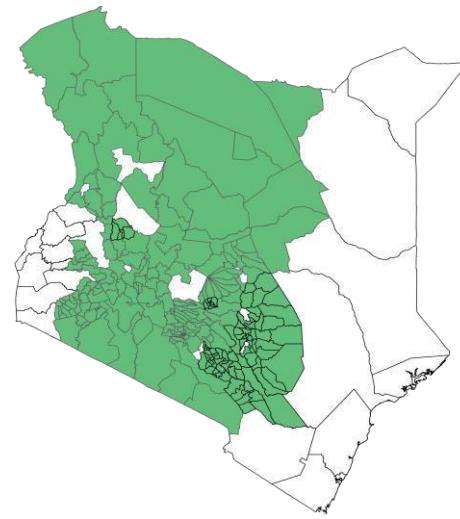
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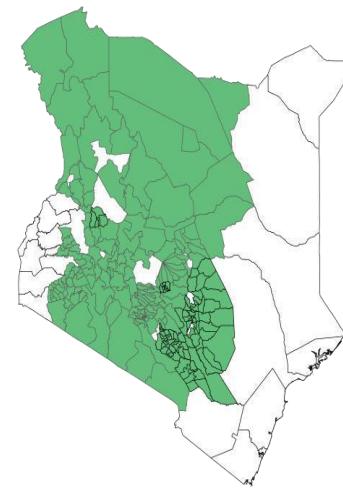
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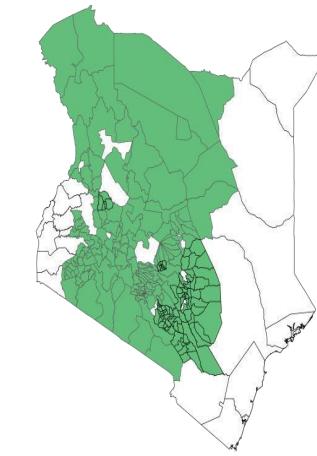
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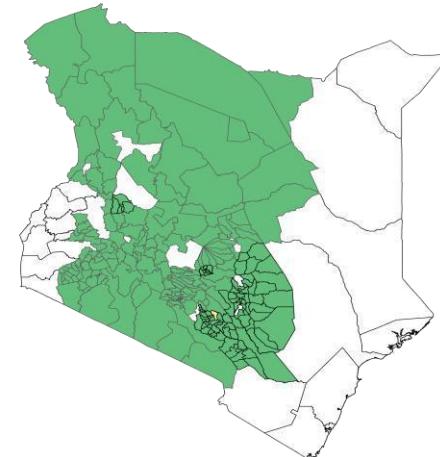
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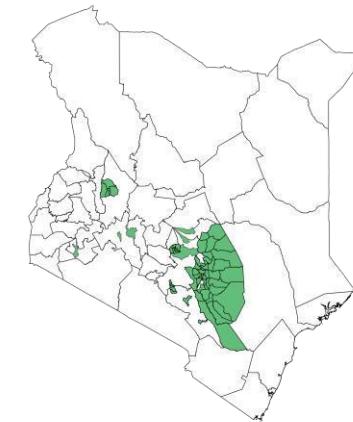
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Light intensity



Light intensity

SCH Data harmonization across MOH and MOE

Using Excel template, IU/Ward prevalence by the two survey types was indicated - Granular mapping (Community/MOH) and Model Based Geo statistics (MOE)

Based on SCH & STH Guidelines, prevalence was categorized and Treatment decisions for each survey type was highlighted

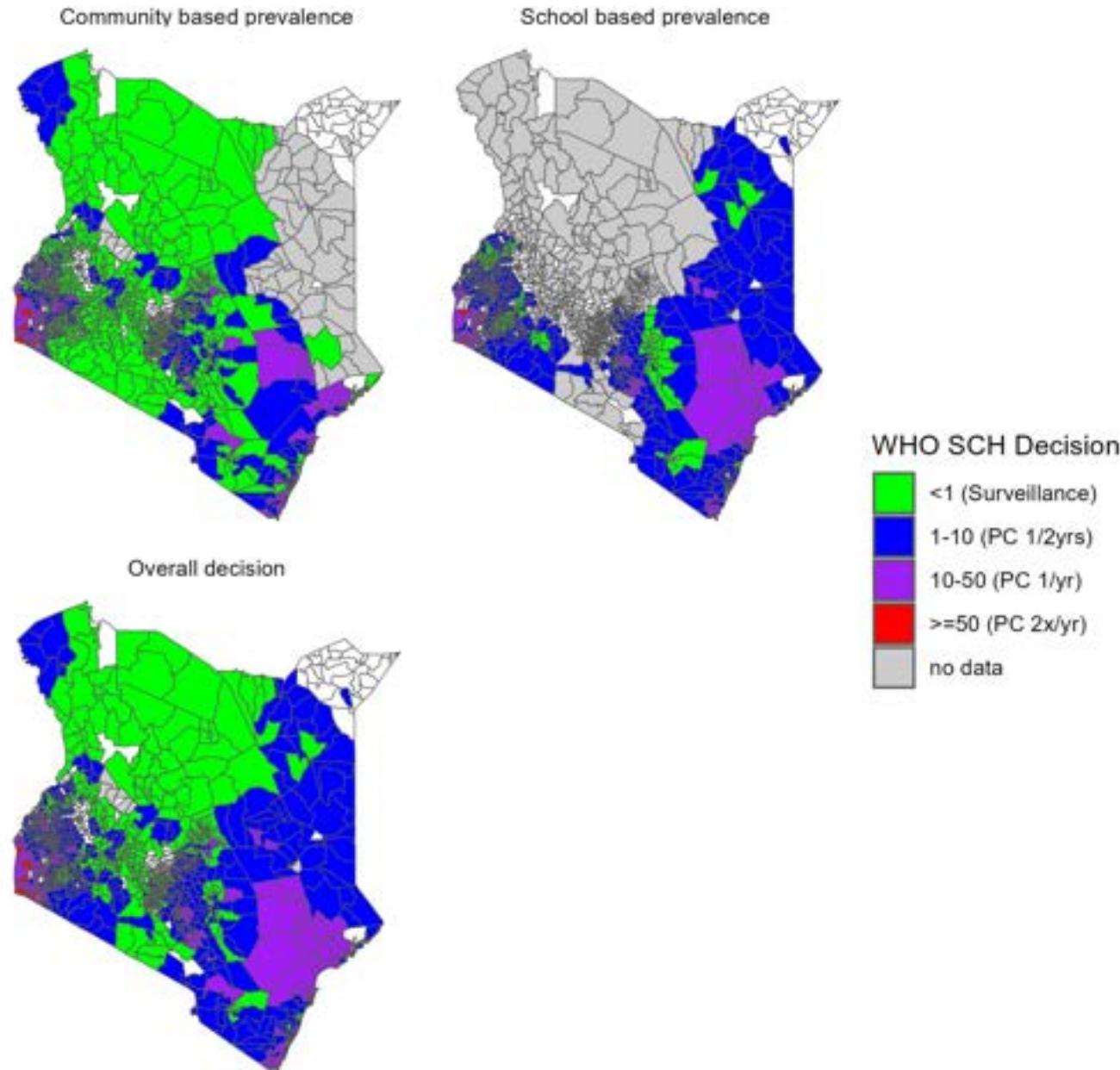
Consultatively, Overall endemicity and treatment decision per IU was based on:

