

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

## Day 3

Brazzaville, 21-25 July 2025



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# Wrap Up Day 2

# JAP – Strengthening Submission Processes and Addressing Key Challenges

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- Countries shared experiences addressing delays in JAP submission due to outdated population data, redistricting, and inconsistent reporting across sectors.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

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- 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

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- 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.

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

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# Overview

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



# Why Data Matters for NTD Programmes

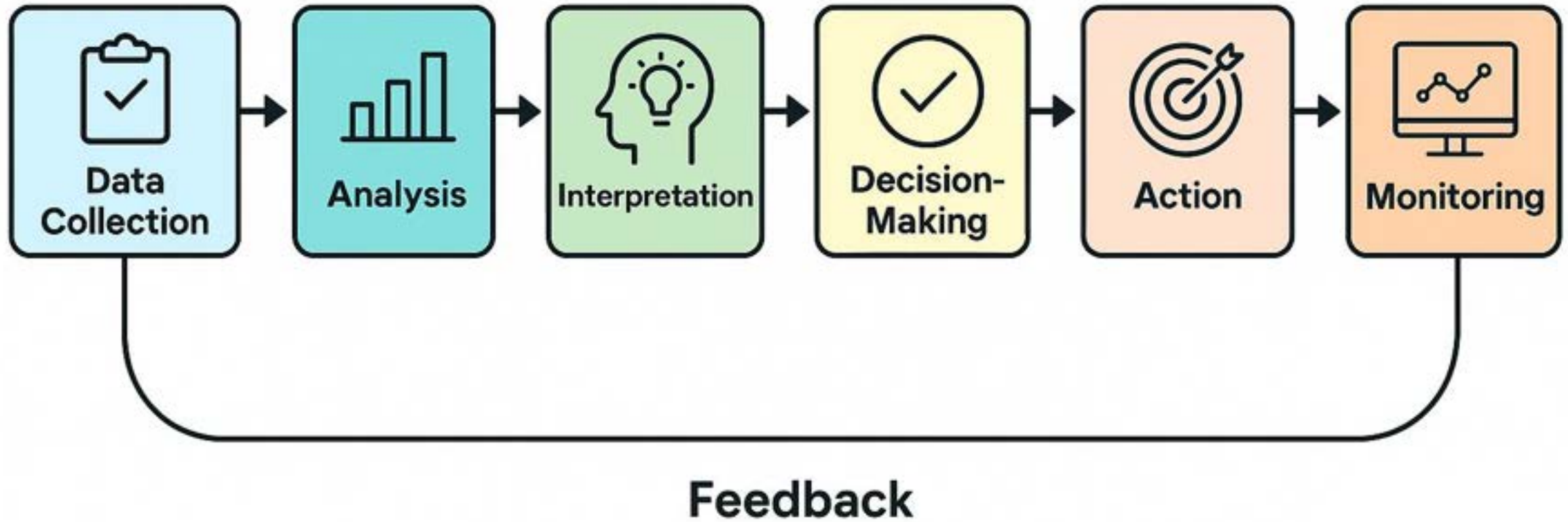
## Challenges (*some*) in NTD Programme Implementation

- **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

Population (in 1000s) requiring treatment by disease, 2020					
	LF	ONCHOS	SCH	STH	TSA
Angola	3,329	5,845	2,258	5,371	No data
Benin	525	5,599	1,987	2,109	0
Burkina Faso	2,187	285	4,285	Surveillance	0
Burundi		2,008	1,634	2,296	0
Cabo Verde			150		
Cameroun	58	11,348	3,330	3,834	325
Central African Republic	4,443	2,606	478	997	3,331
Chad	5,352	6,153	2,378	545	270
Comoros	400			255	
Congo	1,062	787	225	833	
Côte d'Ivoire	21,968	18,349	3,635	2,596	7,865
Democratic Republic of the Congo	47,298	50,806	11,532	51,992	13,245
Equatorial Guinea	420	89	52	845	
Eritrea	72		246		126
Eswatini			182	17	
Ethiopia	8,211	24,391	7,775	28,073	75,712
Gabon	358	732	180	438	
Gambia			88	71	0
Ghana	1,150	7,622	4,369	10,904	Eliminated
Guinea	8,181	7,746	1,985	2,356	235
Guinea-Bissau	1,892	566	106	377	27
Kenya	4,185		1,924	5,938	3,860
Lesotho				387	
Liberia	2,949	3,280	448	899	
Madagascar	21,590		4,439	7,581	
Malawi	Eliminated	2,491	3,735	7,831	0
Mali	Surveillance	6,316	3,528	Surveillance	0
Mauritania			191		0
Mozambique	19,099		8,268	11,282	4,728
Namibia			206	813	No data
Niger	4,135		4,355	Surveillance	4,388
Nigeria	116,178	51,731	17,844	68,247	7,864
Rwanda			1,605	3,912	
Sao Tome and Principe	230		28	83	
Senegal	5,391	318	1,541	1,271	0
Sierra Leone	1,655	7,153	1,309	3,256	
South Africa			3,808	15,882	
South Sudan	8,561	8,571	1,324	678	3,301
Togo	Eliminated	3,820	1,740	2,523	0
Uganda	Surveillance	1,581	9,620	14,484	700
United Republic of Tanzania	8,238	8,576	6,755	19,294	1,481
Zambia	12,810		2,158	4,447	2,748
Zimbabwe	8,030		2,022	889	3,486
Zybulu				813	
Egypt	Eliminated		1,484		1,945
Somalia			2,930	2,897	No data
Sudan	10,867	383	4,117	1,218	3,499

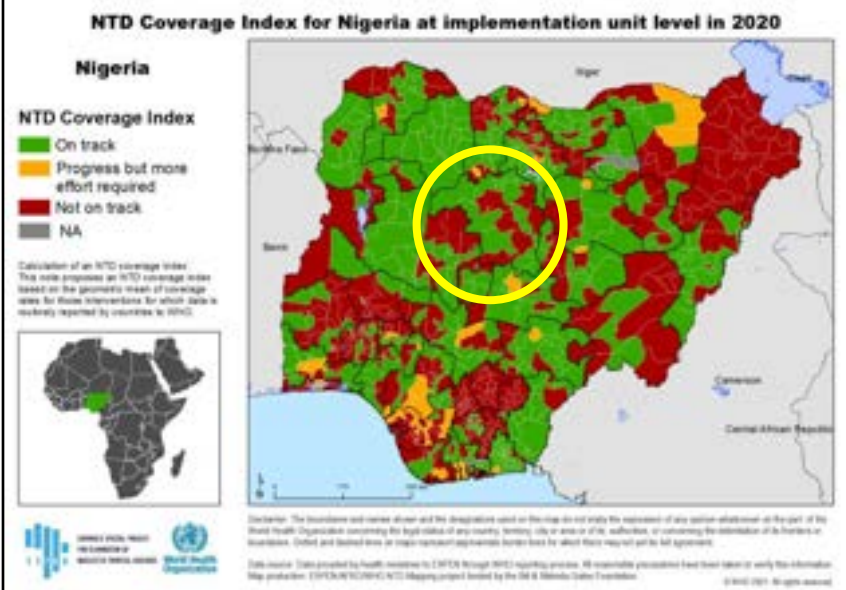
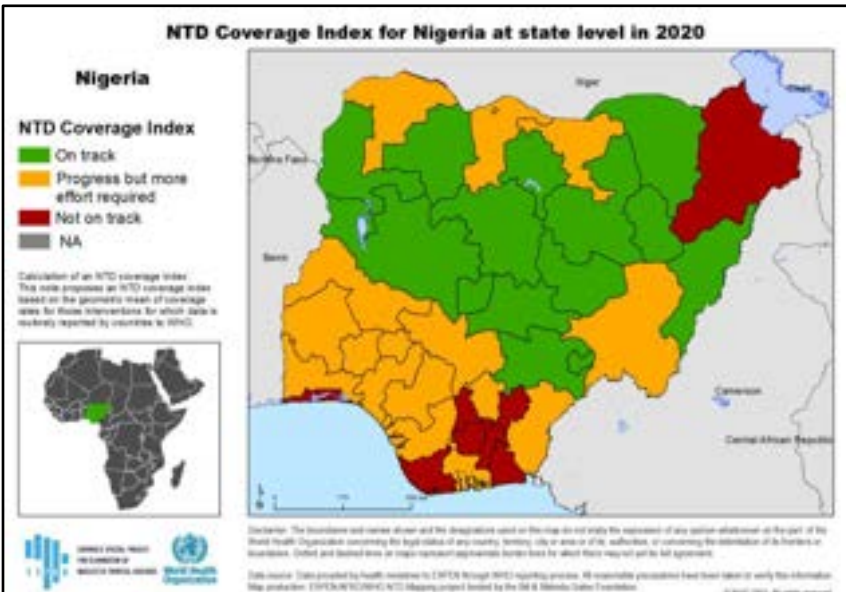
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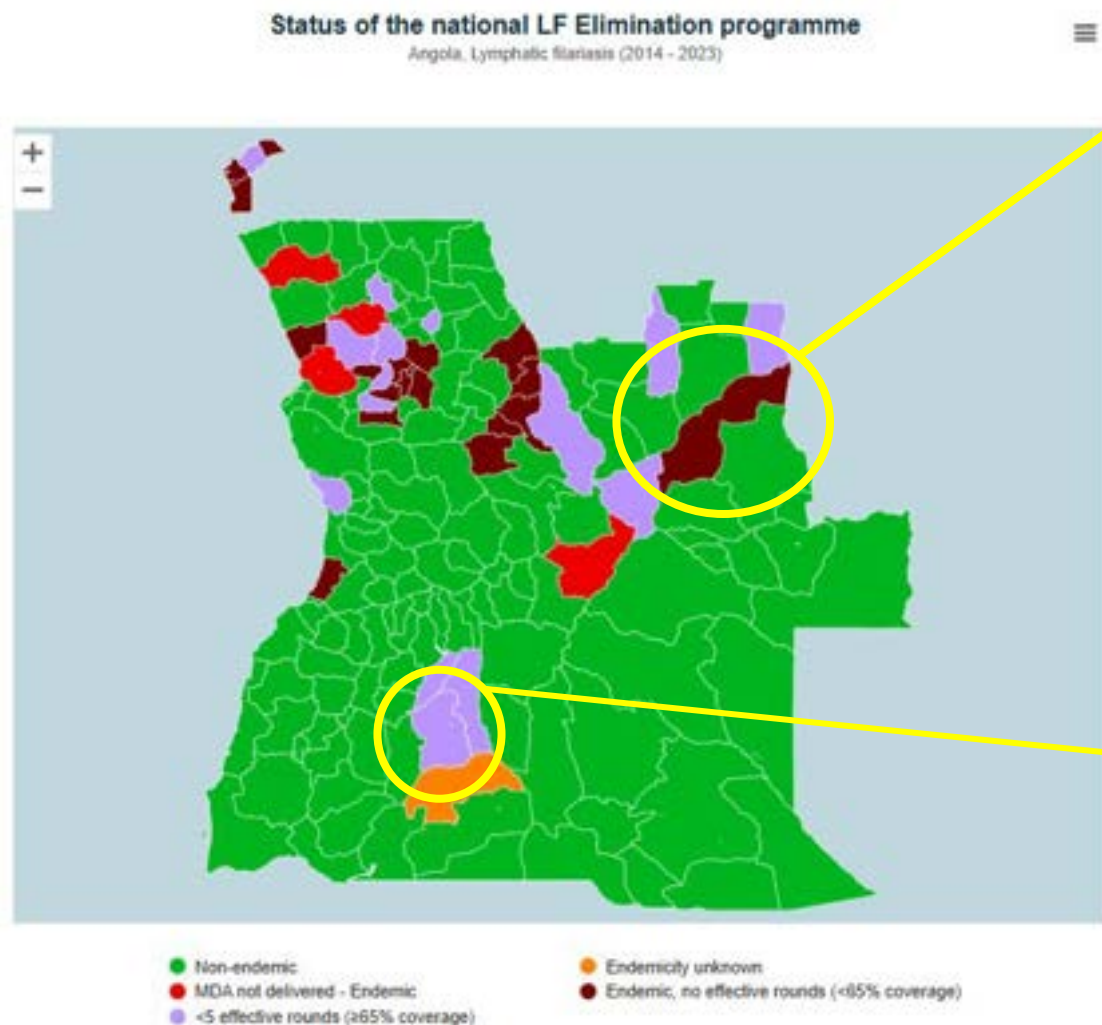
Coverage by disease, 2020					
LF	ONCHOS	SCH	STH	TSA	
25	34	18	12	NO	25
28	82	69	18	100	28
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82	100	98	100		82
		55			65
9	36	99	36	0	38
0	0	0	0	38	60
78	68	15	26	9	65
50			33		68
13	30	81	41		12
48	74	100	82	25	65
9	0	0	4	54	74
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- Not on track
- Progress
- On track
- Not requiring P
- Not implemented
- 0 (NR)
- 0 (VAL)
- Not reported
- Reported but data is still under validation process

76 (2019) / 56 (2020)

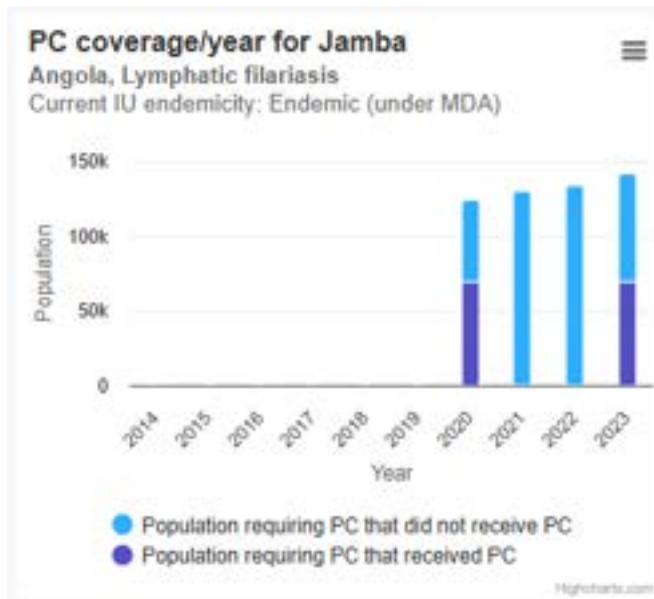
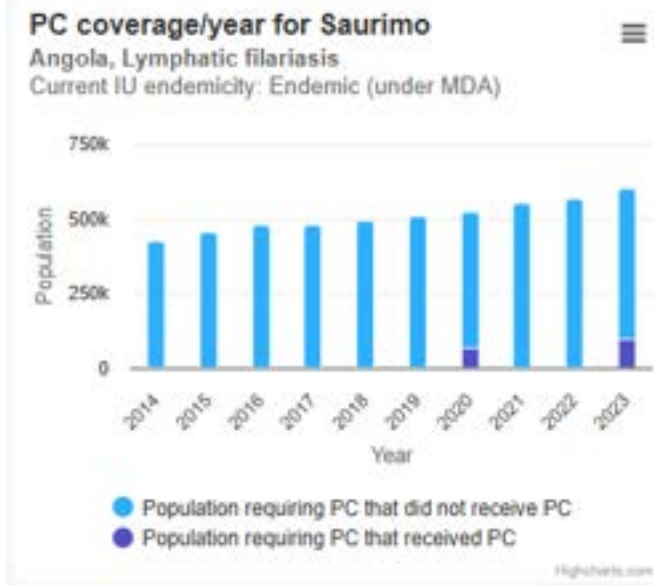