- Highest prevalence
- Availability of Prevalence data

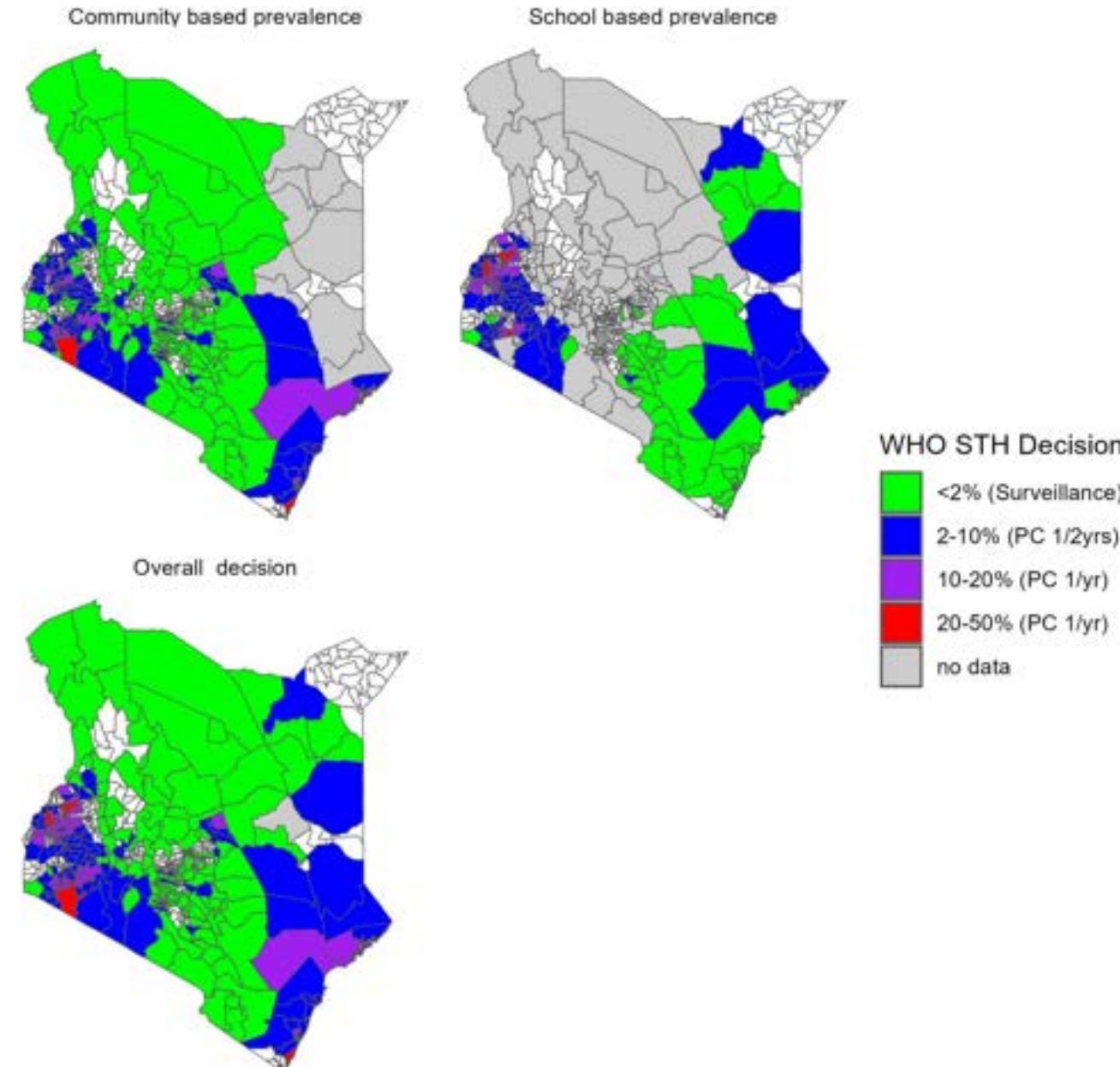
SCH&STH Harmonized dataset and map enables:

1. Harmonized quantification of drug needs – (JRSM 2026 completion)
2. Advocacy tool for Resource mobilization including domestic funding
3. Harmonized M&E for SCH elimination as a Public Health Problem

SCH Data harmonization outcome



STH Data harmonization outcome



Overall (Harmonized) IU endemicity and treatment decisions

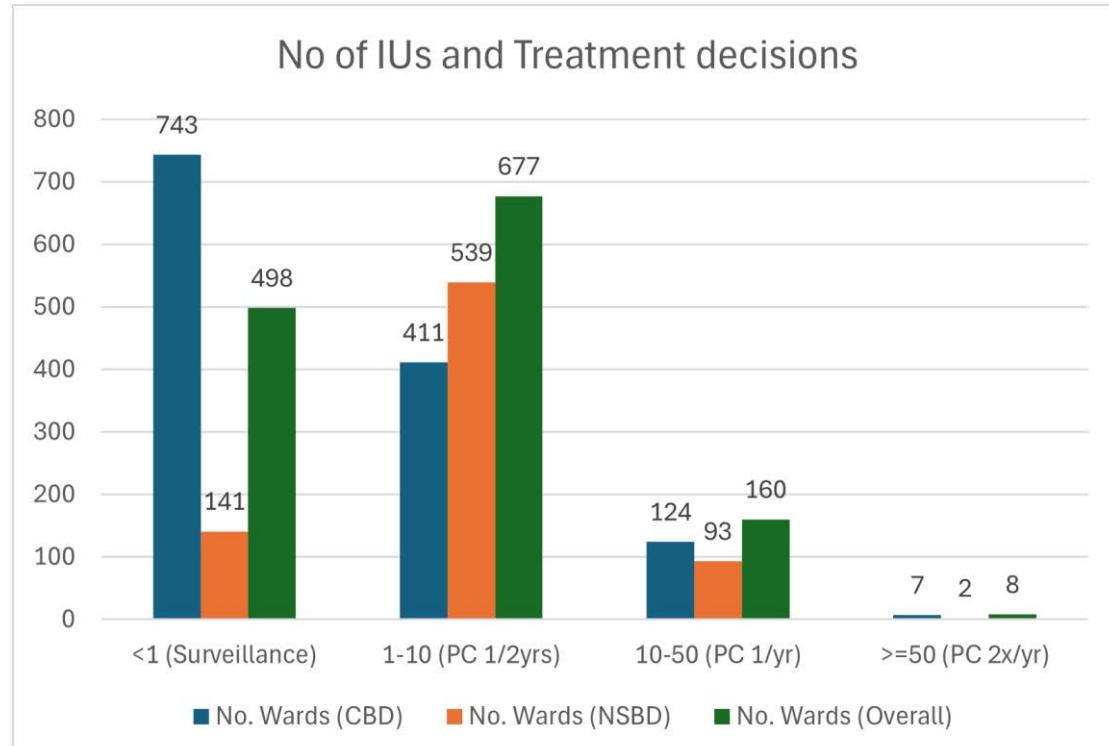


Fig 3. SCH No of wards and treatment decisions

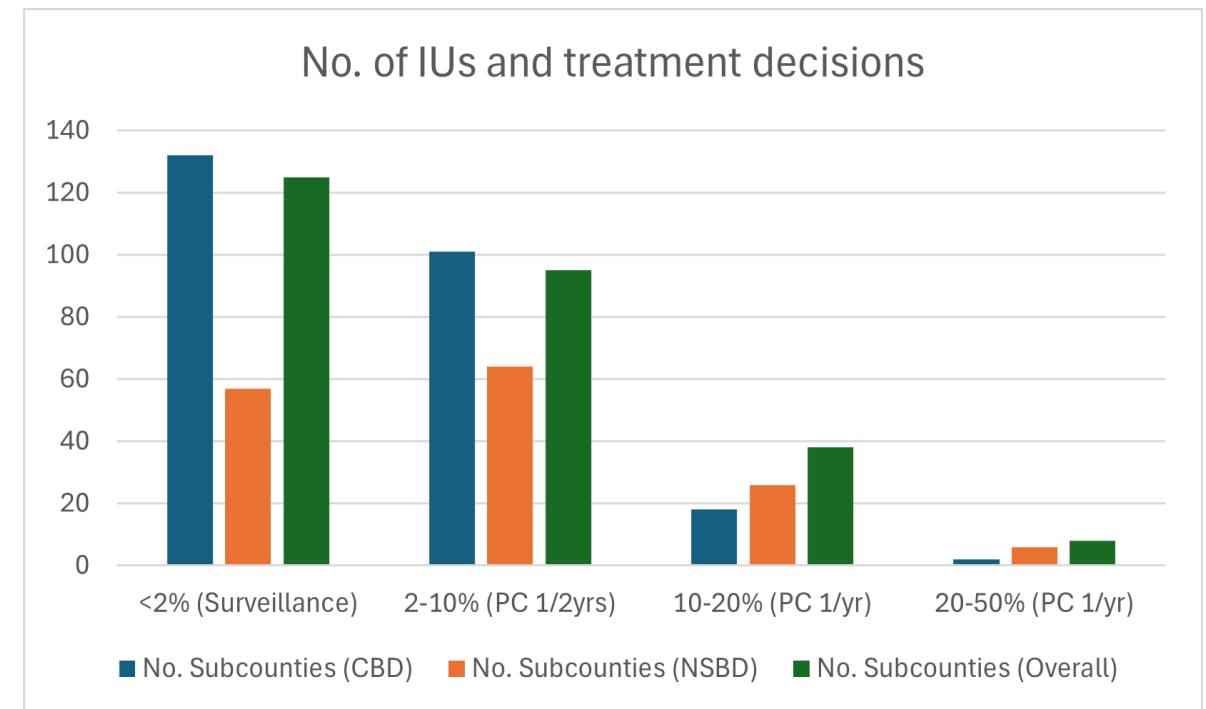


Fig 4. STH No of Subcounties and treatment decisions

SPPA Way Forward

Institutionalize SPPA results for MDA planning

Integrate mapping data into KHS and NTD dashboards

Use granular data for resource allocation and advocacy

JAP Way forward

Submission of JRSM 2026 be based on overall decision (Green bars) from the data harmonization and recently mapped areas (Northern Kenya)

ESPEN support in updating SCH Workbook V6

ESPEN guidance in submission of EPIRF for the data harmonization?

Data collection





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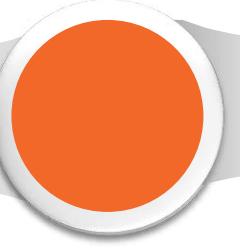
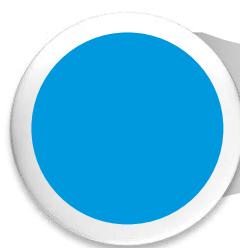
Country Case Studies: Applying Data to Real-World Programme Decisions

IMPROVING MDA IMPLEMENTATION
THROUGH DATA USE IN **NIGERIA**

Country Overview

- Nigeria is a West African Country made up of 36 States and Federal Capital Territory
- It has 774 IUs
- The burden of NTDs is significant in Nigeria with an estimated 100 million people at risk for at least one of these diseases.
- Nigeria is endemic for the 5 PC NTDs namely:
 - Onchocerciasis,
 - Lymphatic Filariasis
 - Schistosomiasis
 - Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis and
 - Trachoma

Past Challenges (2–3 mins)



Population Denominator

Inaccurate community list with major gaps in terms of geographical coverage (number of households) and estimation of treatment targets for quantification and distribution of resources

Data Systems and Processes

Delays in collection of complete and high-quality treatment data for decision-making and usability owing to the paper-based and manual processes across the implementation levels

Governance & Coordination

Inadequate collaboration between the NTD program and other Health intervention programs resulting in siloed implementation of MDAs and other activities

Over reliance on partners for funding support for the implementation of NTD program activities

Other Country Challenges (2–3 mins)



Insecurity

Inability to carry out NTDs activities
e.g. MDAs, Surveys, etc. in eligible
areas that are security challenged

NTDs commodities

Delay in clearance of NTDs medicines
and diagnostics for assessment as a
result of regulatory bottlenecks

Mitigation Measures Taken

Pre MDA



- Institutionalized MDA microplanning to improve target setting and resource allocation

During MDA



- Introduced electronic reporting tools for real-time reporting of treatment (Watch on low coverage, daily report)
- Introduced a Monitoring and Accountability dashboard for performance monitoring and proactive decision making e.g. drug usage and wastage

- Established an MDA operations center as a cross-stakeholder forum to review performance, address bottlenecks and take actions during MDA

Post MDA



- Institutionalized Data Quality Assessment (DQA) and development of Data Quality Improvement Plan (DQIP)
- Annual Monitoring and Evaluation review meeting

Kano Case Study: Use of Data for Actions (1/2)

During MDAs, timely data is strategically used for proactive decision making and actions without which performance issues would not have been resolved and would have affected the overall performance of the MDA

Bebeji:

Underperformance due to an inadequate number of CDDs because of the dispersed settlements and difficult terrain, which was addressed by prioritizing low-performing communities.

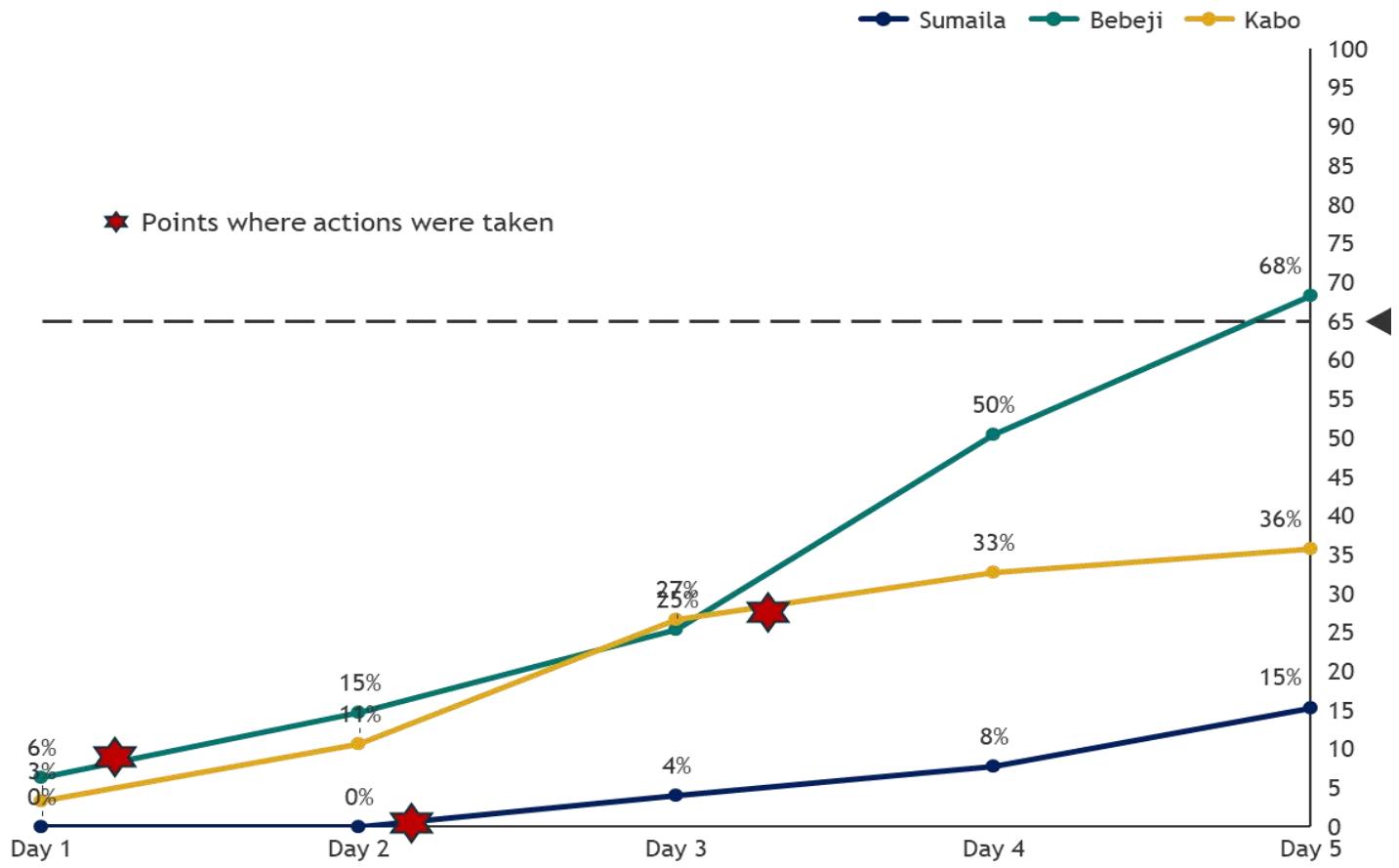
Kabo:

Rejection of treatment in some communities at the start of the MDA which was resolved through targeted community engagement and advocacy

Sumaila:

Late commencement of MDA due to competing priorities which led to the formation of a special supervisory team from the command center to visit the LGA to resolve operational issues

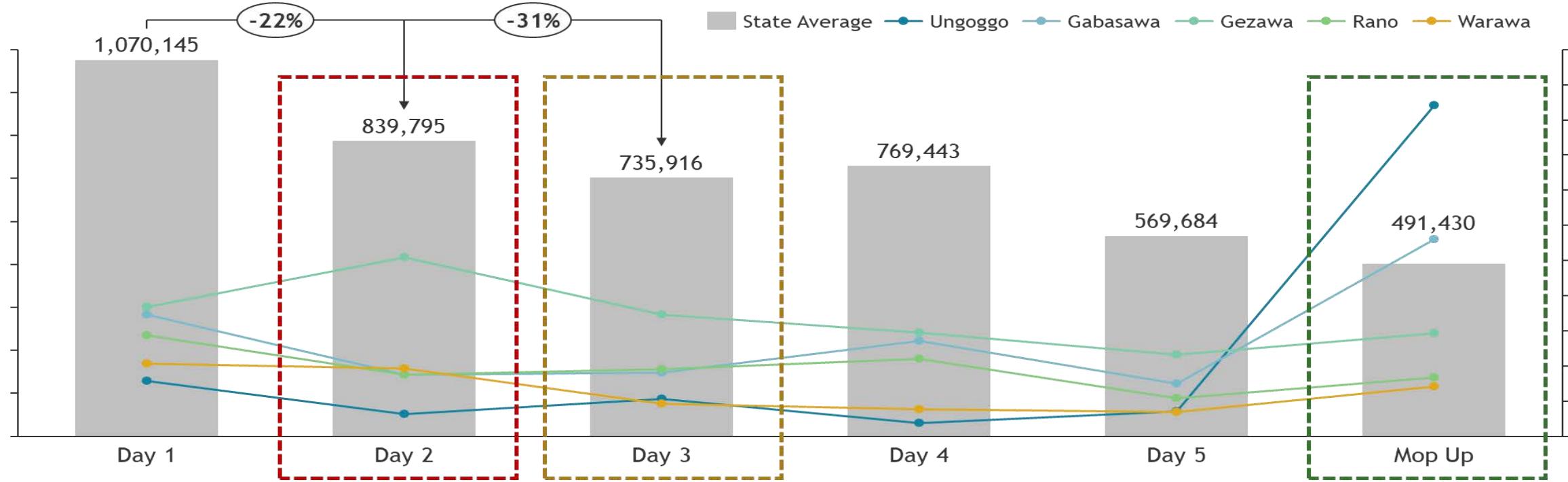
Cumulative daily coverage across selected underperforming LGAs and actions taken during command center review meetings (Day 1-5) for 2024 Oncho/LF MDA



Kano Case Study: Use of Data for Actions (2/2)

Near real-time data enabled teams to identify challenges, while data review meetings helped detect gaps like low-performing IUs, allowing timely interventions to improve MDA coverage and effectiveness

Number of People Treated (Day 1-5) leading to the decision on mopup in 2023 Oncho/LF MDA

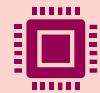


Sharp decline in performance across mostly rural LGAs was identified at day 2, due to shortage of CDDs to cover difficult terrain effectively

As of day 3 of the MDA, state's cumulative coverage was still at <40% - and by projection, will not be able to reach 80% by day 5. Data Review Meeting was convened to strategize, and decision was made by the DPH SMoH to reallocate CDDs based on need, and for all LGAs to conduct 2-days mop-up

Mop-up conducted reaching people that would have otherwise been missed had proactive decision not been take

A new approach to reporting NTDs in Nigeria



Country Health Information Platform (CHIP) aims at building data visualization tools that integrate with existing data systems to facilitate data use by Programme Managers.