# Case Study 1 – Planning Based on Coverage Gaps



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

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

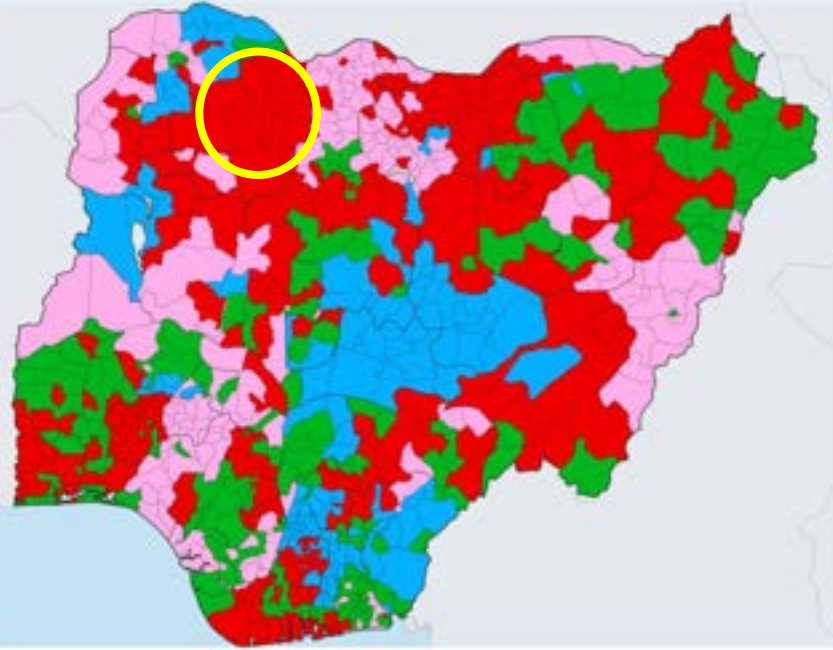




# Case Study 2 – Stopping MDA Based on Impact Survey Data

## Nigeria (2023)

Status of Lymphatic filariasis Elimination



Lymphatic filariasis > Endemicity



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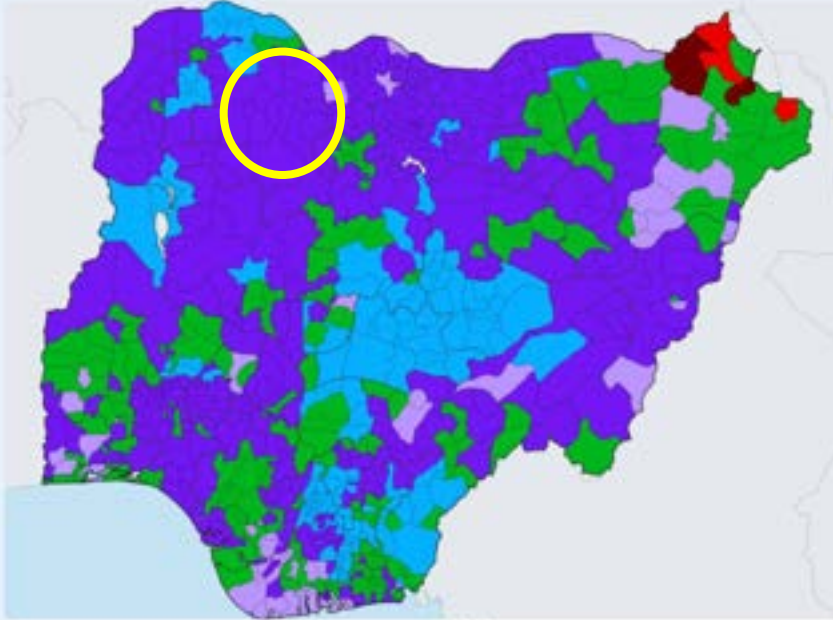
LGAs with a history of more than 5 effective rounds since 2013, yet to implement pre-TAS/EMS

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

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

## Nigeria (2013 - 2023)

Number of MDA rounds for Lymphatic filariasis (Therapeutic coverage)



Lymphatic filariasis > MDA/PC rounds > Therapeutic coverage



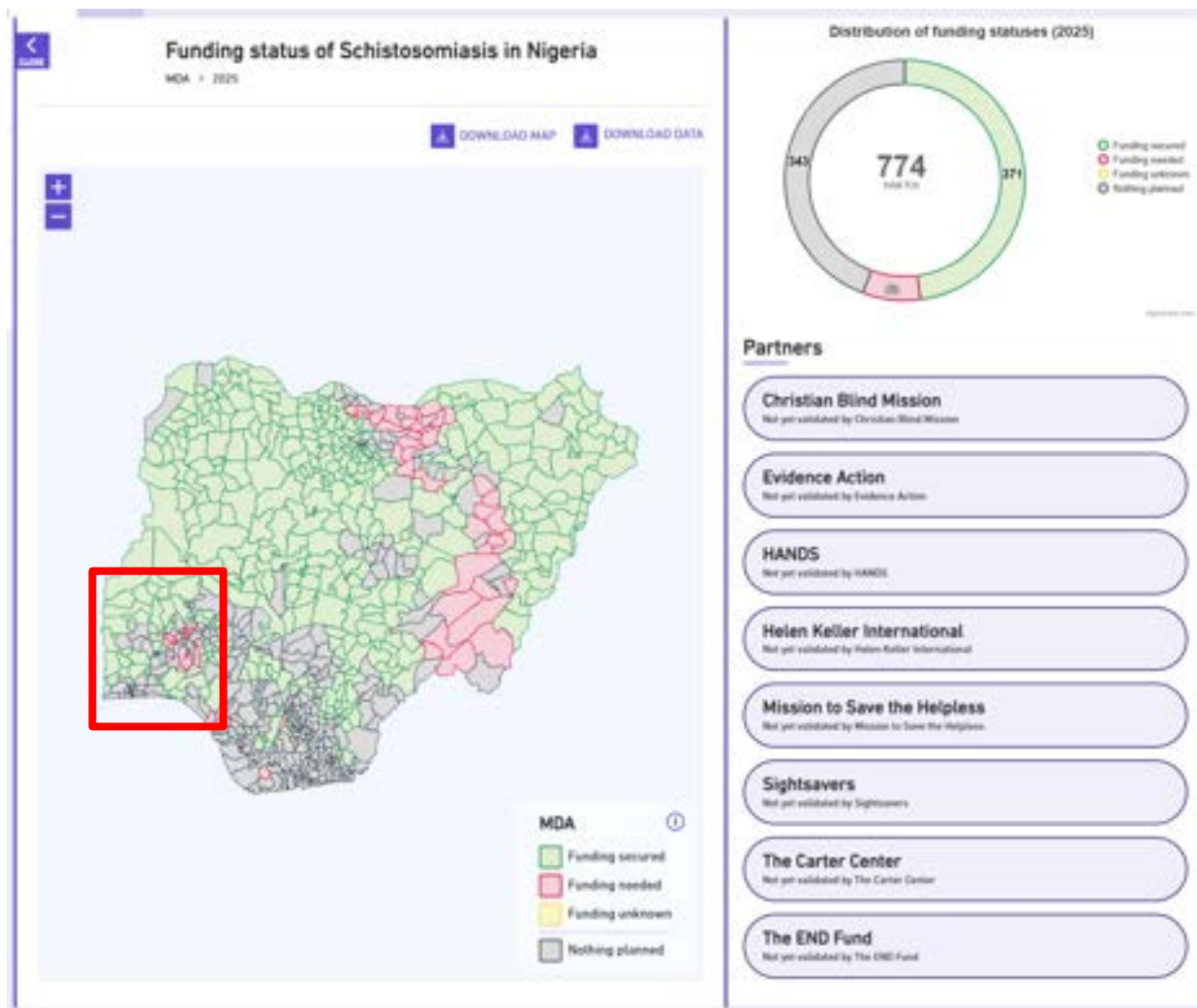
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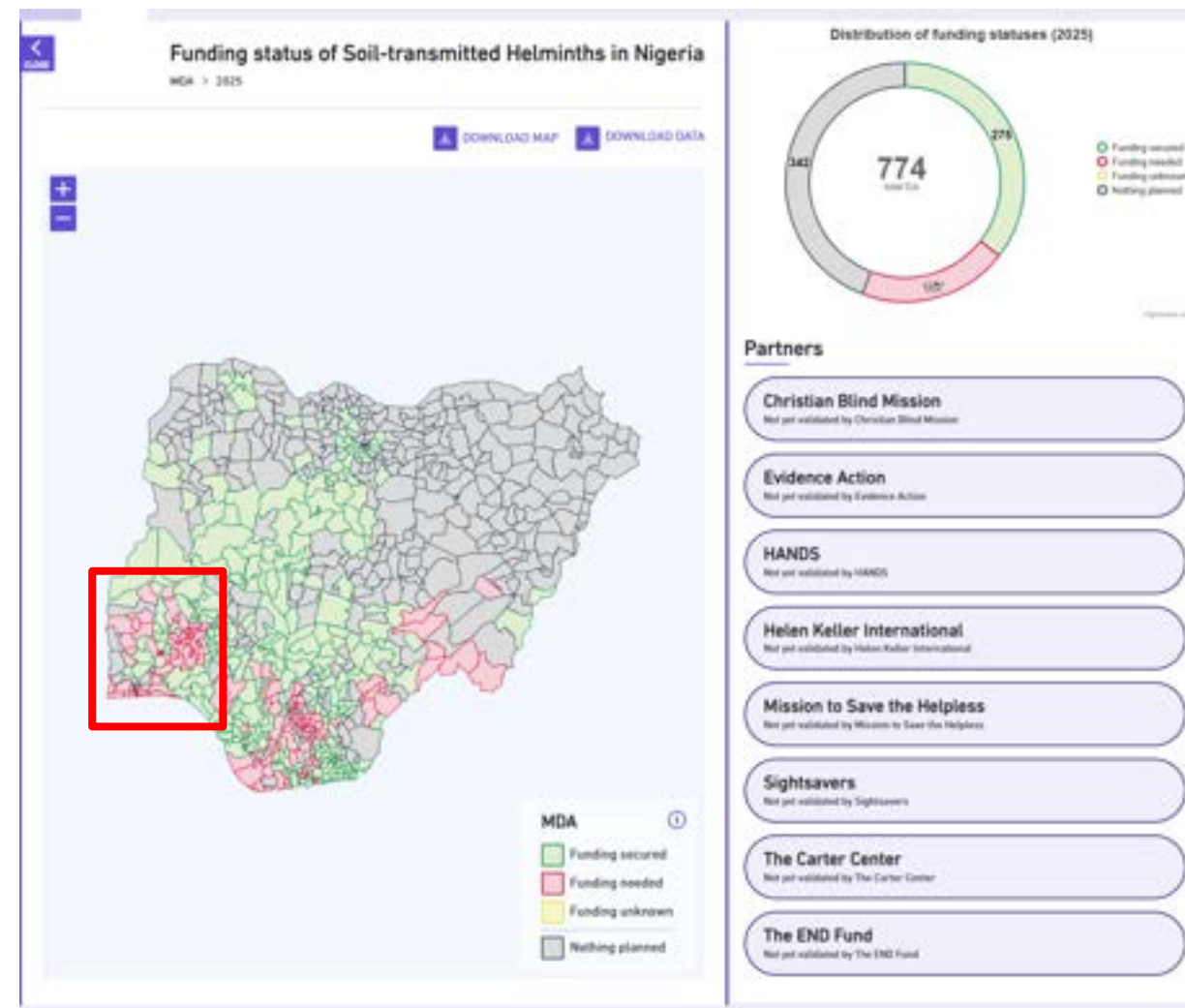


Source: <https://espen.afro.who.int/>

# Case Study 3 – Integrating Data to Improve Efficiency



Funding gap: 60 LGAs



Funding gap: 157 LGAs

<https://espen.iuplanner.app/>

# Recap – Why This Matters

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- 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.**



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

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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

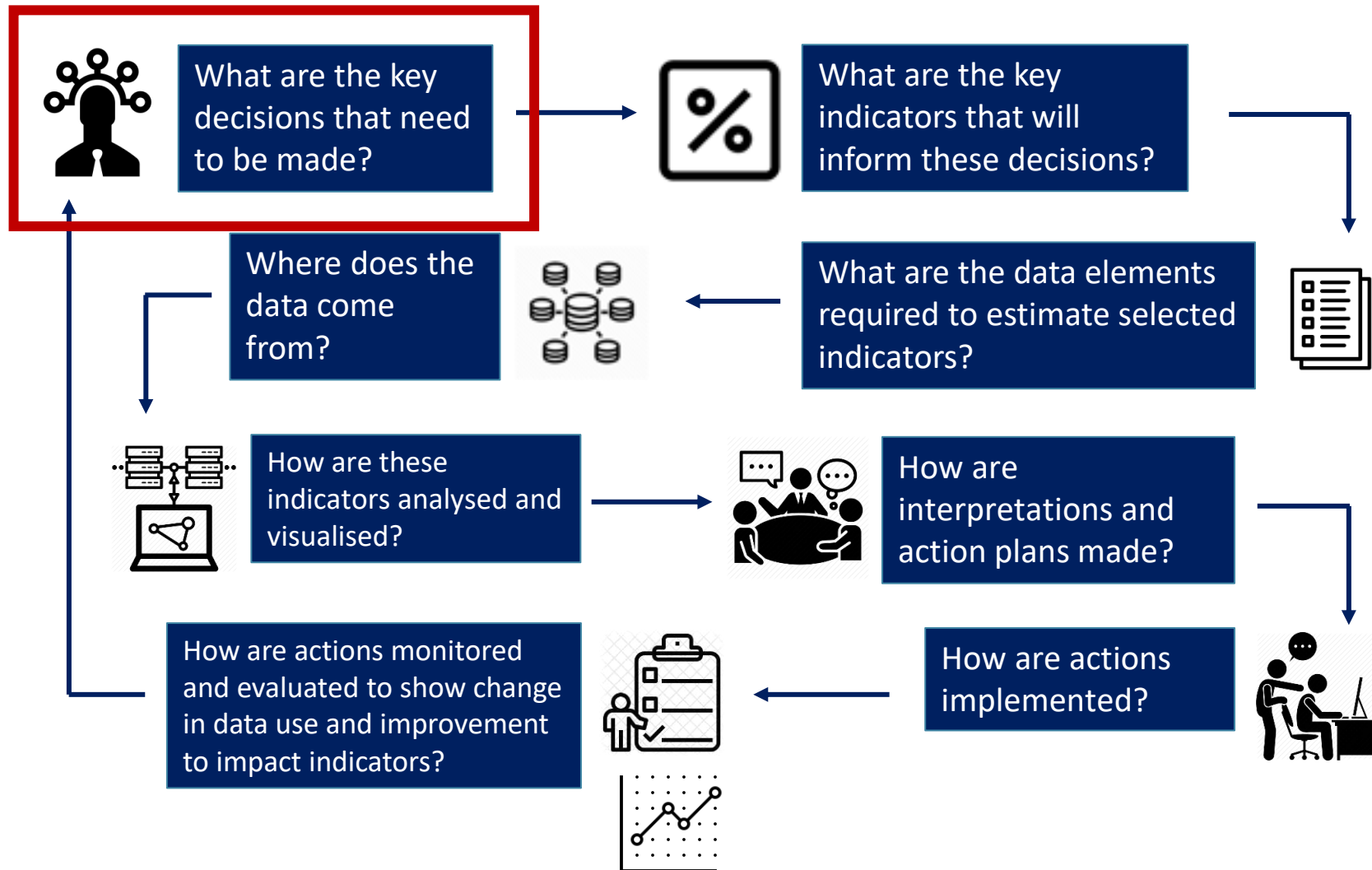


**Increase efficiency of MDA delivery** by improving treatment register quality, routine monitoring of community campaign operations and coverage, providing feed-back at district level and supervision to drug distributors