It is a publicly-accessible online business intelligence dashboard built using Microsoft Power BI



All countries in the WHO AFRO region endemic for at least one of the five PC NTDs have access to a CHIP dashboard



CHIP dashboards can be accessed via the ESPEN Portal either through the individual country page or through the CHIP page under Tools & Resources > Advanced analytic tools

Why CHIP is needed

 NTD programmes tend to operate outside of health management information systems for a variety of reasons.

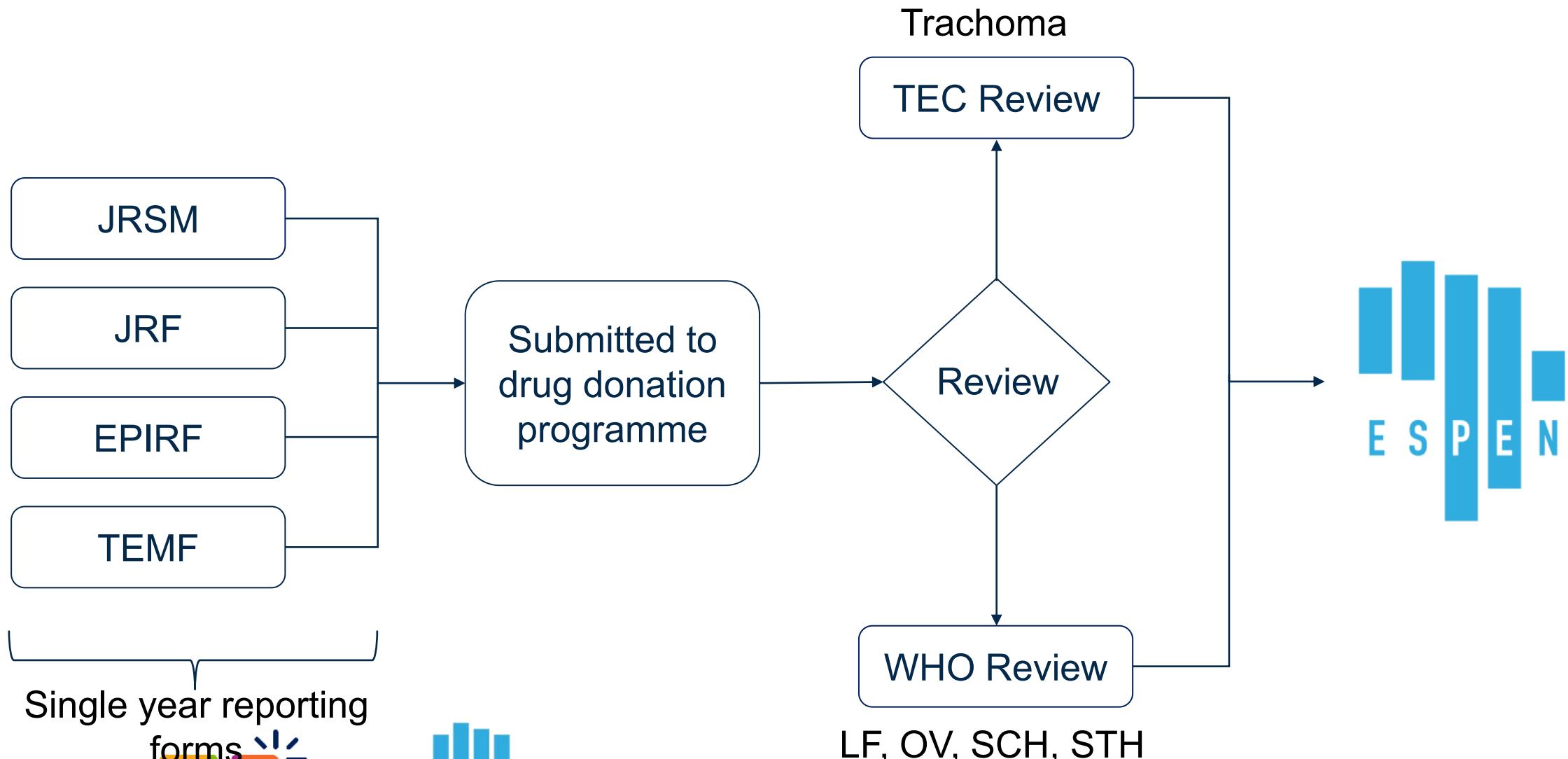
 Because of this, NTD programmes need to develop their own databases to store programmatic data. *This can be difficult for NTD teams, often comprised of disease subject matter experts with limited experience in implementing and maintaining data systems.*

 However, each year national NTD programmes submit a wealth of programmatic data to WHO and the International Trachoma Initiative (ITI) to report on

 endemicity status, treatments delivered, surveys conducted, morbidity, and medicines required and remaining for the current reporting period.

 *Taken in aggregate, these single year reporting forms provide a holistic view of programmatic activities which need to be implemented over multiple years to interrupt disease transmission.*

CHIP data model 1: Country > ESPEN



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Moderator: Katie Shanahan

Navigating the ESPEN Portal: Dashboards, Maps, and Analytical Resources

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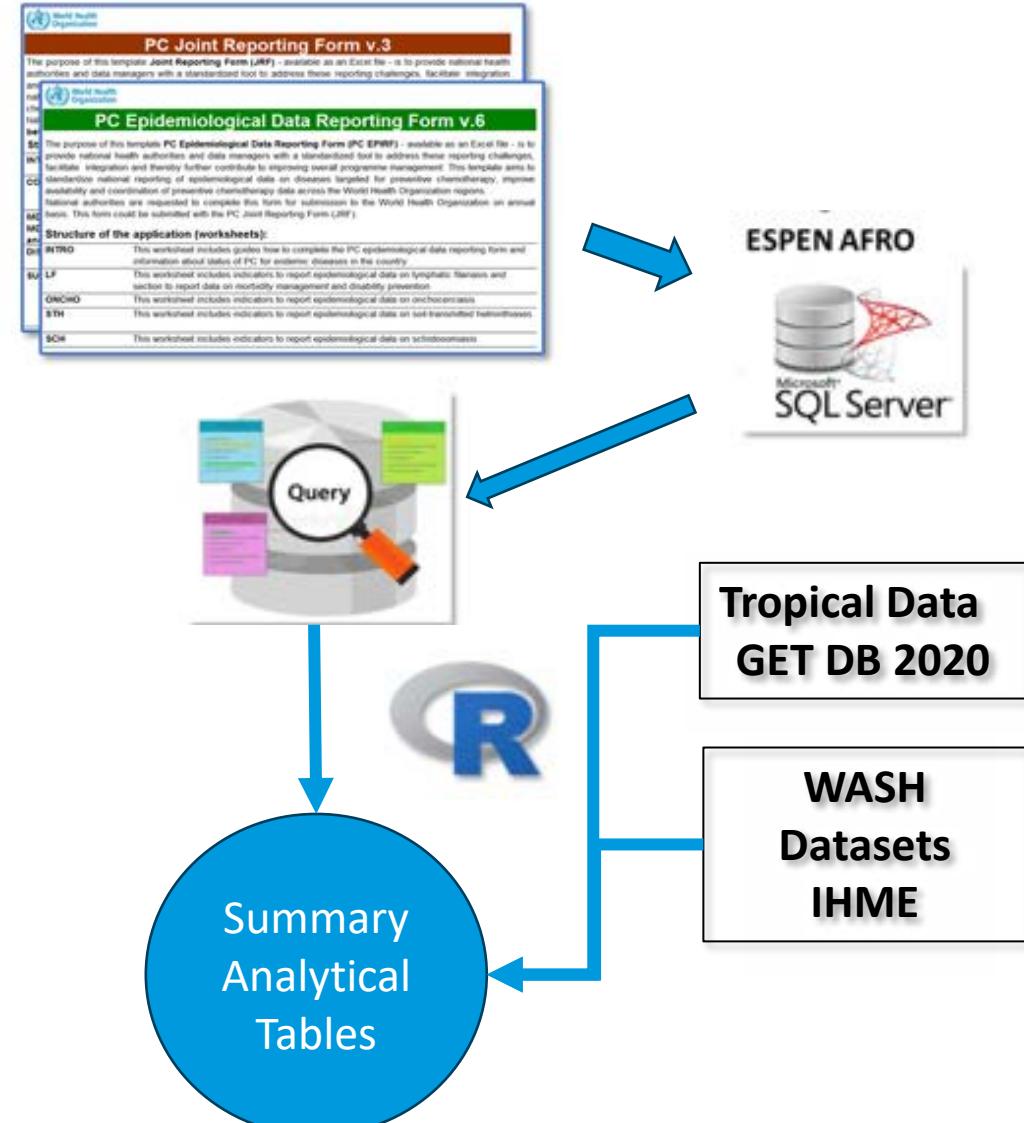
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ESPEN Data Portal - <https://espen.afro.who.int/>

- NTD Data Portal launched by ESPEN in April 2017.
- Aims to be top public NTD data hub.
- Compiles PC-NTD data from countries using JAP & TEMF reports.
- Helps guide NTD control and elimination strategies.
- Not just data storage:
 - ESPEN Collect for data collection.
 - JAP Upload tool for data reporting.
 - Tools for data visualization: graphs, dashboards, maps.
 - Includes NTD Master Plans, Updated Cartography, Elimination estimates.
 - Offers APIs for external app development.