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

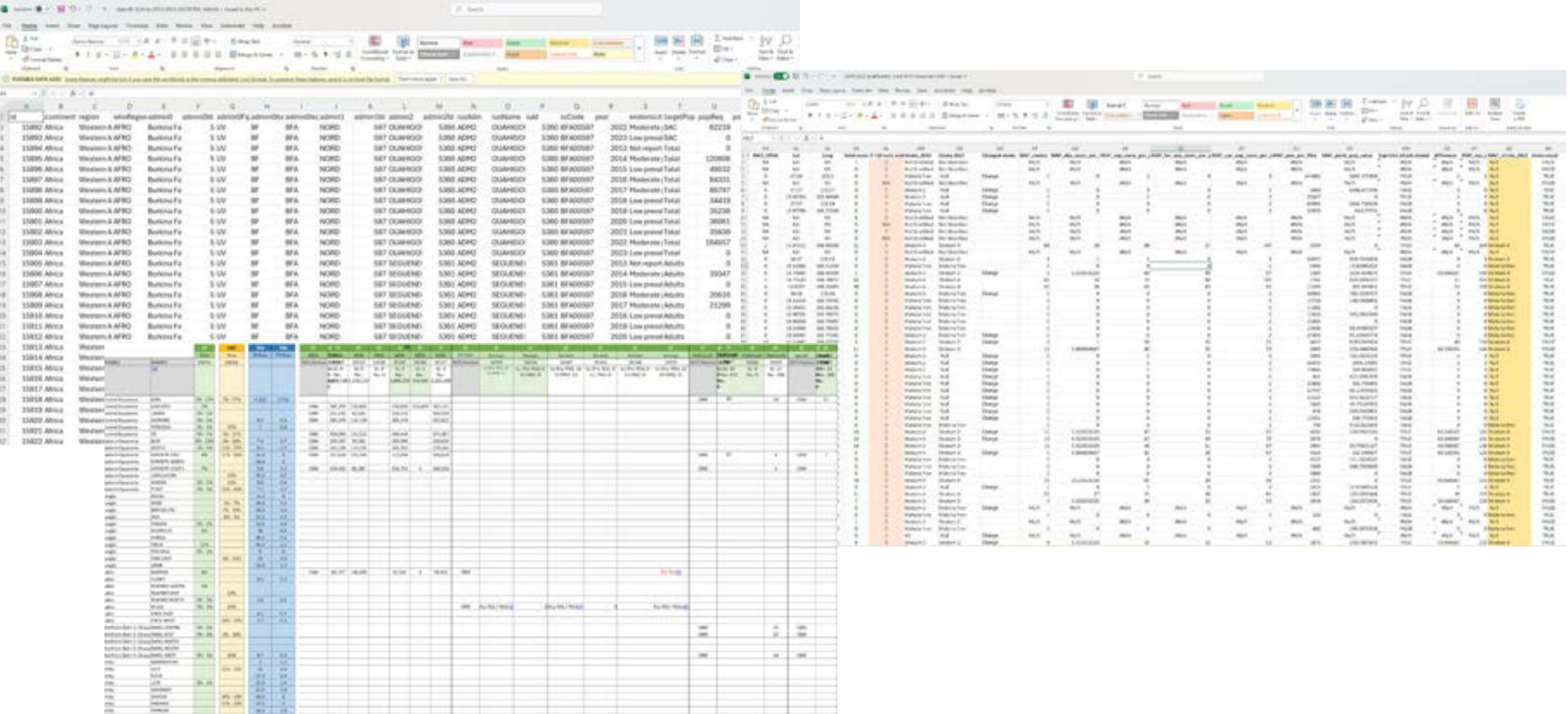
# “Data use” is ensuring that decisions are made by collating, digesting and interpreting the evidence available to us to make informed choices



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

# What counts as “data” in data use?

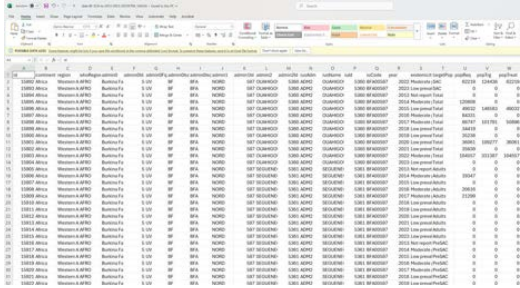


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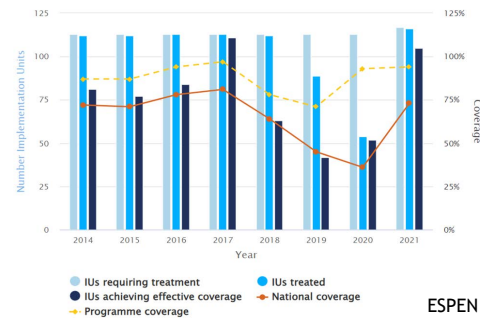
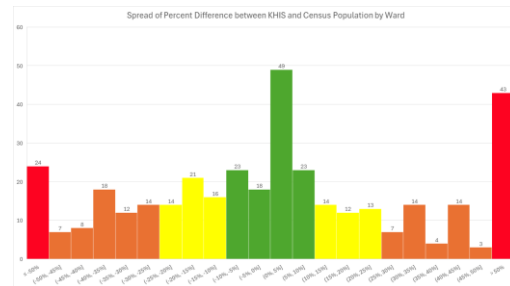


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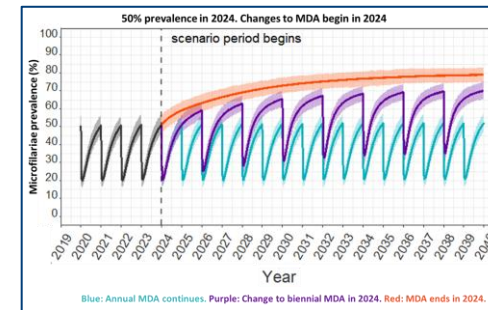
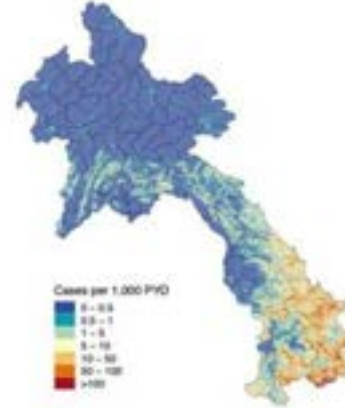
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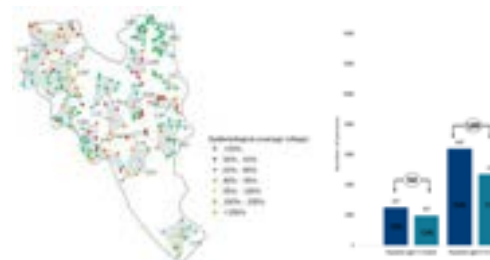
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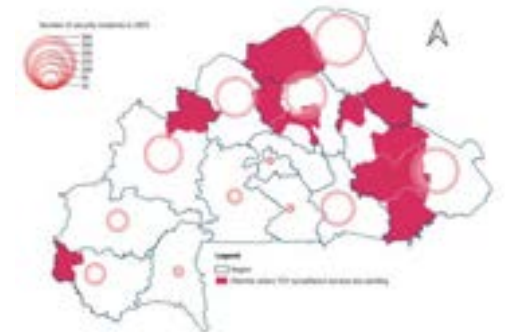
## Analytical outputs



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## 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

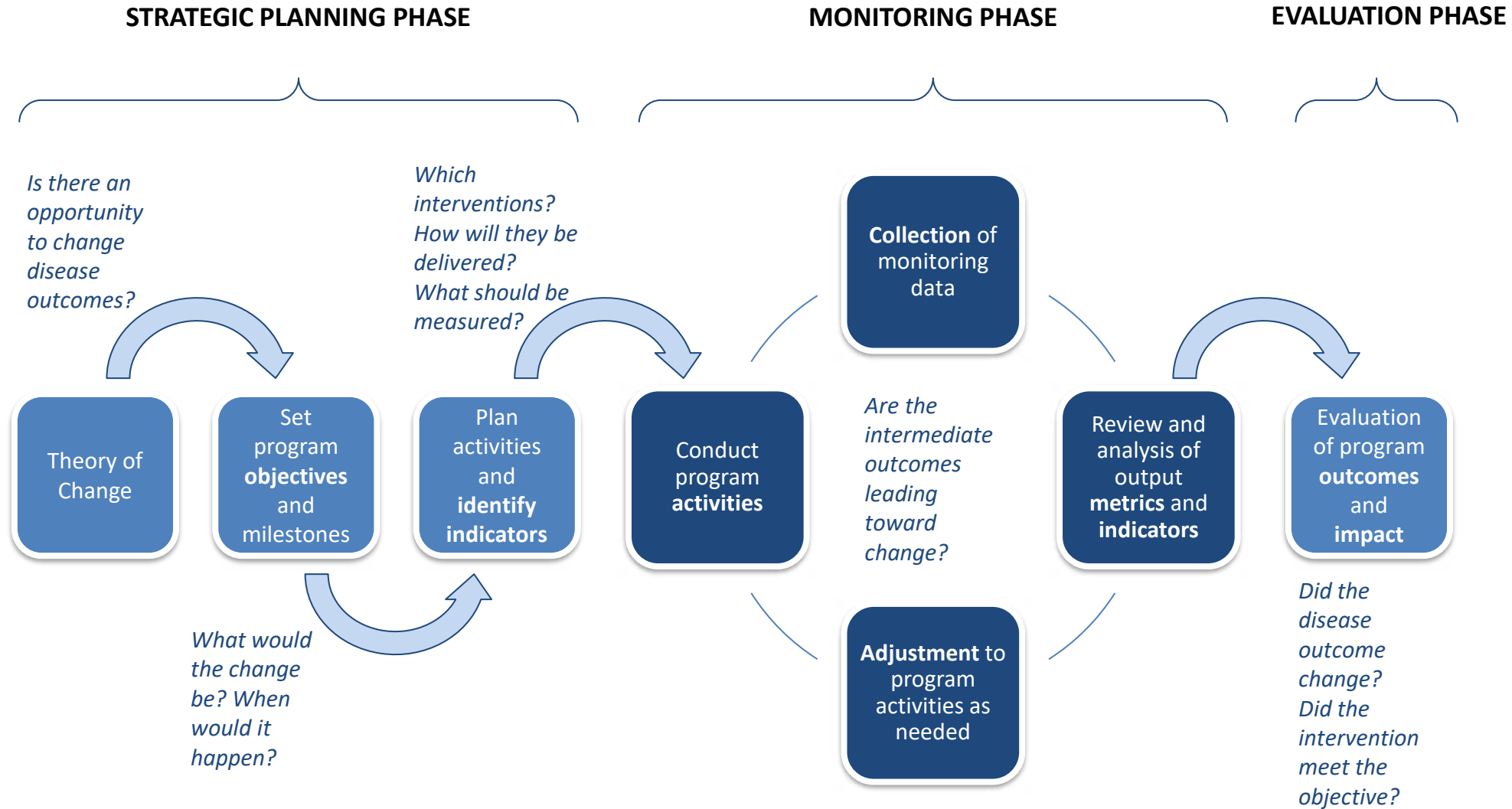
## Time



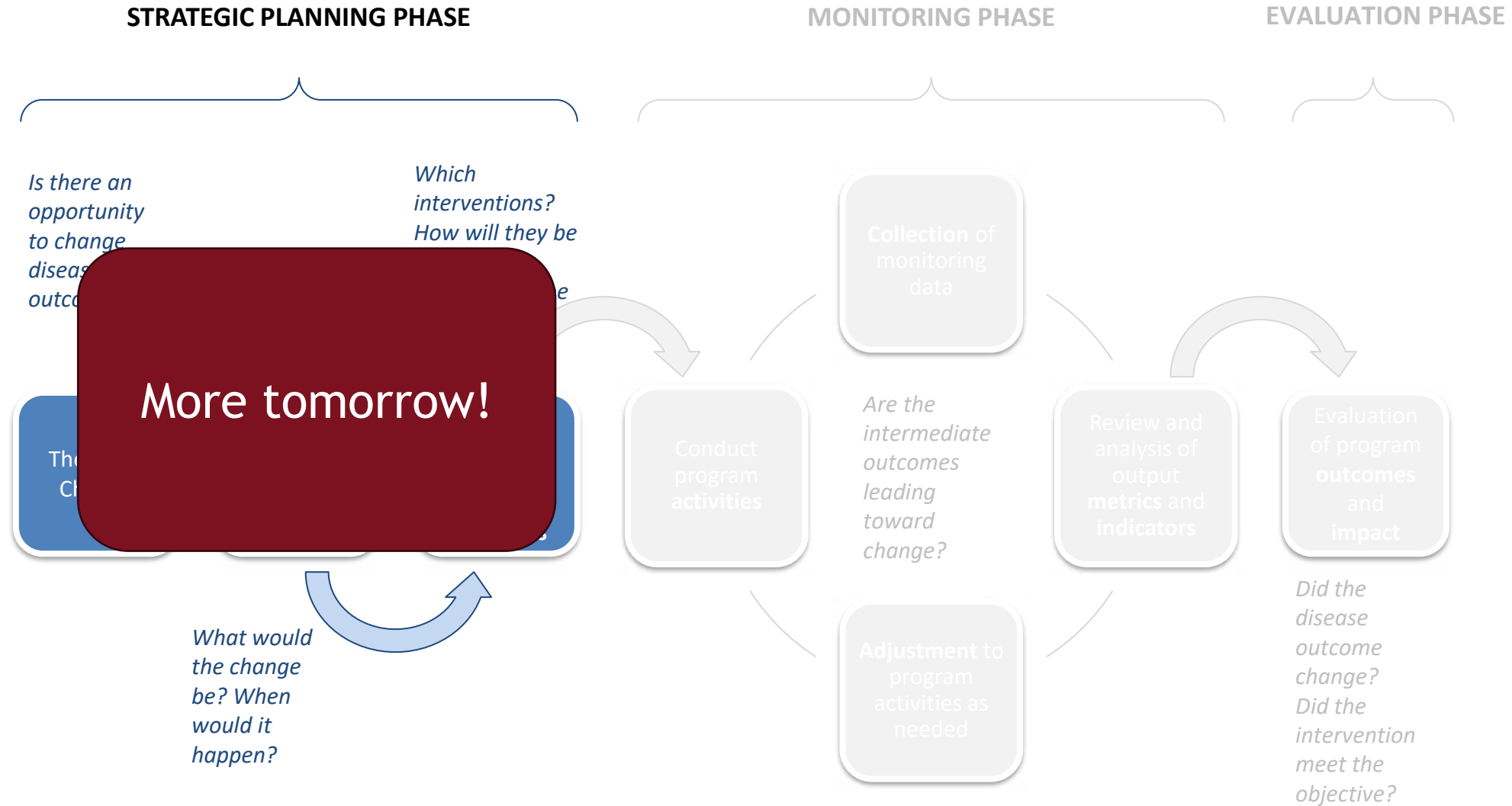
- Daily for e.g. MDA campaign monitoring and quick decision making
- Monthly for programme monitoring
- Annual for programme evaluation and review



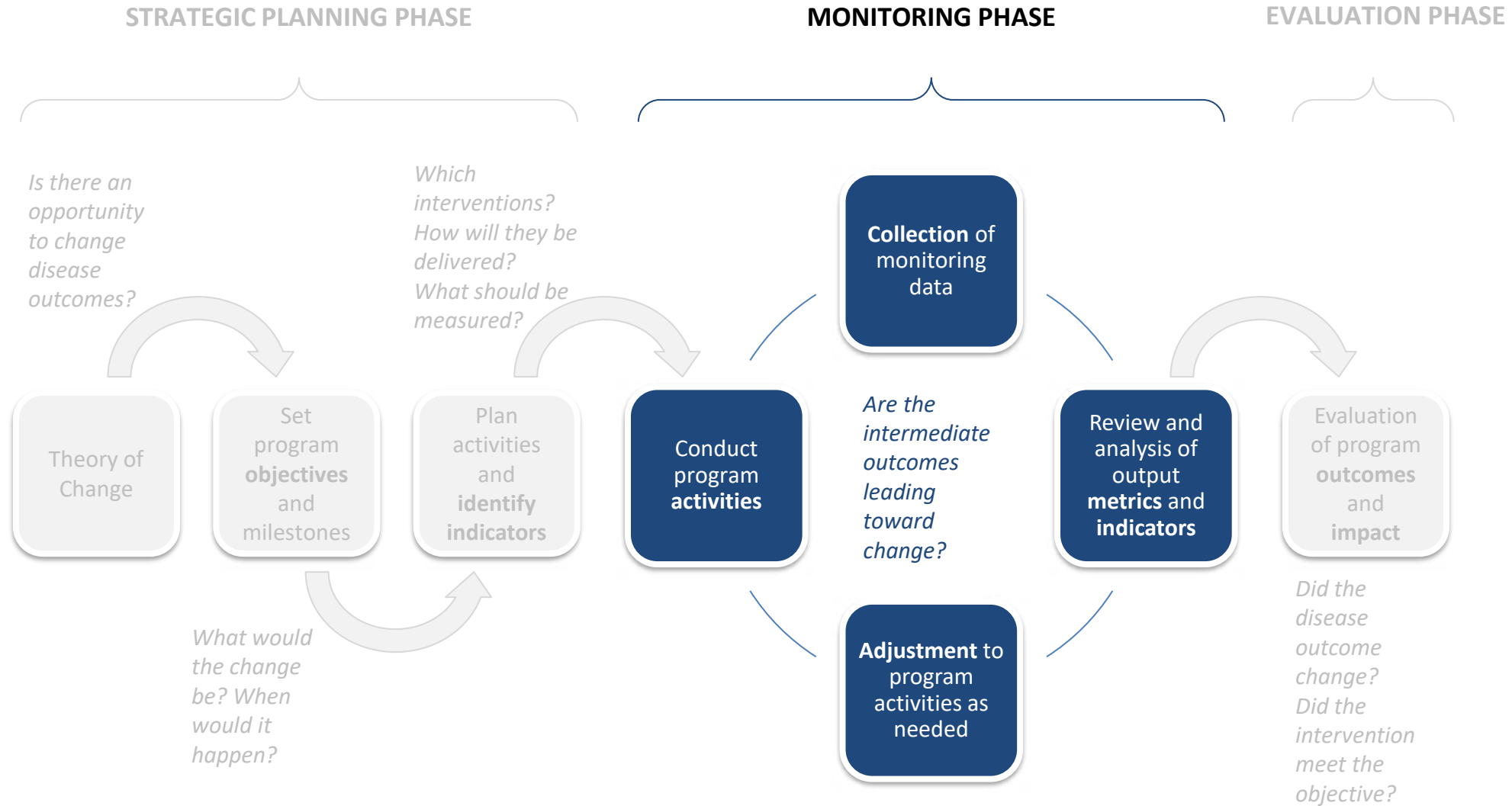
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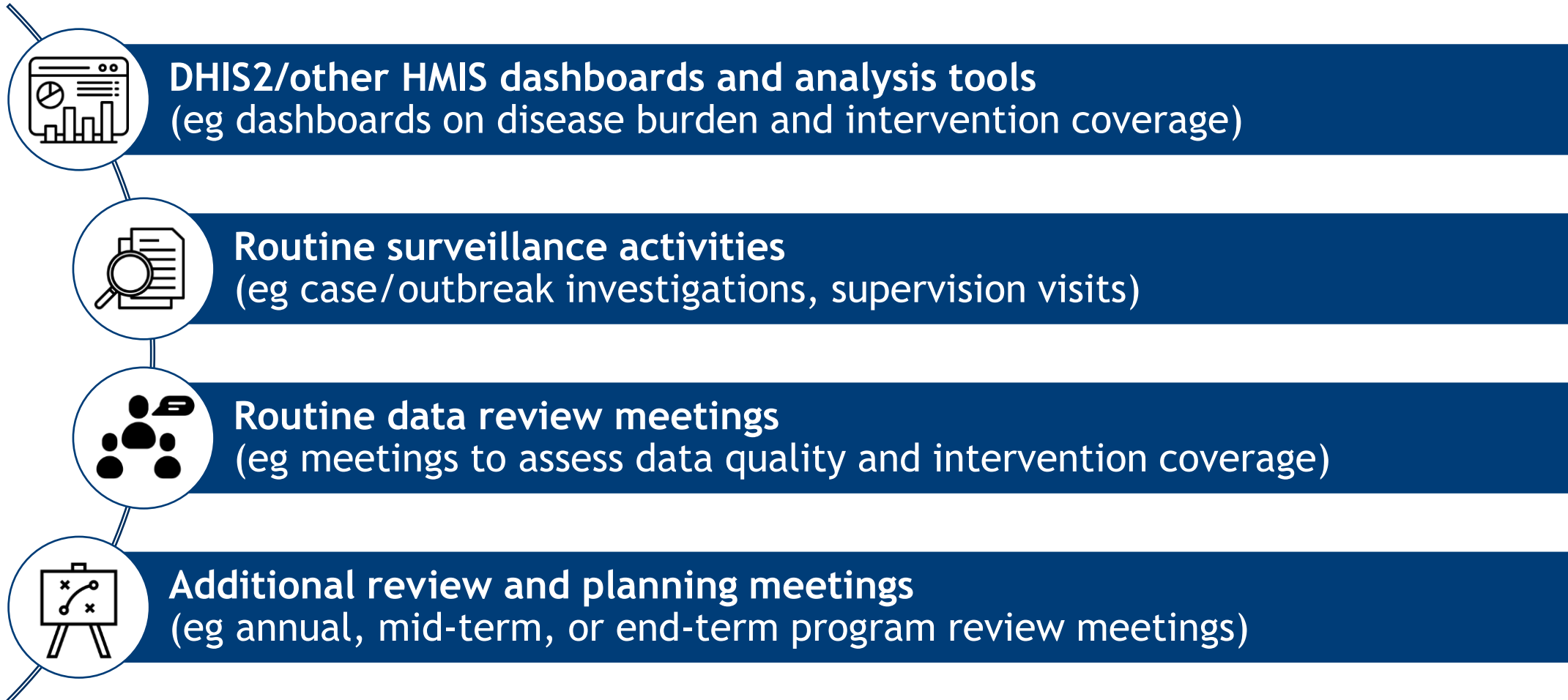


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# Programs can use different data review forums to routinely monitor indicators

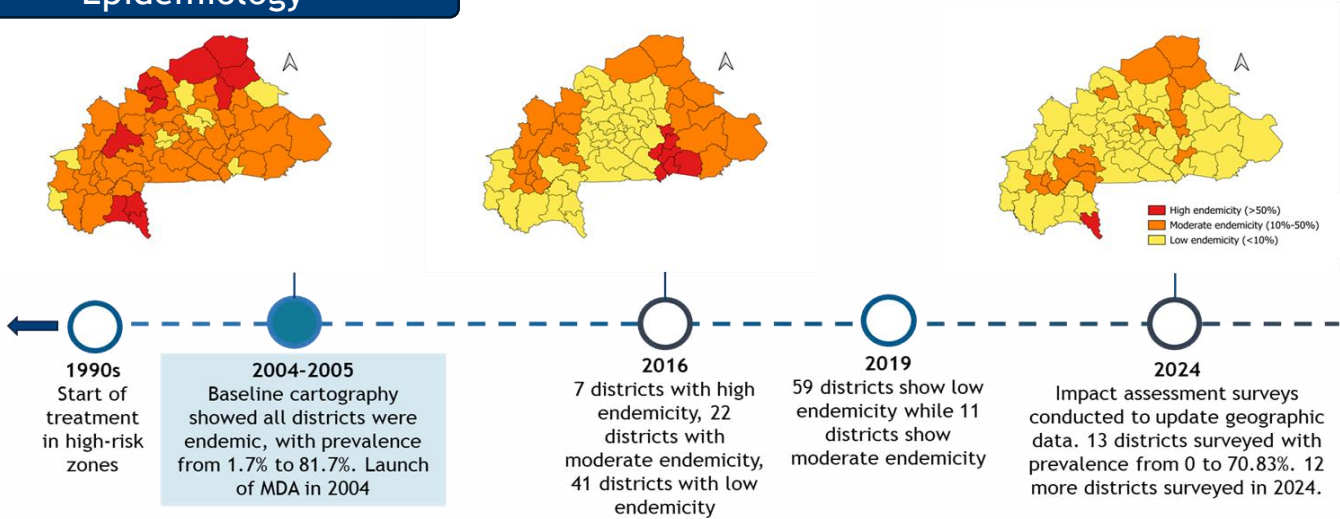
A few (non-exhaustive) examples include:



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

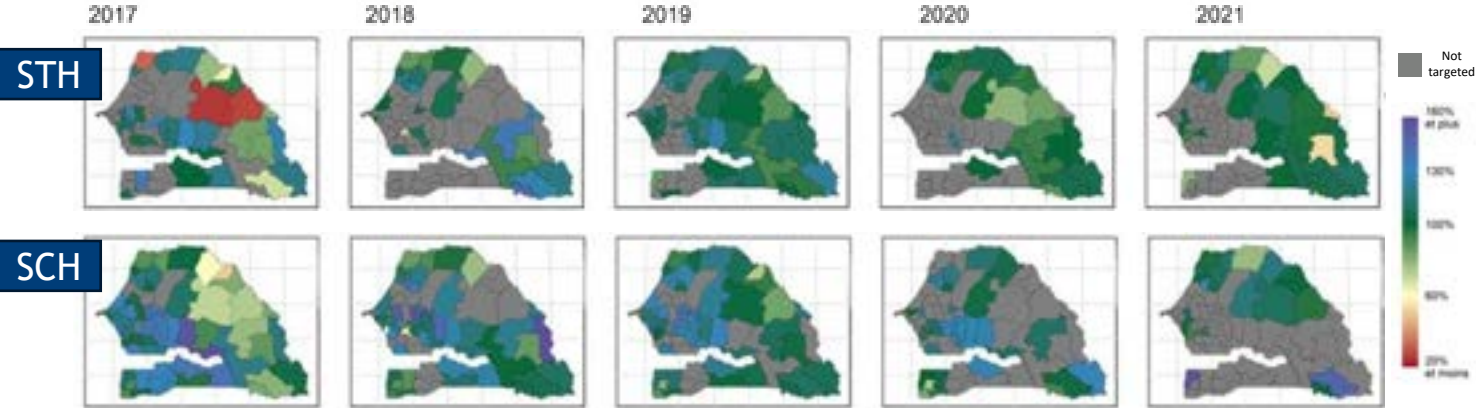


## Epidemiology



Source: Burkina Faso NTD Strategic plan 2024-2028

## Interventions



Source: ESPEN

## Programme M&E

Indicator	Objective	Sub-objective	Program	Source of Evidence	Method/Indicator/Tool	Frequency	Responsible	Recommendation	Notes
1. Community awareness of NTDs and their control	1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control	1.1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control	1.1.1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control	1.1.1.1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control	1.1.1.1.1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control	1.1.1.1.1.1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control	1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control	1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control	1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1. Increase knowledge of NTDs and their control

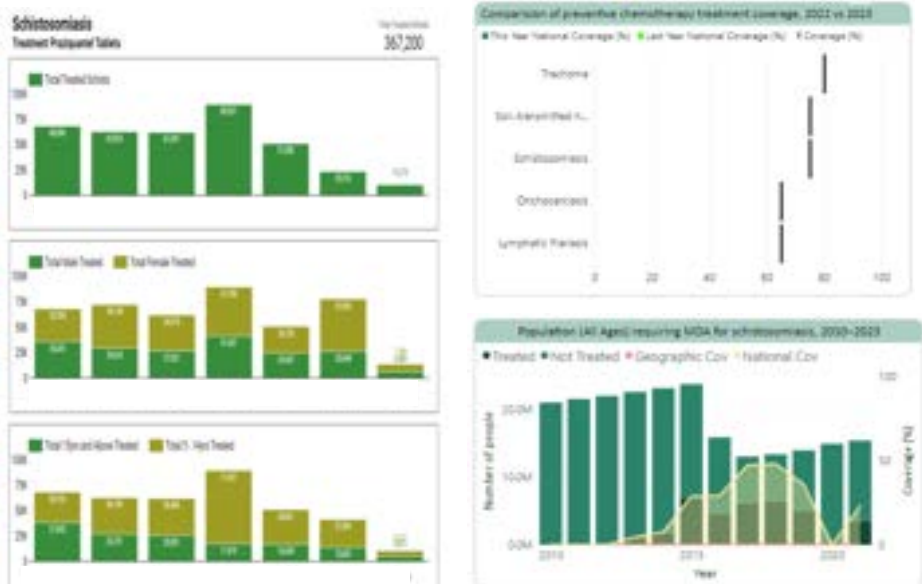


M&E FRAMEWORK

M&E PLAN

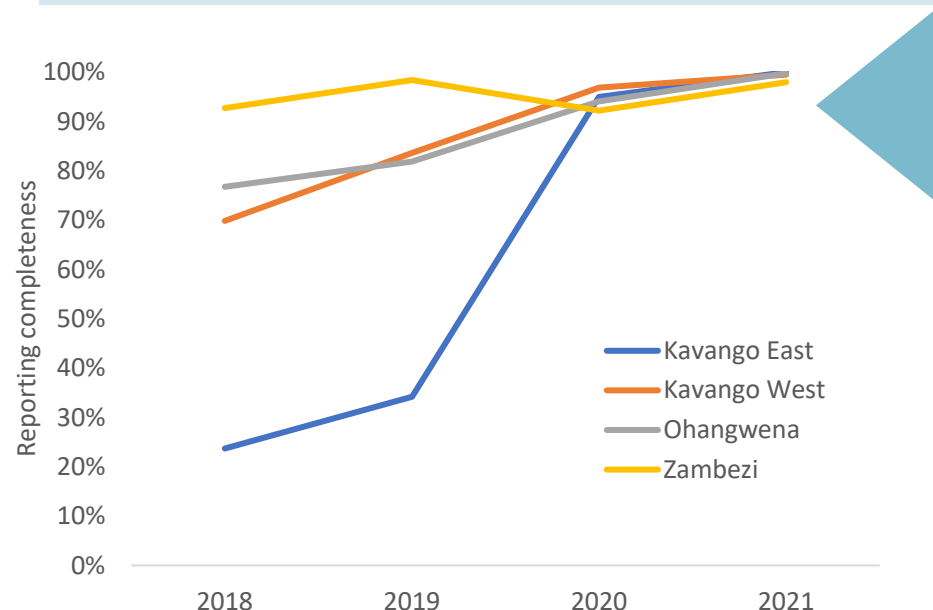
Streamlined set of well-constructed indicators designed to assess whether the strategies described in the Master Plan are advancing progress against control and elimination targets.

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.





# 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

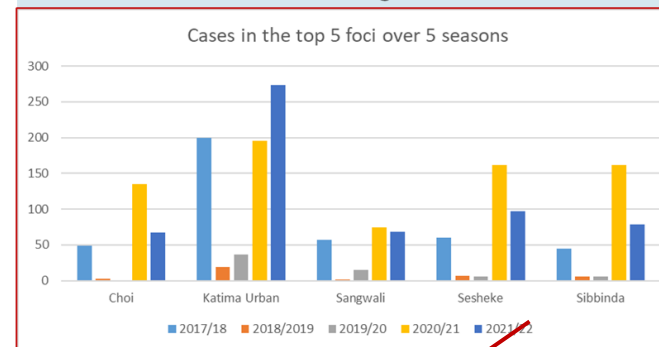
Improved use of data  
(identifying hot-spots, transmission patterns)

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

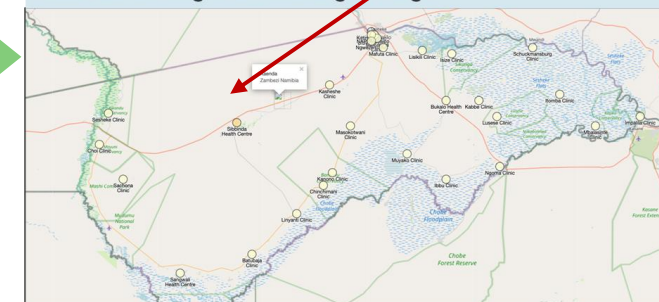
Improved prevention and case management (e.g., testing rate went up 100%; 74% IRS mop-up)



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

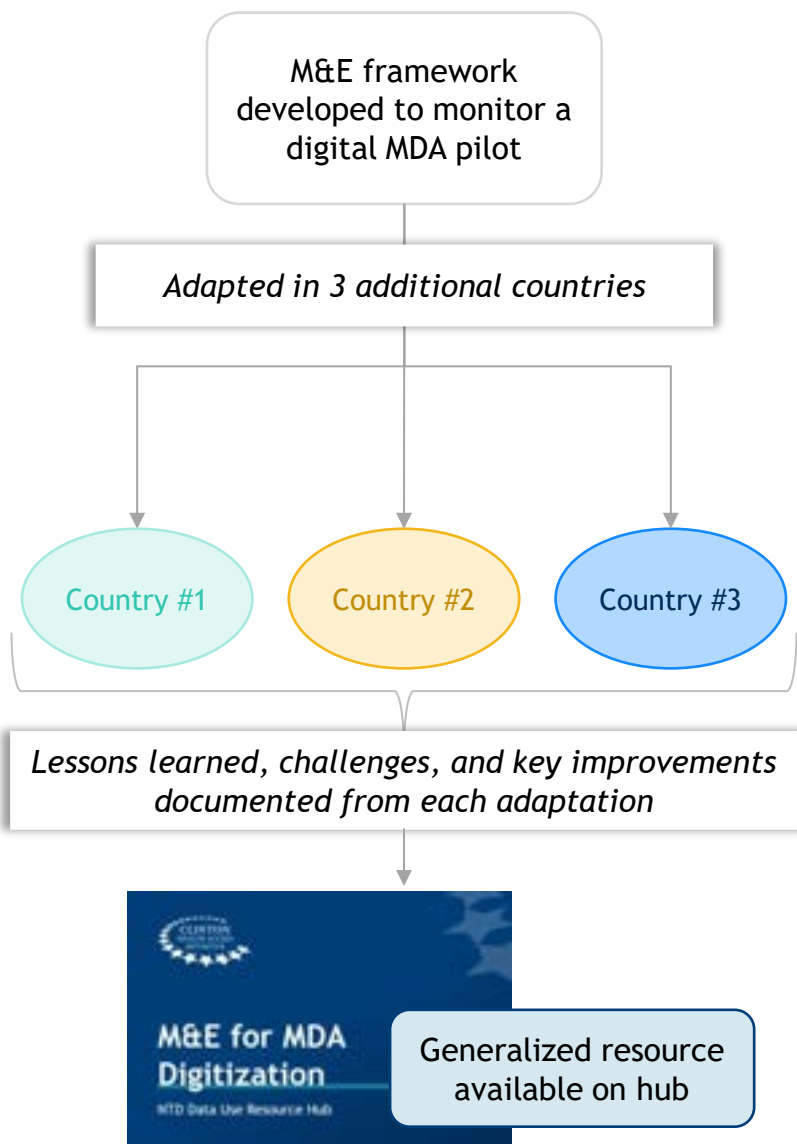


The majority of cases reported at Sibbinda facility were listed as coming from Makanga village