ESPEN Data Portal – v3.0 (2024)



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39% of the global NTD burden occurs in Africa

600 million people require treatment in Africa

The ESPEN Portal enables health ministries and stakeholders to share, and exchange subnational programme data, in support of the NTD control and elimination goals.

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Lymphatic filariasis | Onchocerciasis | Loiasis | Schistosomiasis | Soil-transmitted helminthiasis | Trachoma | WASH and neglected tropical diseases

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ESPEN Portal v4.0

- **Launched in May 2025**
- Automated generation of static maps
- Contents and products in multiple languages
- Upgraded architecture:
 - ✓ Faster
 - ✓ More user-friendly
 - ✓ New Features, including a Generative AI agent (*chatbot*)
 - ✓ More emphasize in contents and news

ESPEN Data Portal – v4.0 (2025)

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39% of the global human species in Africa

518.6 million people require treatment for PC NTDs in Africa

8 countries have eliminated at least 1 PC NTD in the African region

61.3% reduction

289 million received treatment for at least 1 PC NTD in 2020 in the African region

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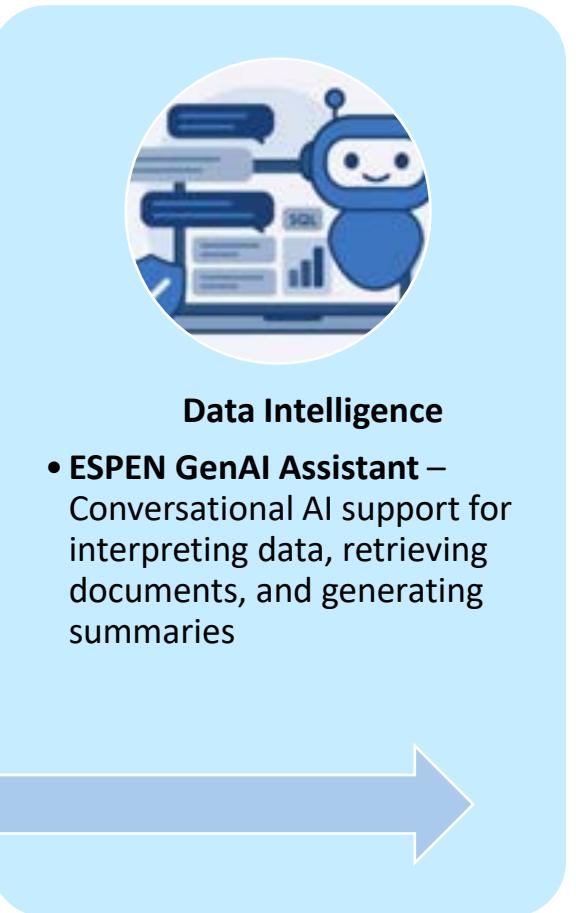
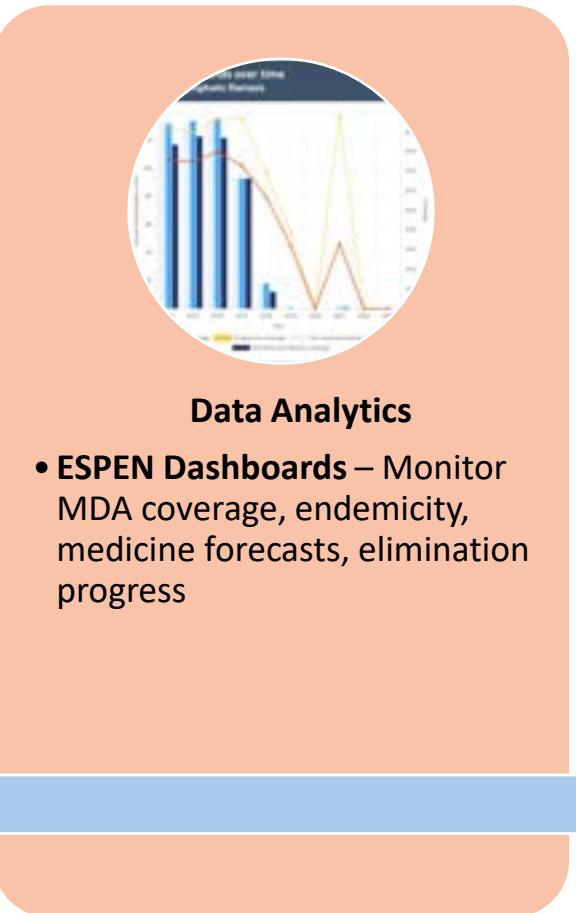
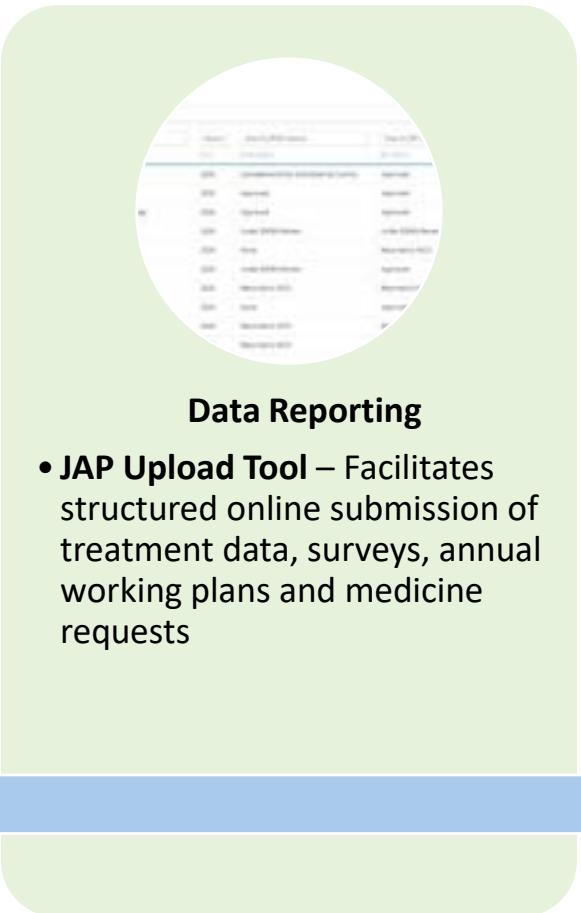
LL, Onch, SCH & STH progress and forecast dashboards for each country



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Introduction – Why the ESPEN Portal Matters



One-stop access to national and sub-national NTD data

- Brings together data from multiple sources: **JAP reporting forms**.
- Data available for **5 PC-NTDs**: LF, Oncho, SCH, STH, and Trachoma.
- **Integrated dashboards** for each disease across all endemic countries.
- Enables **disaggregation** by implementation unit (IU), year, and disease.



Supports countries and partners with decision-making tools

- Interactive **maps and charts** help visualize:
 - Coverage trends
 - Endemicity levels
- Tools like the **ESPEN IU Planner** help identify gaps and coordinate partner efforts.
- Built-in filters allow for **customized analysis** by program needs.



Publicly available platform managed by ESPEN and Ministries of Health

- Ensures **transparency and accountability** in NTD programme data.
- Data is **submitted and validated** by Ministries of Health before being published.
- Access is open to **countries, donors, researchers, and partners** alike.

Overview of the ESPEN Portal Structure

Accelerating elimination of NTDs - Towards 2030

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Dashboards, Summary indicators & maps: key treatment and endemicity indicators, dynamic and static maps, and interactive dashboards

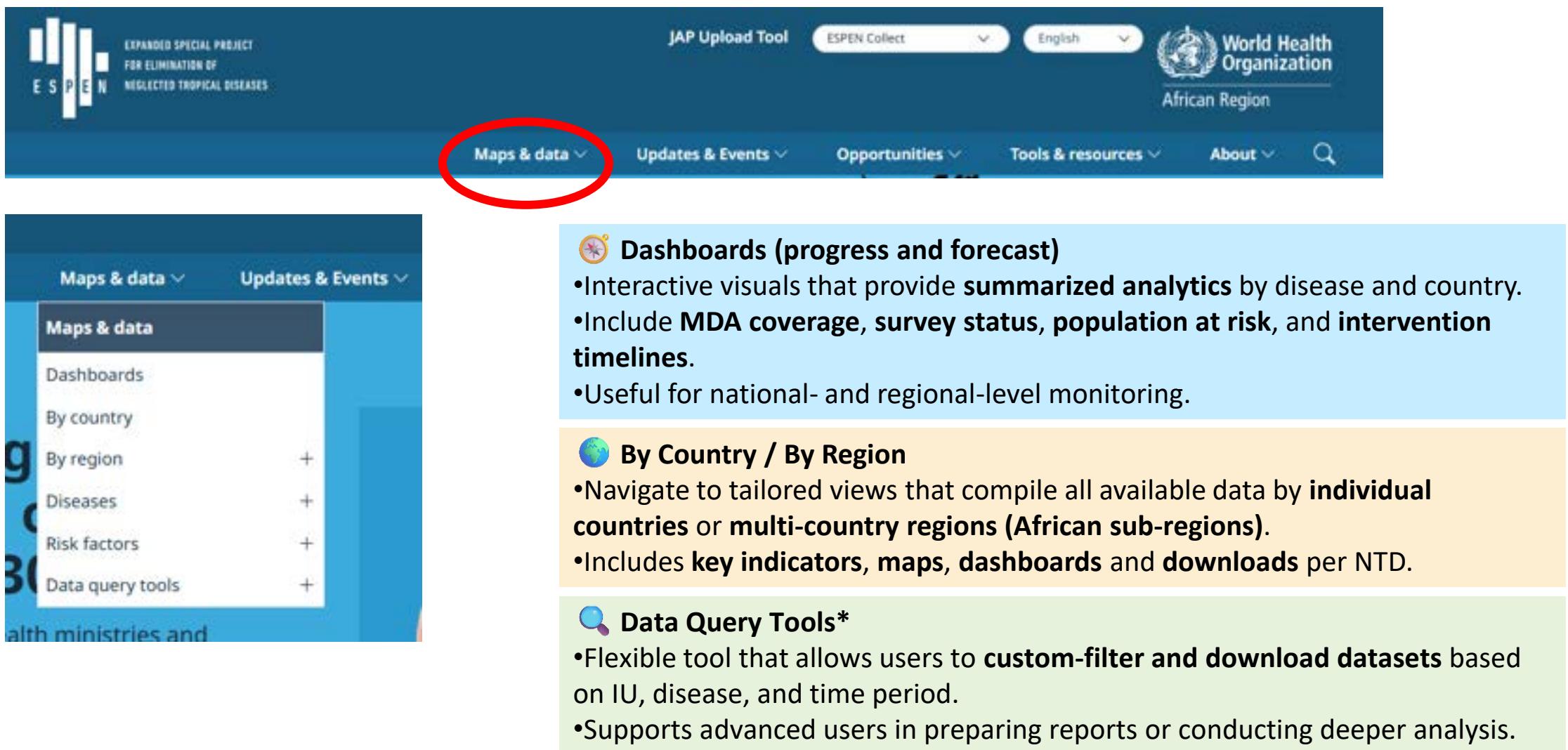
Other technical resources: data collection, data reporting and advanced analytics