District	KATIMA MULILO
Village	MAKANGA
Total structures targeted (microplan)	1,269
MicroplanIncl	1
Supervisor reported targeted structures (avg)	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



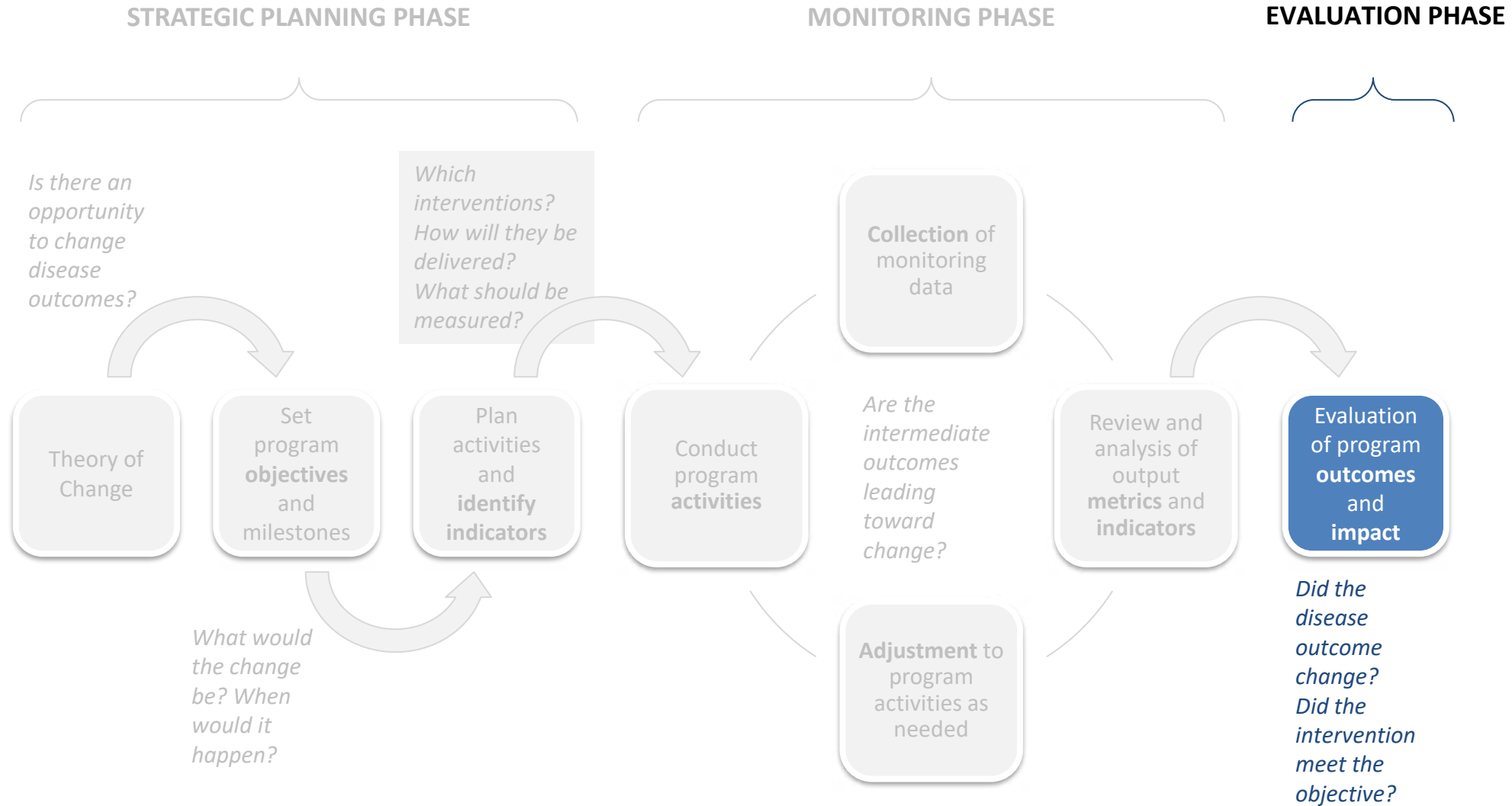
- Viewed through the lens of person, time, place to answer 4/5 Ws: "what, where, when, why and how?"
- Analysed at multiple levels (community, health facility, district, national, regional, global)
- Advanced analyses used to fill public health data gaps

### 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

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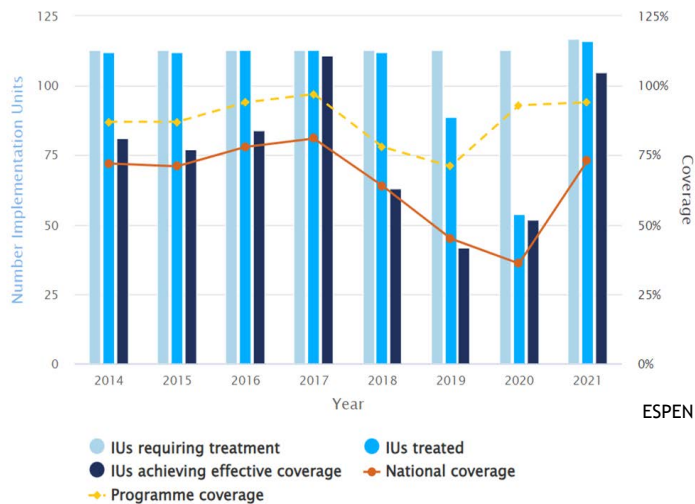


# Using data to evaluate programmes gives us greater insight into what works and what to improve



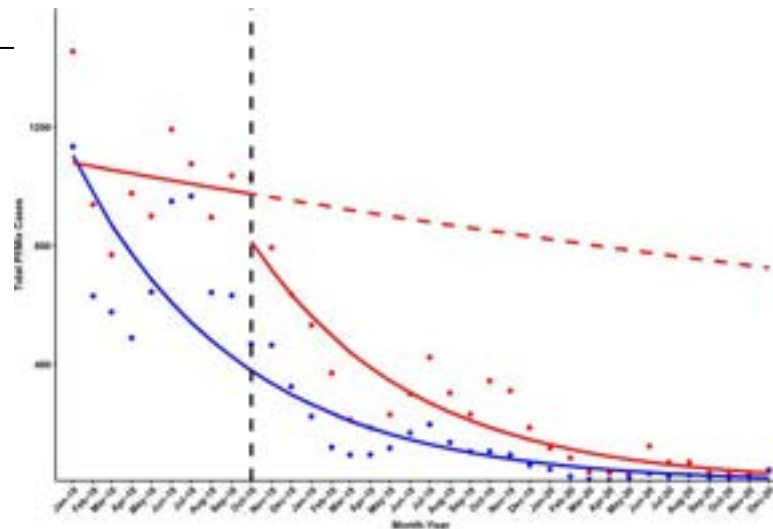
## Quality of the programme

- Are interventions taking place at high quality down to a granular level?
- Are any areas of 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)?

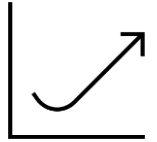


## Next steps

- 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



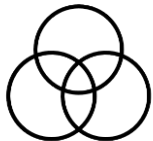
NTD **epidemiology is constantly changing** due to interventions, climate, human movement, etc. (e.g. impact of vector control or a severe drought)



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

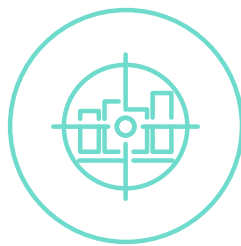
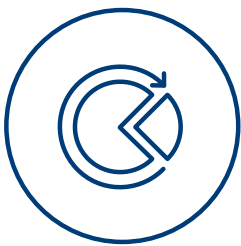


The best tools for some **contexts** may not be the best tools for others (due to e.g. vector behavior, drug availability, drug resistance)



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



- Assess data availability and quality.
- Graphs, tables and maps can often be sufficient to review and analyse data.
- Generate hypotheses for further analysis.

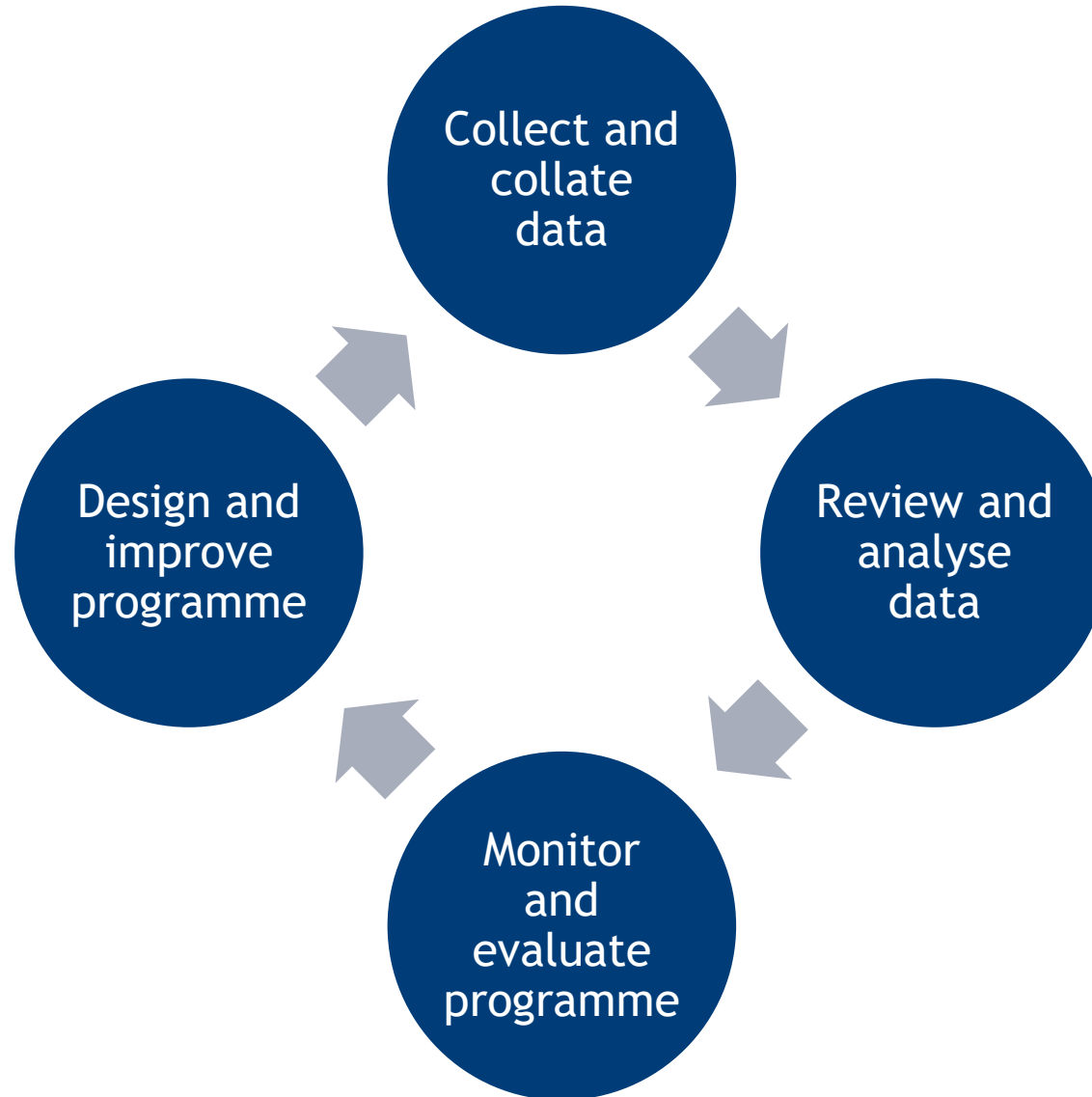
- More complicated questions may require the use of statistical analysis and modelling.
- External partners can provide support in close collaboration with the program.

- 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



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

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# Agenda

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- 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?

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- 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



Descriptive analysis



Decision support analysis



Appropriate tools



Diagnostic analysis



Taking action in response



Making data use routine



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# Data-Driven Mindset

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- 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



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# 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

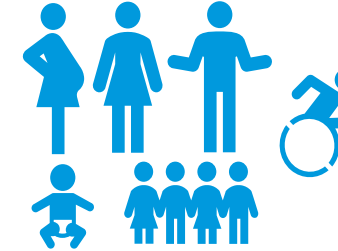
- Mean
- Median
- Mode
- Distribution



## Trends Over Time

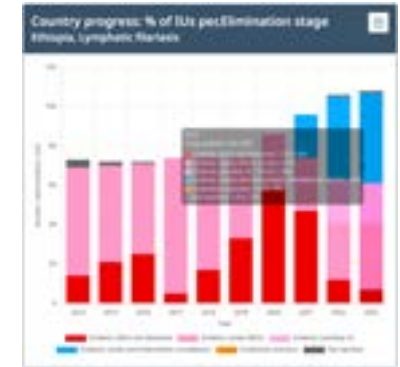


## Geographic Patterns



## Categorical Breakdowns

- Check for different demographics



## Proportions and Frequencies

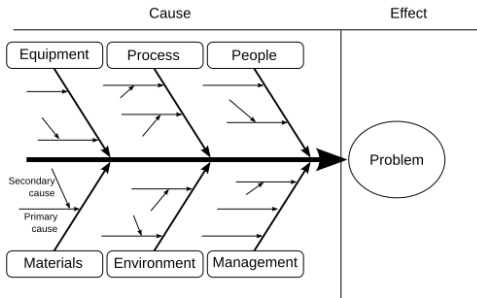
# Key Questions to Ask from Past Data

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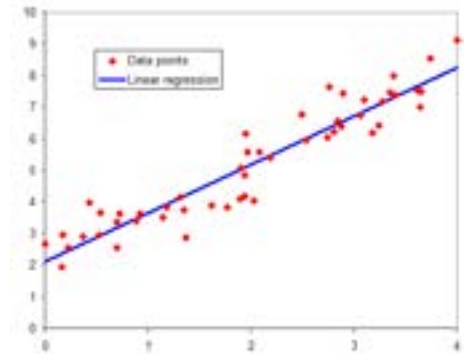


- What changed this month?
- Where are we behind?
- Are we improving?
- Who is underperforming, and why?
- What's the trend over time?
- What should we expect next?
- Where are we weakest?
- What are we missing?
- What interventions worked best?

# 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

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- 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?

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- 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

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- **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

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- 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



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



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# **KENYA – Using Data to inform STH and SCH interventions**

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Kenya

# 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

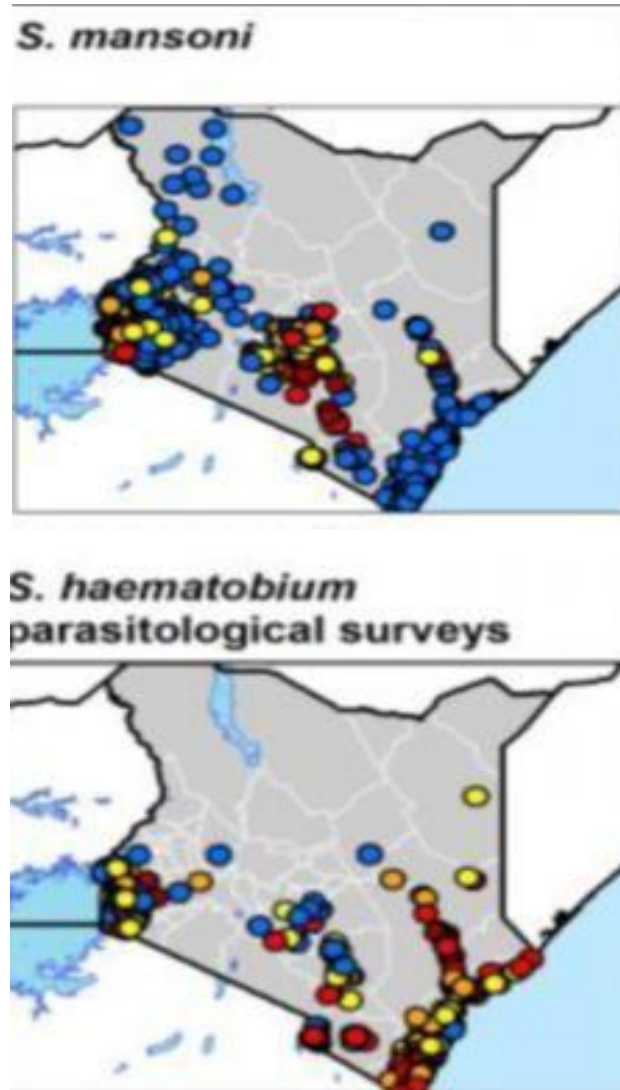
BTS Pillars:

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

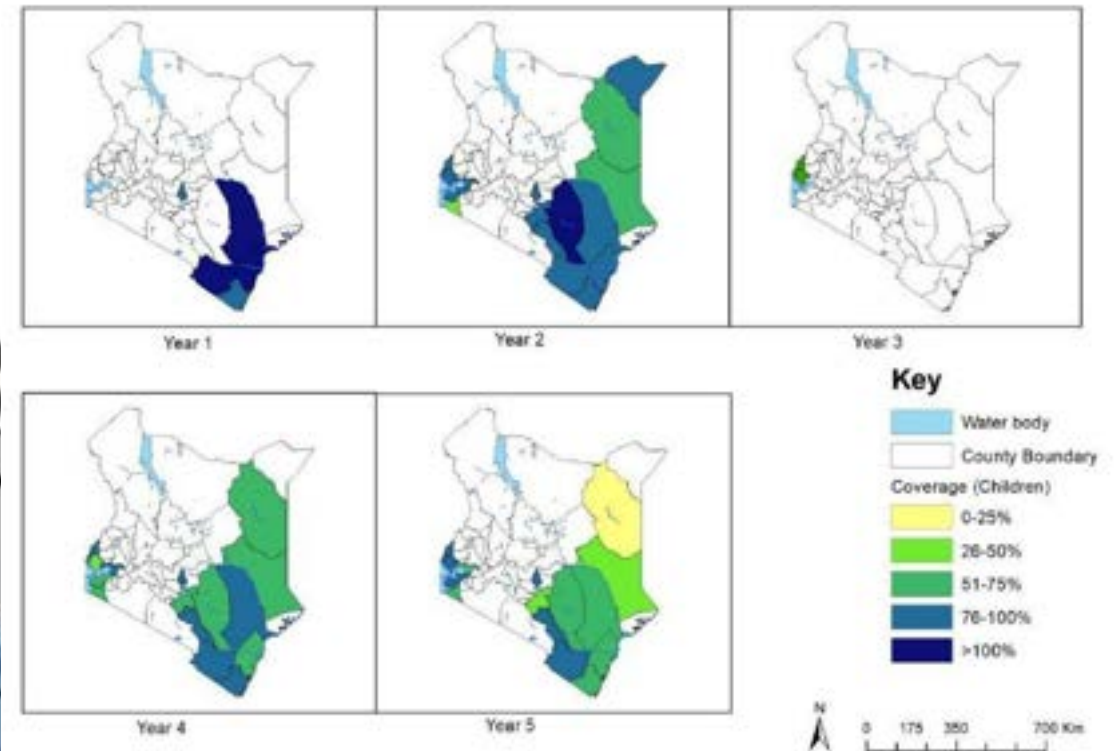


Prevalence (%)



## School based deworming (2012-2017)

Schistosomiasis Treatment Coverage (Children): Year 1 to 5



# Why Granular Mapping?

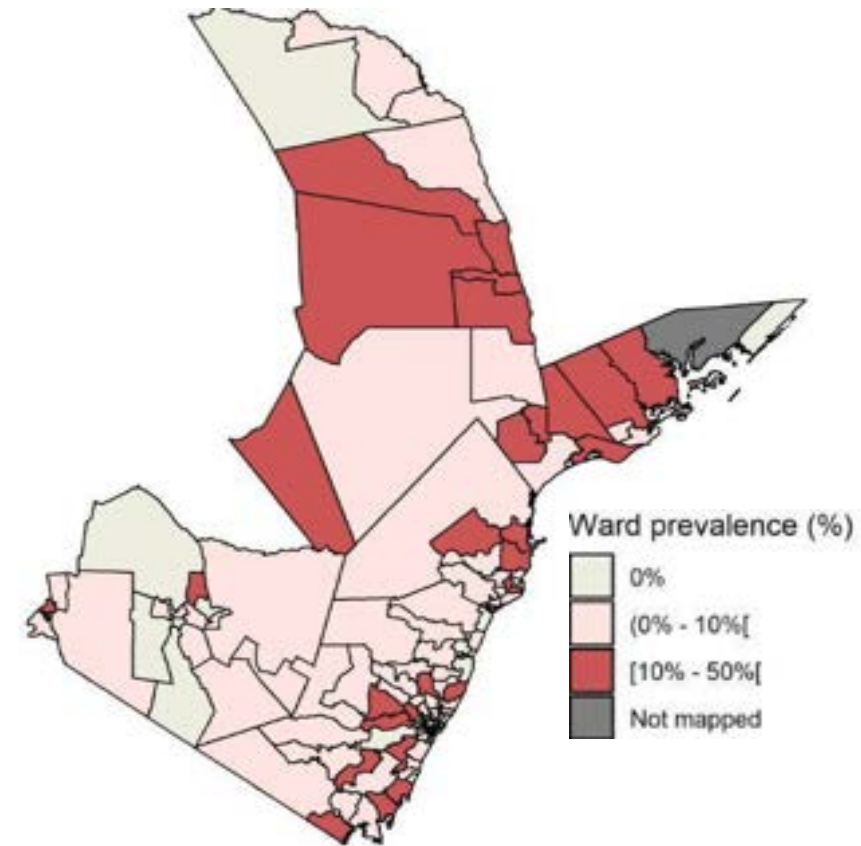
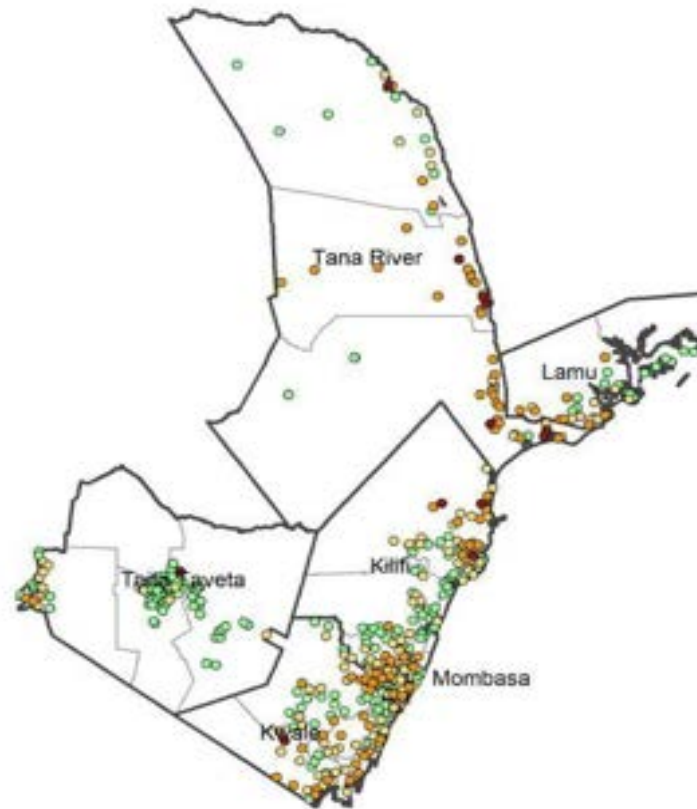
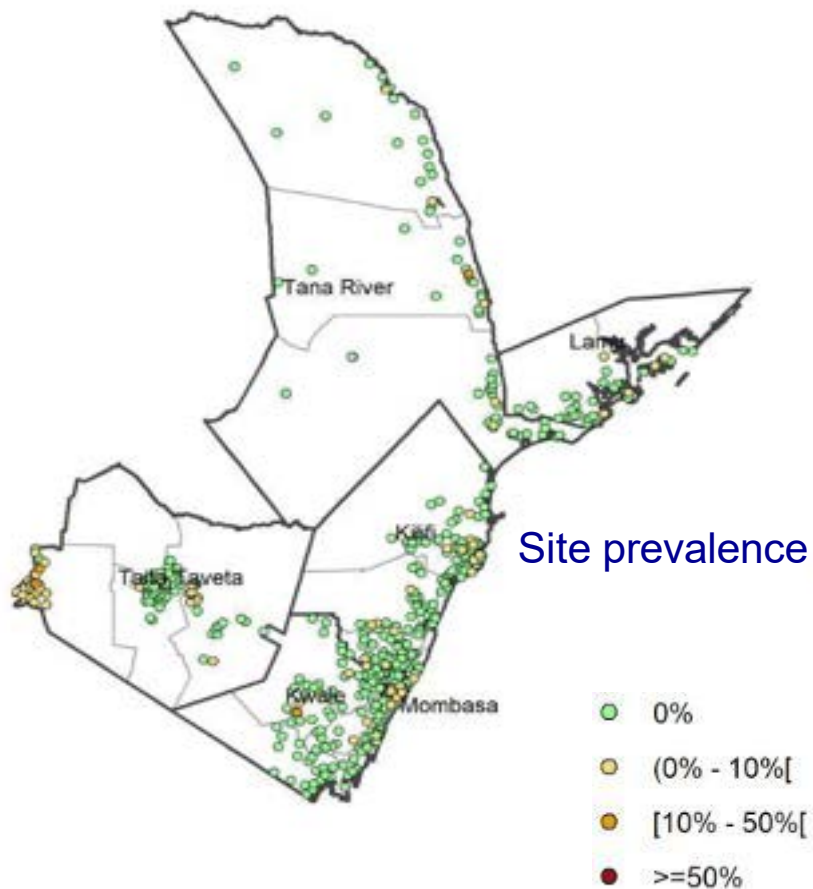
- Schistosomiasis is **highly localized**—broad surveys may miss hotspots
- Prior district-level mapping led to over-/under-treatment
- Granular data at **ward/sub-county** level ensures accurate MDA targeting
- Reduces wastage and improves health equity



# Sampling Design Overview

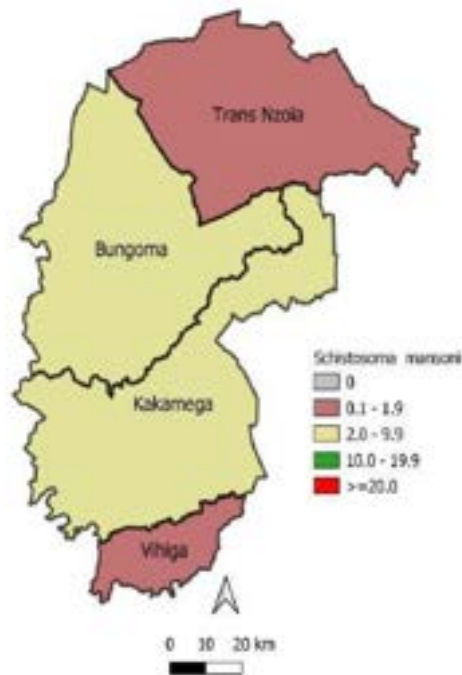
- **Coastal Region:** Community-based; 645 villages, 129 wards
  - **Western Region:** School-based; 755 schools, 155 wards
  - **Lake Region:** School-based; 900 schools, 180 wards
  - Target group: 8–14 year-olds (gender-balanced)
- Site selection
    - Based on:
      - a) Past transmission data
      - b) Historical surveys  
Proximity to water bodies (suitability maps)
      - c) Purposeful sampling for better accuracy

# Prevalence Maps and Implications Coast Region

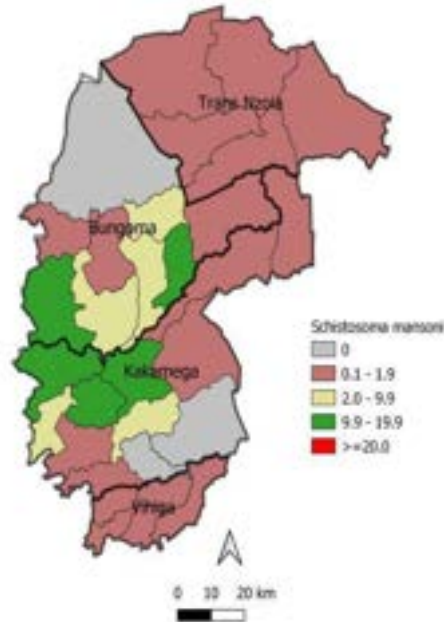


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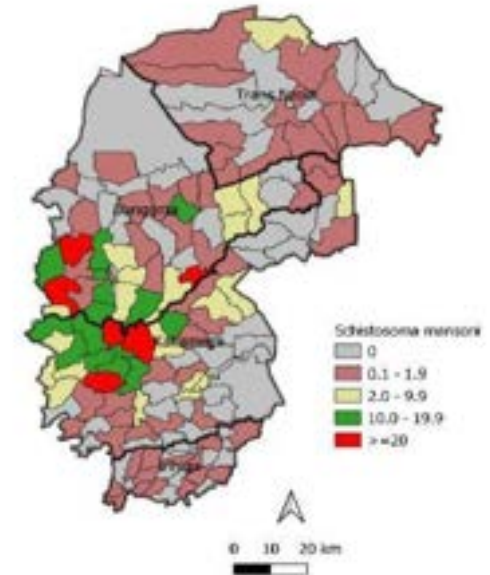
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SUB-COUNTY LEVEL

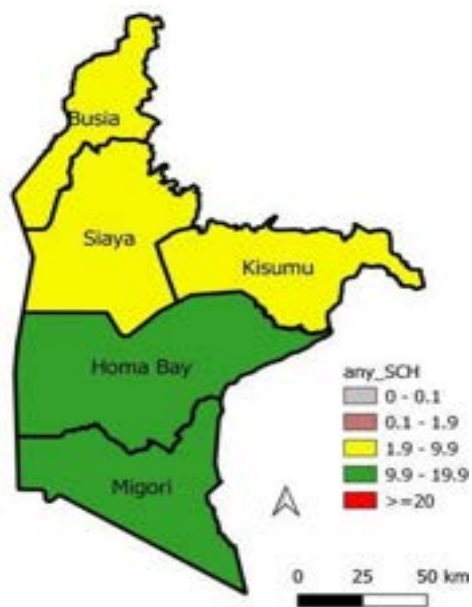


WARD LEVEL

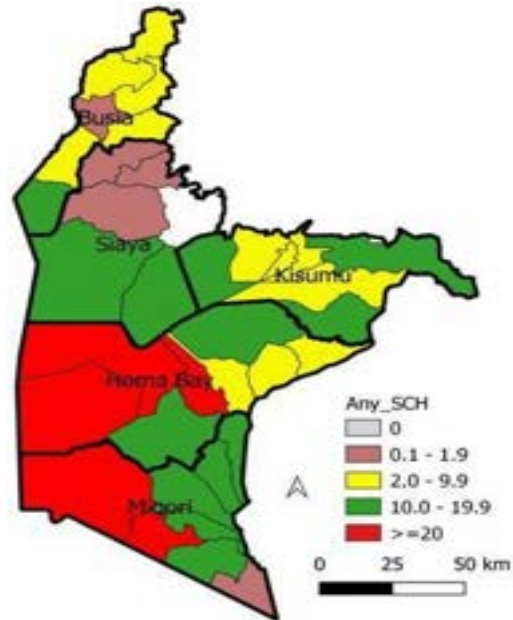


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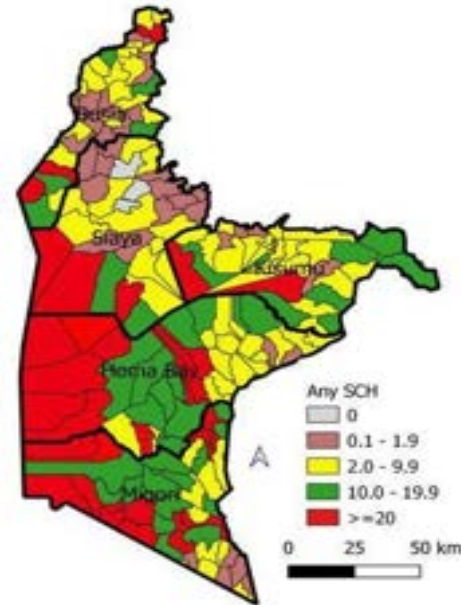
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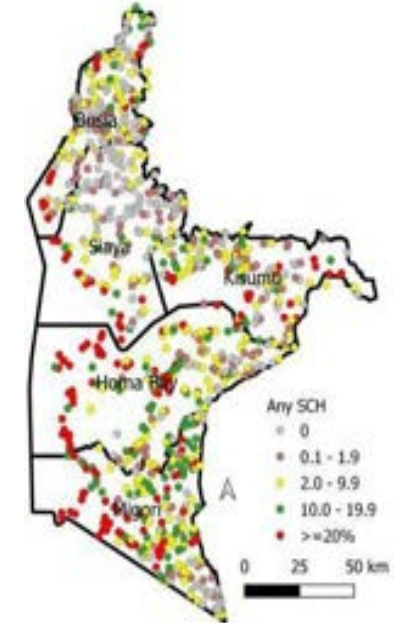
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WARD LEVEL