Contents: news, updates, newsletters, partnerships and MMM programme.

MAPS & DATA SECTION



Navigating “Maps & Data”



The screenshot shows the ESPEN website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ESPEN logo, a 'JAP Upload Tool' button, 'ESPEN Collect' dropdown, 'English' dropdown, and the World Health Organization African Region logo. Below the navigation bar, there are five menu items: 'Maps & data' (circled in red), 'Updates & Events', 'Opportunities', 'Tools & resources', and 'About'. A search icon is also present. The main content area is divided into three colored sections: light blue, orange, and light green. The light blue section contains a 'Dashboards (progress and forecast)' section with a compass icon and a list of bullet points. The orange section contains a 'By Country / By Region' section with a globe icon and a list of bullet points. The light green section contains a 'Data Query Tools*' section with a magnifying glass icon and a list of bullet points.

Maps & data

- Interactive visuals that provide **summarized analytics** by disease and country.
- Include **MDA coverage, survey status, population at risk, and intervention timelines**.
- Useful for national- and regional-level monitoring.

By Country / By Region

- Navigate to tailored views that compile all available data by **individual countries or multi-country regions (African sub-regions)**.
- Includes **key indicators, maps, dashboards and downloads** per NTD.

Data Query Tools*

- Flexible tool that allows users to **custom-filter and download datasets** based on IU, disease, and time period.
- Supports advanced users in preparing reports or conducting deeper analysis.

Dashboards – Progress & Forecast

Dashboards

Please select a Country and Disease, and either Progress or Forecast and click Update to view the dashboard.

Country: Democratic Republic of the Congo Disease: Lymphatic filariasis

Dashboard Progress Forecast Update

Key statistics for 2023

Population living in IUs requiring PC:	Population living in IUs that have stopped PC:
37,428,659 people (178 IUs)	14,421,858 people (67 IUs)
Population targeted for PC:	Population treated with PC:
30,181,444 people (178 IUs in total)	29,966,556 people (178 IUs in total)
176 IUs achieved effective coverage	

Drug regimen:

- ALB+DYM in 120 IUs
- ALBx2 in 59 IUs

Coverage indicators

Geographic coverage:	100% of endemic IUs covered by PC
Programme coverage:	99% of individuals living in targeted IUs were treated
National coverage:	80% of individuals requiring PC in the country were treated

National PC Coverage Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lymphatic filariasis (2023)

Total population requiring PC 2023 37,428,659

Population requiring PC that received PC Population requiring PC that did not receive PC

PC Coverage trends over time Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lymphatic filariasis

Actual programme coverage

Year

Target coverage Programme coverage IUs requiring treatment IUs treated IUs achieving effective coverage

Country progress: % of IUs per Elimination stage Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lymphatic filariasis

Actual programme coverage

Year

Endemic 2020 not-determined Endemic under MDG Endemic pending MDG Endemic under post-intervention surveillance Endemic coverage IUs reported

Status of the national LF Elimination programme Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lymphatic filariasis (2014 - 2020)

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Map of Democratic Republic of the Congo showing the status of the national LF Elimination programme by district.

Legend: Not endemic, Under post-intervention surveillance, Endemic, Endemic coverage.

PC coverage/year for Pseudo Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lymphatic filariasis Current IU endemicity: Endemic (under MDG) 2020

Population requiring PC that did not receive PC Population requiring PC that received PC

Year

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Region Analytics & Maps

Western Africa



Regional summary statistics for 2023

Demographics

1,867	421,327,838	61,851,625	116,505,263	227,775,213	14
Number of implementation units (3Us)	Total Population	Total PreSAC Population	Total SAC Population	Total Adult Population	Number of countries reporting data



Programme status *

1,956,641 people	7 3Us	260,937,799 people	1,462 3Us	119,804,260 people	800 3Us
Population living in 3Us with endemicity unknown for at least one PC-NTD		Population requiring PC for at least one PC-NTD		Population living in 3Us that have stopped PC for at least one PC-NTD	

Delivery of PC in 2023 *

189,749,816 people	1,278 3Us	146,763,791 people	1,278 3Us	91 3Us (9% of all endemic 3Us)	
Population targeted with PC for at least one NTD		Population requiring PC for at least one PC-NTD		3Us achieving effective coverage for all NTDs requiring PC	

*These statistics exclude trachoma, as data are currently reporting using alternative implementation unit information, making integration unfeasible.

Trachoma

54	12 (3%)
Number of 3U Requiring PC for trachoma	Number of 3U Implementing PC for trachoma

Disclaimer: summary indicators provided here have been obtained from countries that have submitted the Joint Report Form (JRF) for the selected year. These indicators have resulted from aggregating estimates provided at implementation unit level.

Western Africa



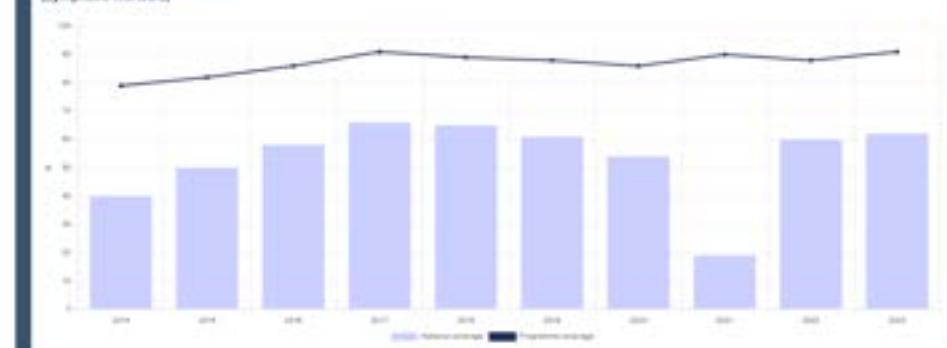
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Lymphatic Filariasis program status in Western Africa



PC coverage per year in Western Africa (Lymphatic Filariasis)