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)

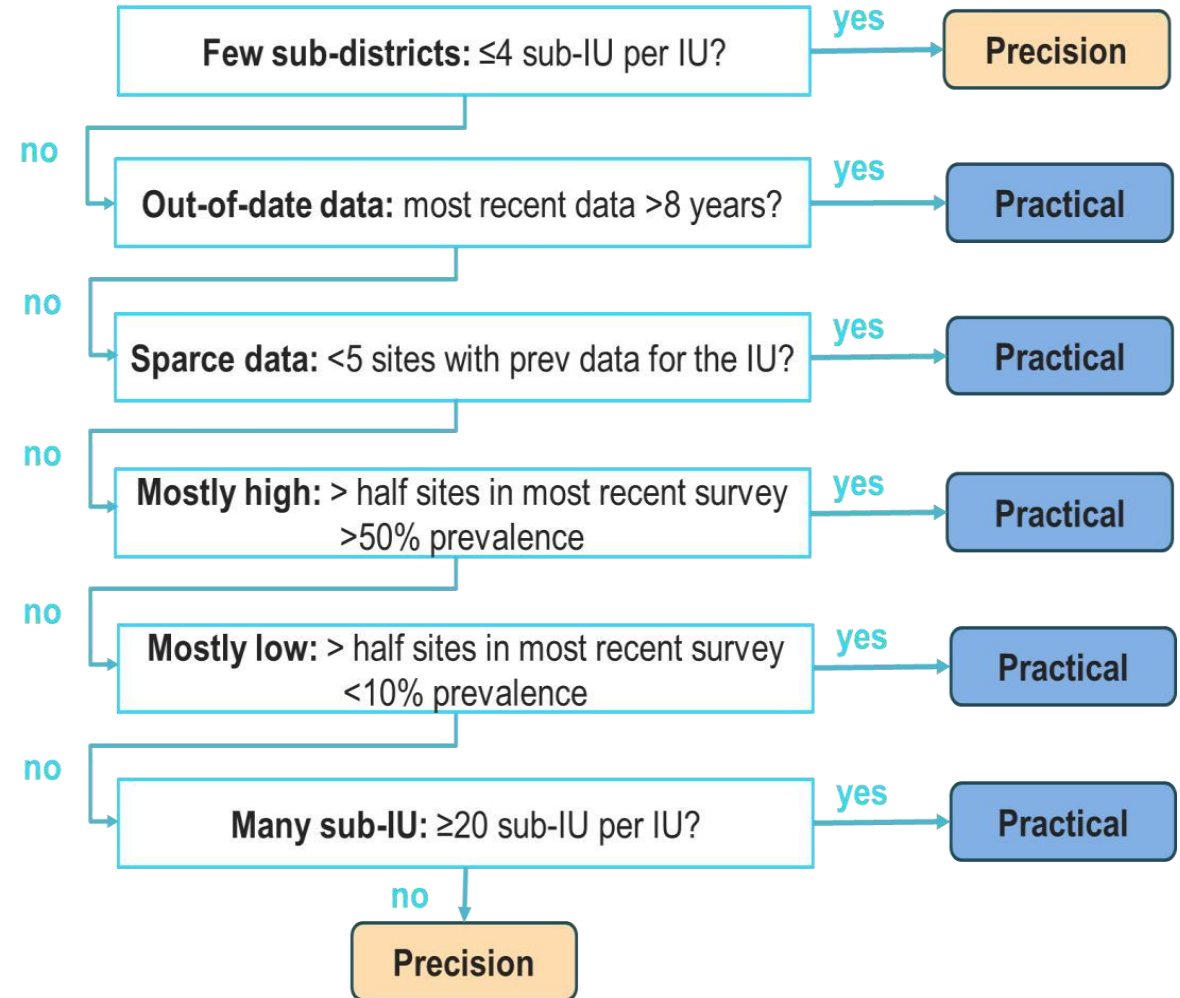
Two stages:

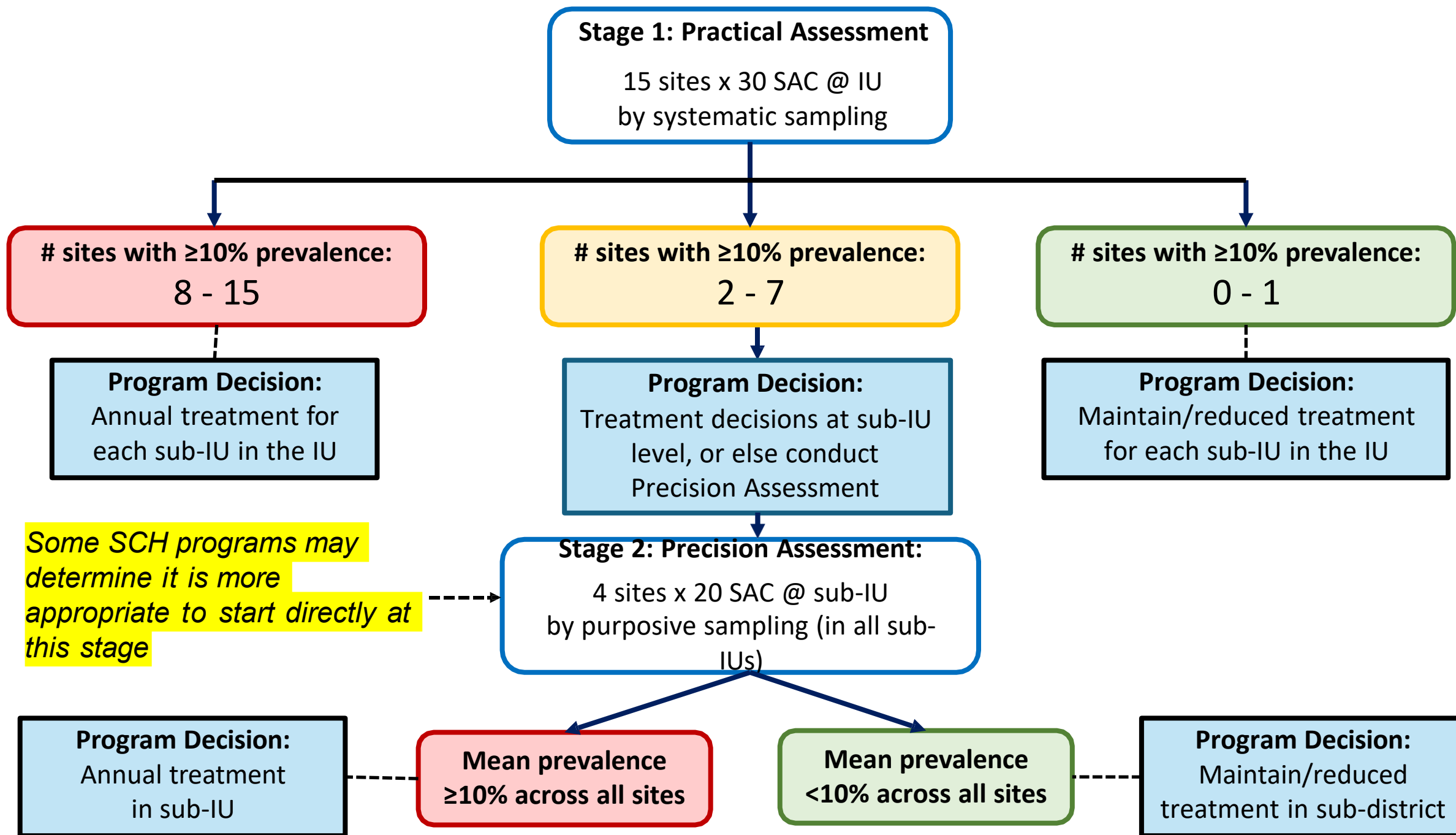
- **Practical Assessments** – Is prevalence uniform across the district?
- **Precision Assessments** – Identify high/low prevalence wards within mixed areas



# SPPA Methodology

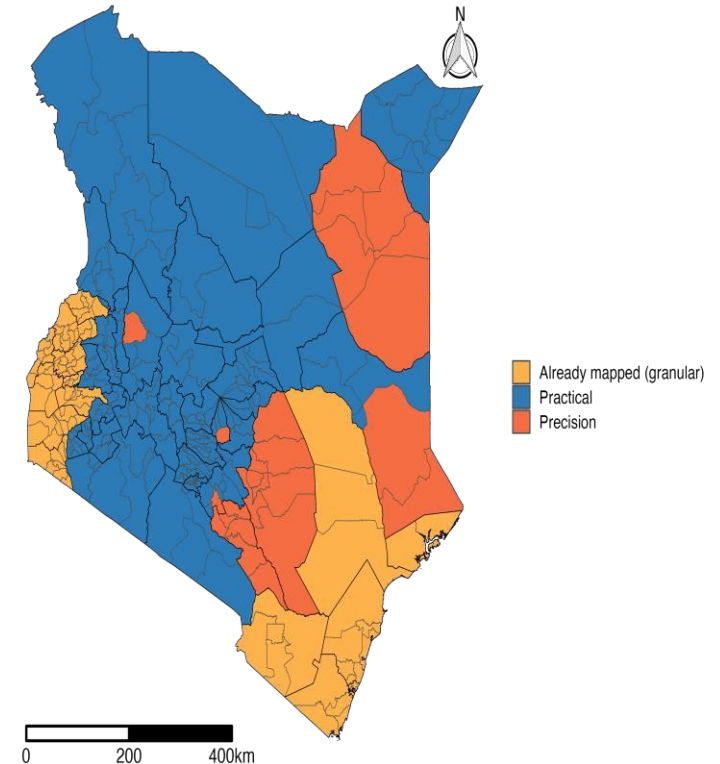
- School selection tool with stakeholder validation
- Multi-layered school and village selection:
  - i. Historical transmission data
  - ii. Proximity to water bodies
  - iii. Stakeholder input



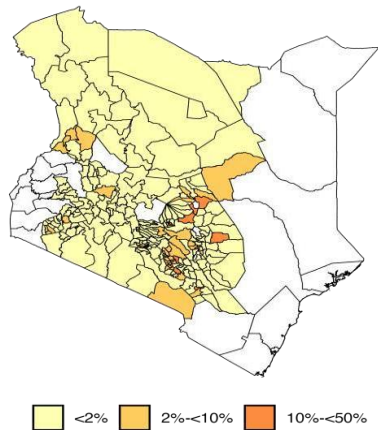
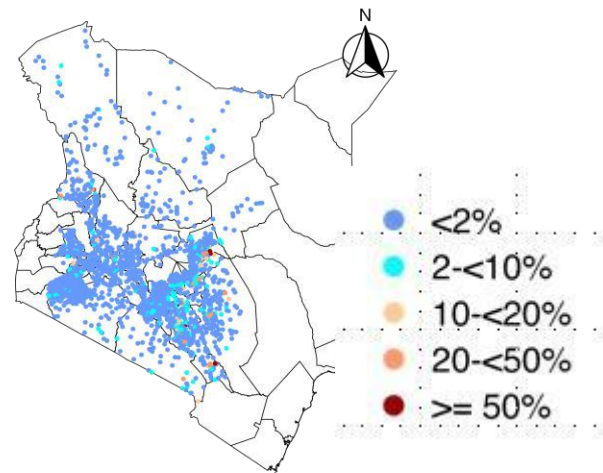


# Kenya's SPPA Progress

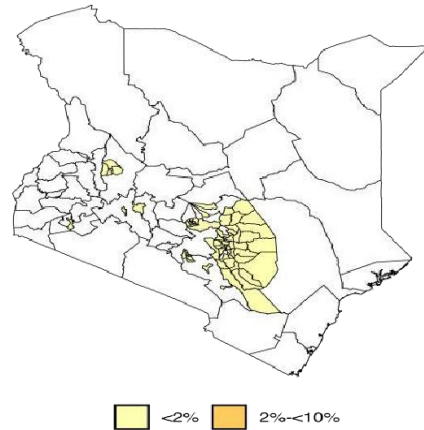
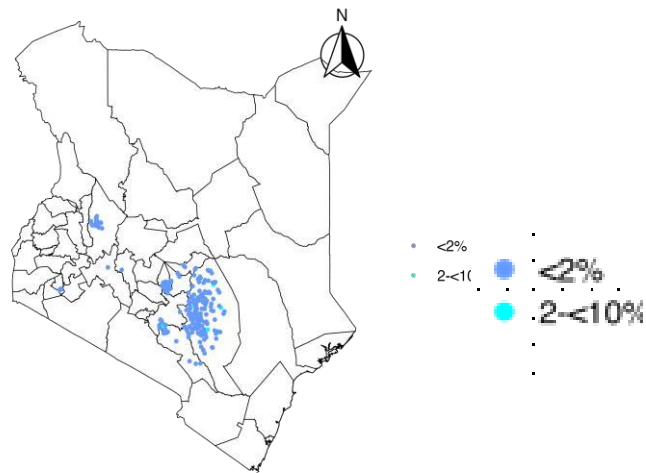
- 32 counties targeted for SCH assessments
- Data from 29 counties (91%) analyzed so far
- Data tools used: ESPEN Collect, cleaned with ESPEN support