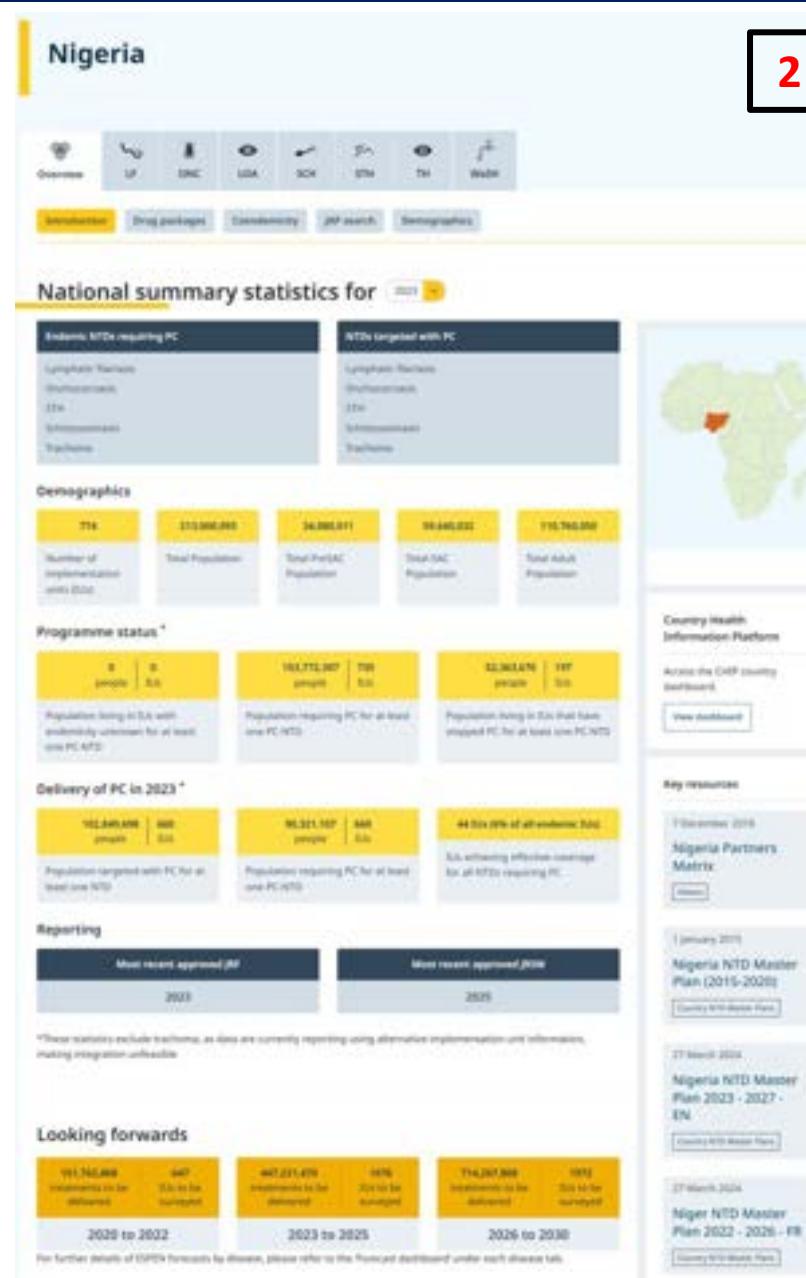
Country Analytics, Maps & Dashboards I

Country maps and data



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Nigeria



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Country Analytics, Maps & Dashboards II



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- **On-the-fly map generation**
- Map interface available in **multiple languages**
- **Filter maps by disease, intervention type, and year** across all 5 PC-NTDs
- **Downloadable map layouts** in both portrait and landscape formats
- **Access to underlying datasets** for further analysis



Nigeria

Overview LF DNC LOA SCH STH TH WaSH

Onchocerciasis

Progress dashboard Forecast dashboard **Maps** Data

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	Geographic coverage	Data.CSV	Data.CSV
Nigeria	Onchocerciasis	Map.PDF	Map.PNG
	2023	Map.PDF	Map.PNG
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	Therapeutic coverage	Data.CSV	Data.CSV
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	2023	Map.PDF	Map.PNG
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	Therapeutic coverage	Data.CSV	Data.CSV

Country Health Information Platform (CHIP)



CHIP is a Microsoft Power BI dashboard that aggregates all national data reported on annual reporting forms into a single, interactive dashboard.

National NTD programmes who wish to use CHIP can register using the link below. Once registered, a CHIP dashboard will be setup for their country and they will receive training on the features of the CHIP dashboard. Additionally, CHIP relies on having complete reporting of all programmatic activities on annual reporting forms. Additional support can be provided to national NTD programmes who wish to fill in existing reporting gaps.

CHIP

Country health information platform

Région: All

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77 Unités d'implémentation (UI)

10,527,515 Population

Nombre de MTN endémiques

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Région	UI	Filariose Lymphatique	Onchocercose	Schistosomiasis	Géohelminthoses
Alibori	Bankara	Non-endémique	Endémique	Modérée	Faible
Alibori	Gogounou	Non-endémique	Endémique	Faible	Modérée
Alibori	Kandi	Non-endémique	Endémique	Modérée	Modérée
Alibori	Karimanga	Post-AMM	Endémique	Faible	Faible
Alibori	Malanville	Post-AMM	Endémique	Modérée	Faible
Alibori	Segbana	Non-endémique	Endémique	Faible	Modérée
Atakora	Boukoumbé	Post-AMM	Endémique	Modérée	Faible
Atakora	Cobilé	Non-endémique	Endémique	Modérée	Modérée
Atakora	Kerou	Post-AMM	Endémique	Faible	Faible
Atakora	Kouandé	Non-endémique	Endémique	Modérée	Modérée
Atakora	Matiér	Post-AMM	Endémique	Faible	Faible
Atakora	Natitingou	Non-endémique	Endémique	Faible	Faible
Atakora	Péhunco	Non-endémique	Non-endémique	Modérée	Faible
Atakora	Tanguiéta	Post-AMM	Endémique	Modérée	Faible
Atakora	Toukounouna	Post-AMM	Endémique	Faible	Faible
Atlantique	Abomey-Calavi	Non-endémique	Non-endémique	Faible	Faible
Atlantique	Allada	Post-AMM	Non-endémique	Faible	Modérée
Atlantique	Kpomasse	Post-AMM	Non-endémique	Non-endémique	Faible
Atlantique	Ouidah	Post-AMM	Non-endémique	Modérée	Faible
Atlantique	Sô-Ava	Non-endémique	Non-endémique	Forte	Faible
Atlantique	Toffo	Non-endémique	Endémique	Modérée	Forte
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Atlantique	Ze	Non-endémique	Endémique	Modérée	Modérée
Borgou	Bembéréké	Non-endémique	Endémique	Forte	Faible
Borgou	Katala	Non-endémique	Endémique	Modérée	Modérée
Borgou	N'Dali	Non-endémique	Endémique	Forte	Modérée
Borgou	Nikki	Non-endémique	Endémique	Modérée	Faible
Borgou	Parakou	Post-AMM	Endémique	Modérée	Modérée

Endémicité des MTN par les unités d'implémentation (UI)

UI endémiques >> 0 51 76 77

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Senegal joins growing list of countries that have eliminated trachoma

Other Recently Assess The World Health Organization (WHO) has continued to engage governments in defining key public health problems. In response to the needs resulting in WHO's African Region to have enhanced links

“I commend Senator [for] treating my population [from this disease]” said Dr. Harriet Blackshear (Montgomery, 1940, Senator-General). “This indicates to get another” sign of the continuing struggle being made against Neglected Tropical Diseases generally, and others hope to other countries will continue to eliminate them.”

"Tachibana has been involved in Beverage service for nearly 10 years and was confirmed as a regular Leader of Beverage service through surveys in the 1990s and 1995s. Beverage service in the 1990s Alliance for the World Elimination of Tochibana in 1998, contributed to this national survey in 2000, and completed the 2005 survey in 2007 with support from the Non-Governmental Organization Tachibana and Tachibana. Tachibana continues to consistently integrate into national and local health programmes, first under the National Program for Beverage Dispensaries (NPD) and later through the National Program for the Promotion of Low-beverage (NPLB) – demonstrating its commitment to public health promotion.

"Today we celebrate our victory against tuberculosis, 21 years after the one against leprosy," said Dr. Shashikala S. Nene, India's Minister of Health and Social Affairs. "This new initiative reminds us that our overarching goal remains a long-term one: to eliminate major diseases. We are fully committed to this, and we're making good progress, notably against human African trypanosomiasis, which used to be widespread."

Strong implemented the HNO-2 recommended 2017 strategy to eliminate cholera with the support of partners, reaching 1.8 million people who needed them across 24 districts. These activities included provision of surgery to limit the late bleeding stage of the disease, conducting cholera-free days, utilization of antibiotics, decompression Point-of-care (POC) through the International Frachette Initiative, removal of old water pipelines, reconnection of broken local connections, and dissemination of records to water, health, and hygiene.

Thupembe is the seasonal registered tropical disease to be eliminated in Benin. In 2006, the country was declared free of leprosy (National Leprosy Disease Control Program). Globally, leprosy cases >1000 countries have been certified by WHO for having eliminated leprosy as a public health problem. *Persons with leprosy* (WHO, 2006). *Source: Institutes of Leprosy, Leprosy Research Foundation, India, Iraq, Indonesia, Mali, Norway, Rwanda, Mexico, Marocco, Myanmar, Nepal, China, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Togo, Venezuela and the rest. These countries are part of a cluster of 57 countries that have eliminated leprosy as a public health problem.*

"There is a place for private health companies to have a role in delivery, but the role of government is to make sure that there is a safety net for people, health but a powerful tribute to the tireless dedication of frontline health workers, communities, government leaders, and partners who have gone out," said Dr Jean-Marie Hamuy Tsimba, WHO Representative to Kenya. "Today, we see that a partner that began with a hundred staff years ago, with pride, grit, and resilience, today remains committed to supporting health care in this country and remains in it, supporting the health system's resilience."

Stimulus generalization

Trachoma remains a payable health problem in 30 countries, with an estimated 193 million people living in areas requiring interventions against this disease. Trachoma is found mostly in the poorest and most rural areas of Africa, Central and South America, Asia, the Western Pacific, and some Andean countries. Africa's African Region is disproportionately affected by trachoma, with 132 million people thought to be at risk in April 2024, representing 88% of the global trachoma burden.

Significant progress has been made in the fight against malaria over the past ten years and the number of people requiring treatment has decreased in the African Region by 90 million from 148 million in 2000 to 58 million in 2010, representing a 61% reduction.

These are currently 27 countries (Algeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe) or 50% of the Region that are known to require interventions for lymphatic filariasis. 4 further countries are at the highest transmission. Some others and countries may have achieved the programme targets for elimination.

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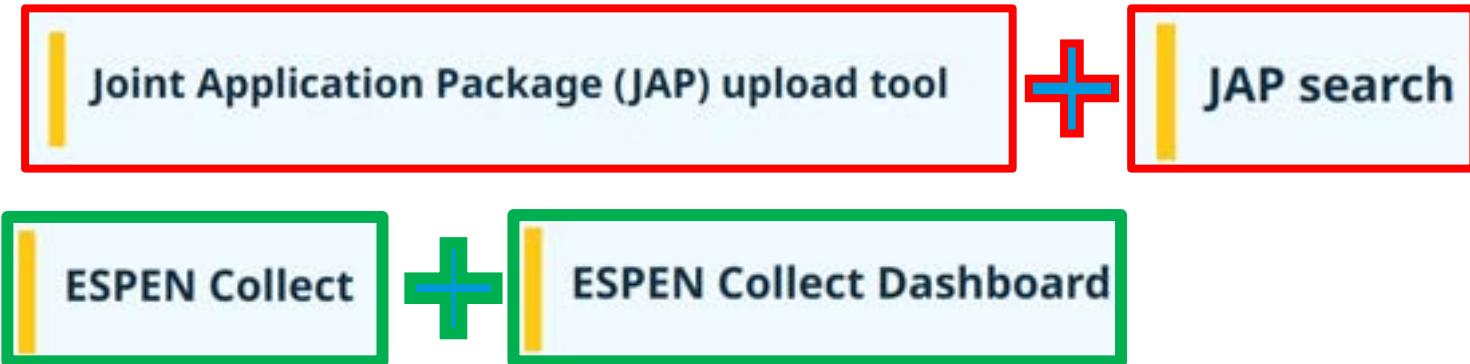
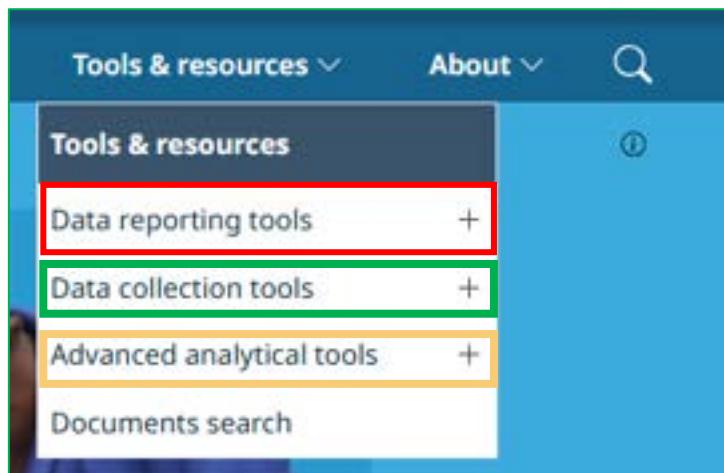
Trichomoniasis is a non-specific trichomycosis. It is a causative agent of trichomoniasis, which spreads person-to-person through contaminated surfaces. Herpes simplex virus (HSV) can coexist with Trichomonas in infected persons.

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To combat trachoma as a public health problem, WHO spearheaded the SAFE strategy: a comprehensive approach to reduce transmission of the causative organism, (i.e., *trachoma* infection) and treat visual-loss-eyes. The SAFE strategy consists of surgery to treat my Trichiasis (corneal entropion) (which increases transmission), antibiotics to clear the infection, particularly mass drug administration of the antibiotic azithromycin (which has been adopted by the WHO), and environmental improvement through the promotion

The health care for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030 targets the prevention, control, elimination and eradication of 25 diseases, plus disease clusters to 2030. These are based on disease and other evidence major disease clusters that benefit global economic, human

Tools & Resources – Technical Guidance at Your Fingertips



Advanced Analytical tools:

- Country Health information Platform (CHIP)
- Schistosomiasis Mapper tool: SPPA protocol
- ESPEN Geospatial microplanner
- Implementation Unit Planner
- ESPEN GenAI Assistant



Opportunities – Engagement with the NTD Community

Annual Meetings of National NTD Programme Managers in the WHO Africa Region



Introduction

The Annual Meeting of National NTD Programme Managers in the WHO Africa Region serves as a platform for collective review in the ongoing battle against neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). In the face of unprecedented global challenges, these meetings have emerged as pivotal gatherings for sharing knowledge, aligning strategies, and renewing our commitment to public health and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Background and significance

The journey of the past five years, marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, has underscored the importance of resilience and preparedness in health systems. The launch of the Global NTD Roadmap 2021-2030 and the endorsement of the Global Framework for action by the WHO NTD Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee (NTD STAC) have helped to set a new course for collective action.

NTDs continue to have a major, and often默默无闻的, impact on health systems and communities, particularly in the most vulnerable settings. The advancement of NTDs, occurring day by day, requires a constant review of resources and strategies to ensure that the most effective interventions are being implemented.

The need for Annual Meetings

These meetings are more than just a gathering of minds; they are a rallying point for action. The challenge of funding and resources is always present, but the focus is on the task at hand: the fight against NTDs. Through these meetings, countries can share best practices, coordinate efforts, and foster a sense of collective responsibility. They are a platform for advancing knowledge and adapting to changing public health landscapes.

Objectives and expected outcomes

The general objective of these meetings is to review progress, align resources with National Plans and the WHO NTD Roadmap, and foster stronger partnerships for accelerating programme action. Specific objectives include sharing experiences and challenges, providing technical and innovative updates, highlighting strategies for strengthening country ownership and supporting countries to move forward.

Expected outcomes encompass a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities in NTD programmes, the adoption of innovative approaches for effective implementation and collaboration, and the development of operational plans to meet funding gaps and address regional targets.

The way forward

As we move forward, the theme of integrated, multi-sectorial, and synergistic health systems for NTDs across countries remains vital. The integration of NTDs with other communicable and non-communicable diseases under one roof is essential to ensure a strong, long-term push towards our goals.

(For meetings, webinars, and not just annual events but milestones in our collective journey towards a world free from the scourge of NTDs. They represent our unified commitment to advancing public health, strengthening health systems, and making NTDs a thing of the past.)

The Mwele Malecela Mentorship Program for Women in NTDs

Purpose

The Mwele Malecela Mentorship (MMM) Program for Women in Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) supports mid-career African women to become leaders and champions in NTD elimination at national and international levels. NTDs and other Tropical and Vector-Borne Diseases (TVD) Programmes are part of and contribute to the work of the Universal health coverage/Communicable and non-communicable diseases (UHC/UCN) cluster in the WHO African region.



WHO/AFRRO is leading this program in collaboration with the NTD Fund and the American Society for Medicine, Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (ASMHTM). Aligned with the Global NTD Roadmap, the MMM program will provide mentorship, training and networking opportunities over two years to cohorts of women from 2023 to 2030.

MMM Program Reports

- MM Program Report August 2023.pdf
- MM Program Report May 2023.pdf
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	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Cohort Selection Phase		Stage 1 application portal live		Stage 2 Candidates Selection		Selection Committee review process			Training Committee approves of mentors selected	Unselected mentors announced (ADHN, MMH, online, etc.)	1. Matching is complete	1. Program kick-off
Cohort Selection Mentor			Mentor applications open		Selection Committee review process				2. Mentor begins matching Survey phase with both mentors and mentees	2. Match check carried out	2. Announcements that next cohort applications open in January	
					Non-selected applicants (mentees) notified				Non-selected applicants (mentees) notified		Unmatched mentors notified	
Year 1: Cohort Management	(Standard for every month is one meeting with mentor)											End of programme year
	Cohort Launch	Cohort Midpoint Review	Webinar	Networking Opportunity	Networking Opportunity	Webinar	Networking Opportunity	Leadership Programmes	Webinar	Networking Opportunity	Networking Opportunity	

CLOSING – Wrap-Up & Key Messages

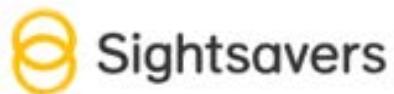


Wrap-up & Key Messages

- The ESPEN Portal is the central hub for PC-NTD data, supporting strategic planning and monitoring.
- Version 4.0 brings faster performance, multi-language access, and a new GenAI Assistant.
- Explore dashboards, maps, and downloadable datasets—customized by disease, region, and time.
- Use ESPEN tools for data collection (ESPEN Collect), reporting (JAP Upload), and advanced planning (e.g., IU Planner, Geospatial Microplanner).
- Engage with the Portal as a daily resource—not just for reports, but to guide action and track progress.

Your feedback is crucial—help us **improve and expand** these tools to better serve your programmes

Thank you for your attention



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Lunch Break



Hands-On Practical Session: Developing a Brief Country Report Using ESPEN Portal Resources

Group Discussion: Feedback on Tools Used—Strengths, Limitations, and Opportunities for using the ESPEN Portal

Moderator: Katie Shanahan



Discussion: ESPEN Portal Tool Feedback

- Take time in your group to reflect on the experience using the Portal. The feedback will help improve ESPEN tools and tailor them to country needs.

Guiding Questions:

1. Which ESPEN tools were most helpful for finding and using NTD data?
2. Did you experience any challenges navigating the dashboards, filtering data, or downloading visuals?
3. Which features of the Portal could be improved or made more user-friendly?
4. How well do ESPEN tools align with your national data/reporting systems (e.g., DHIS2)?
5. What new features, training resources, or support would help you use ESPEN tools more effectively?

Coffee Break



Preview Day 4 - Preparations for Day 4

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THANK YOU