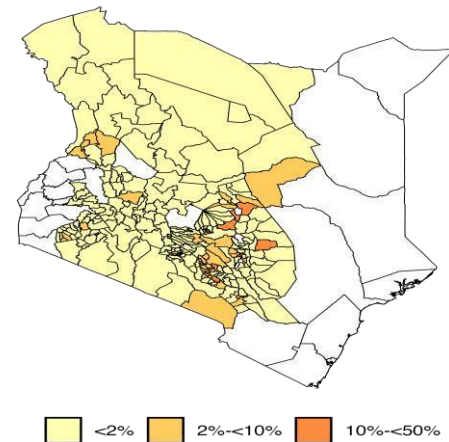
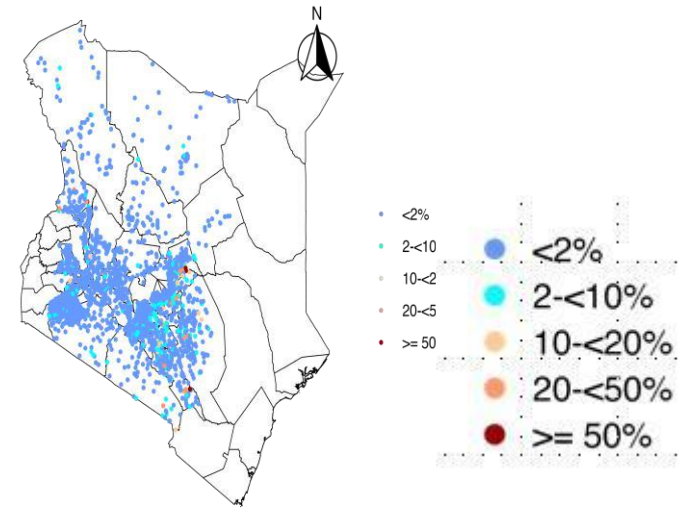
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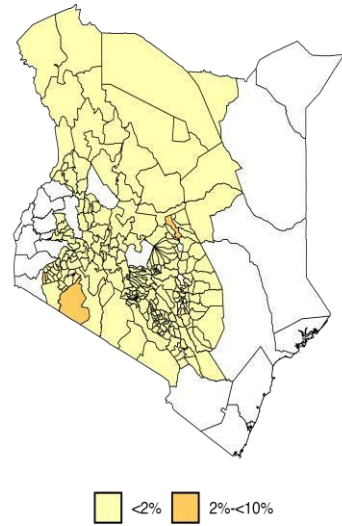
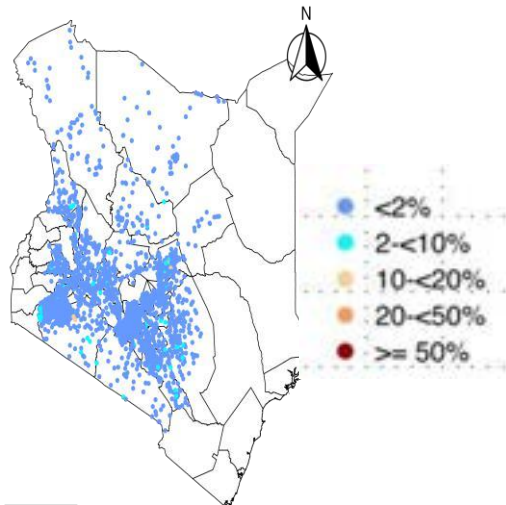
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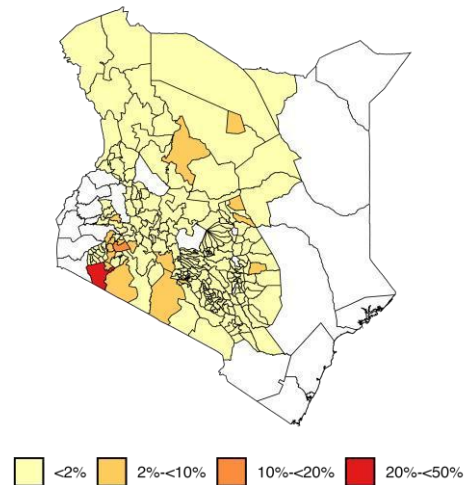
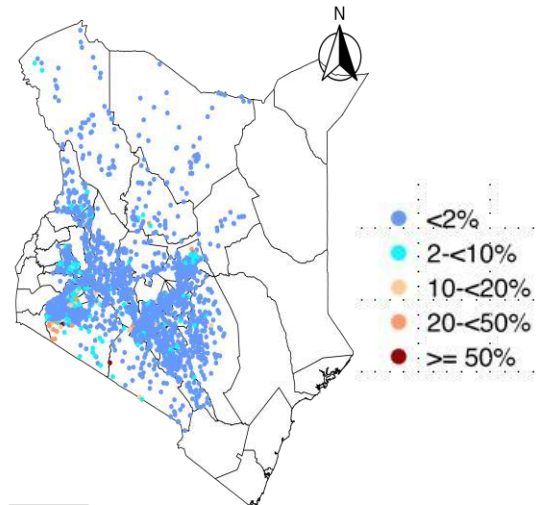
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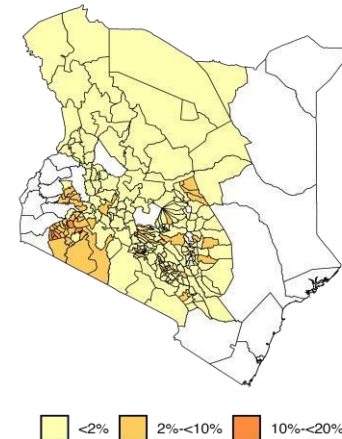
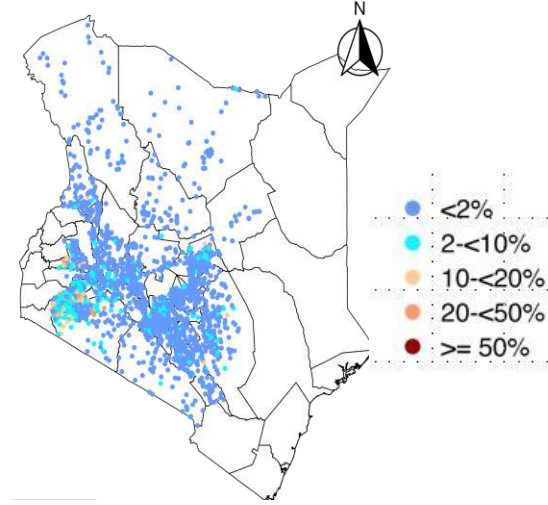
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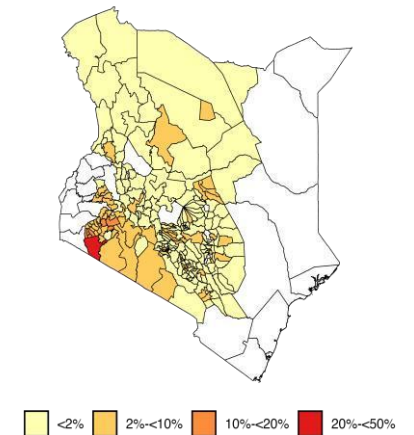
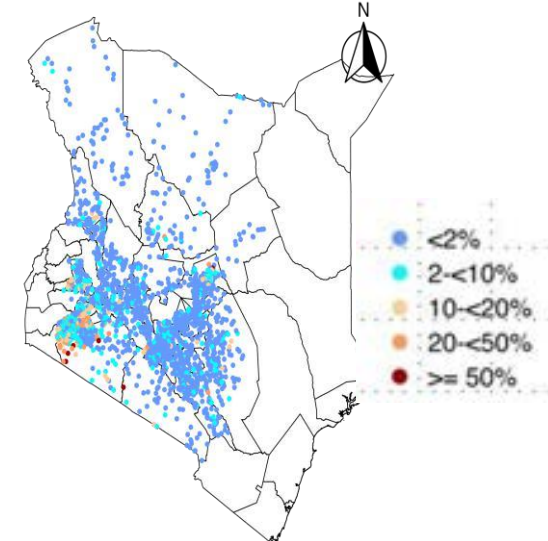
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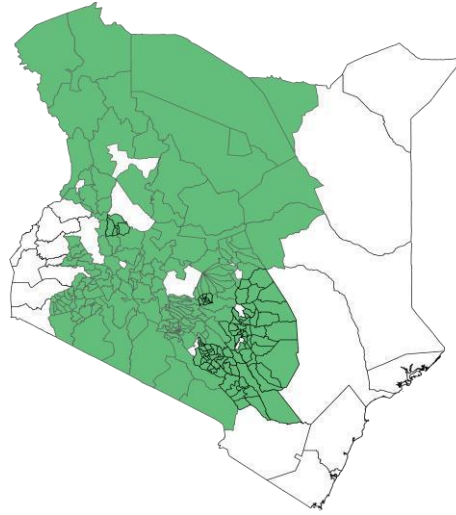
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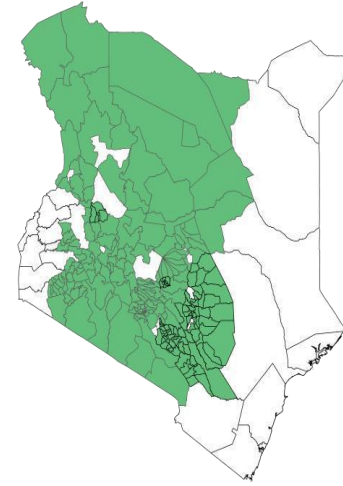


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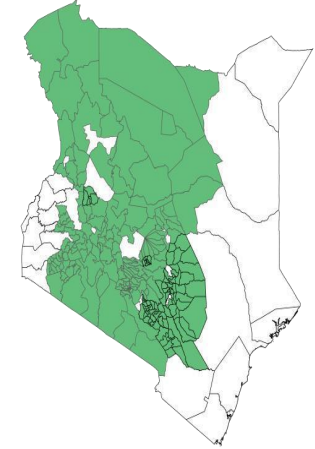
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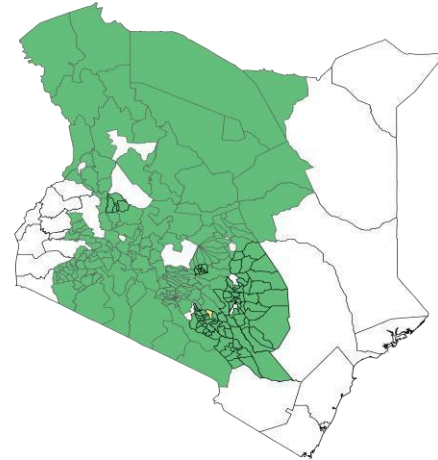
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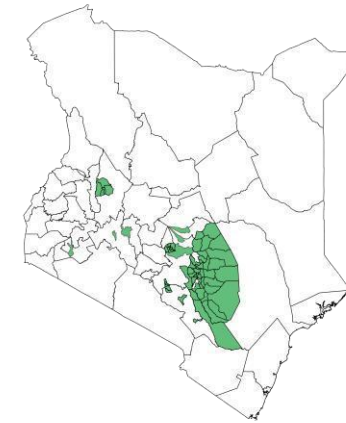


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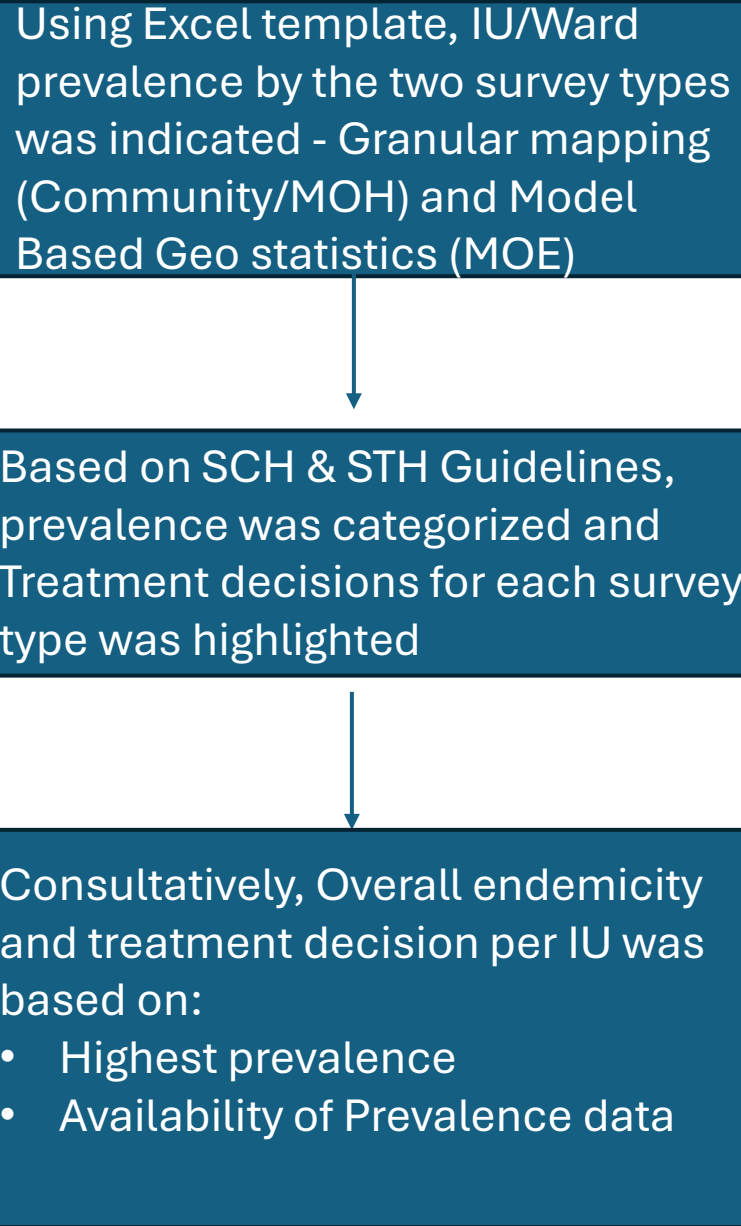
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# SCH Data harmonization across MOH and MOE

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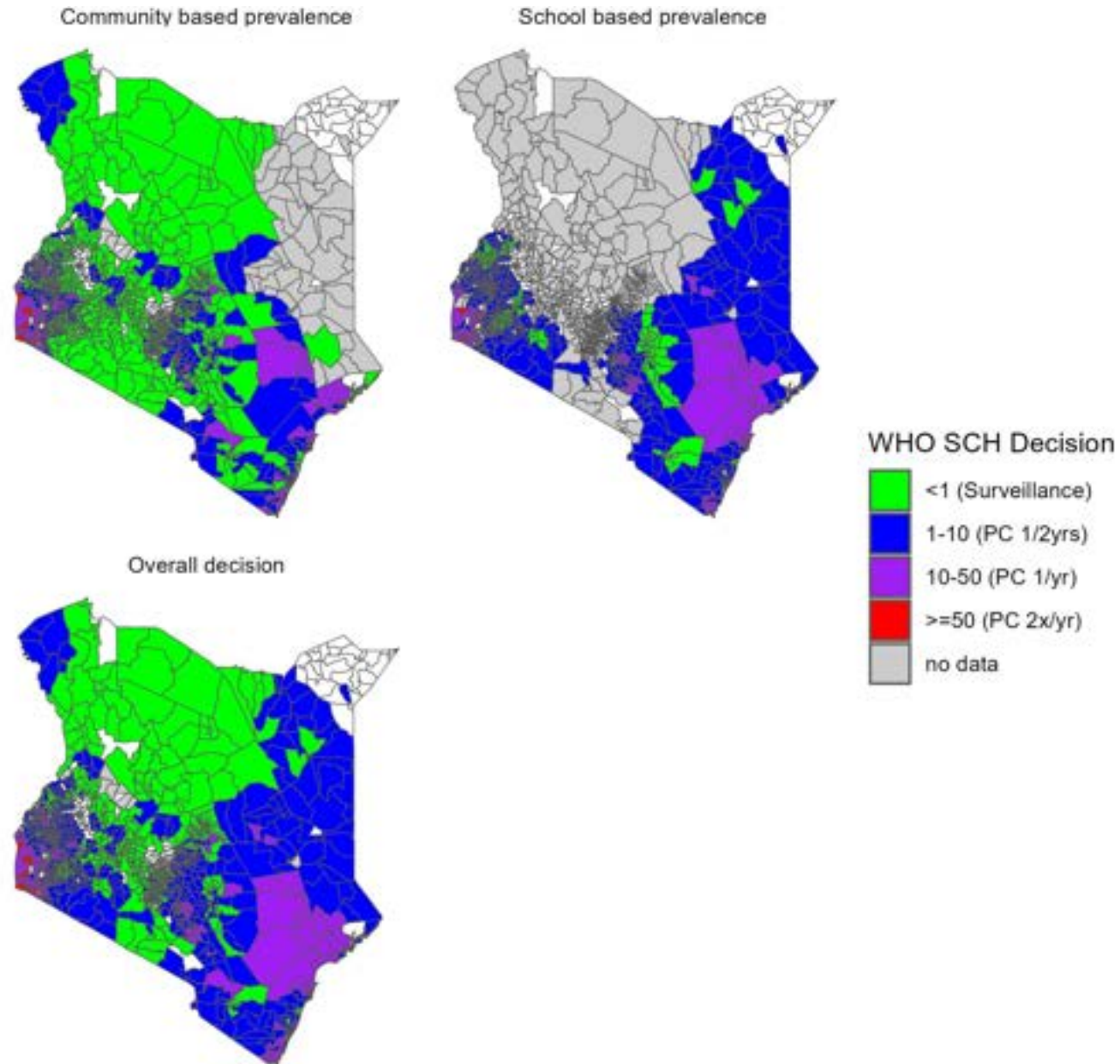
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- Availability of Prevalence data

SCH&STH Harmonized dataset and map enables:

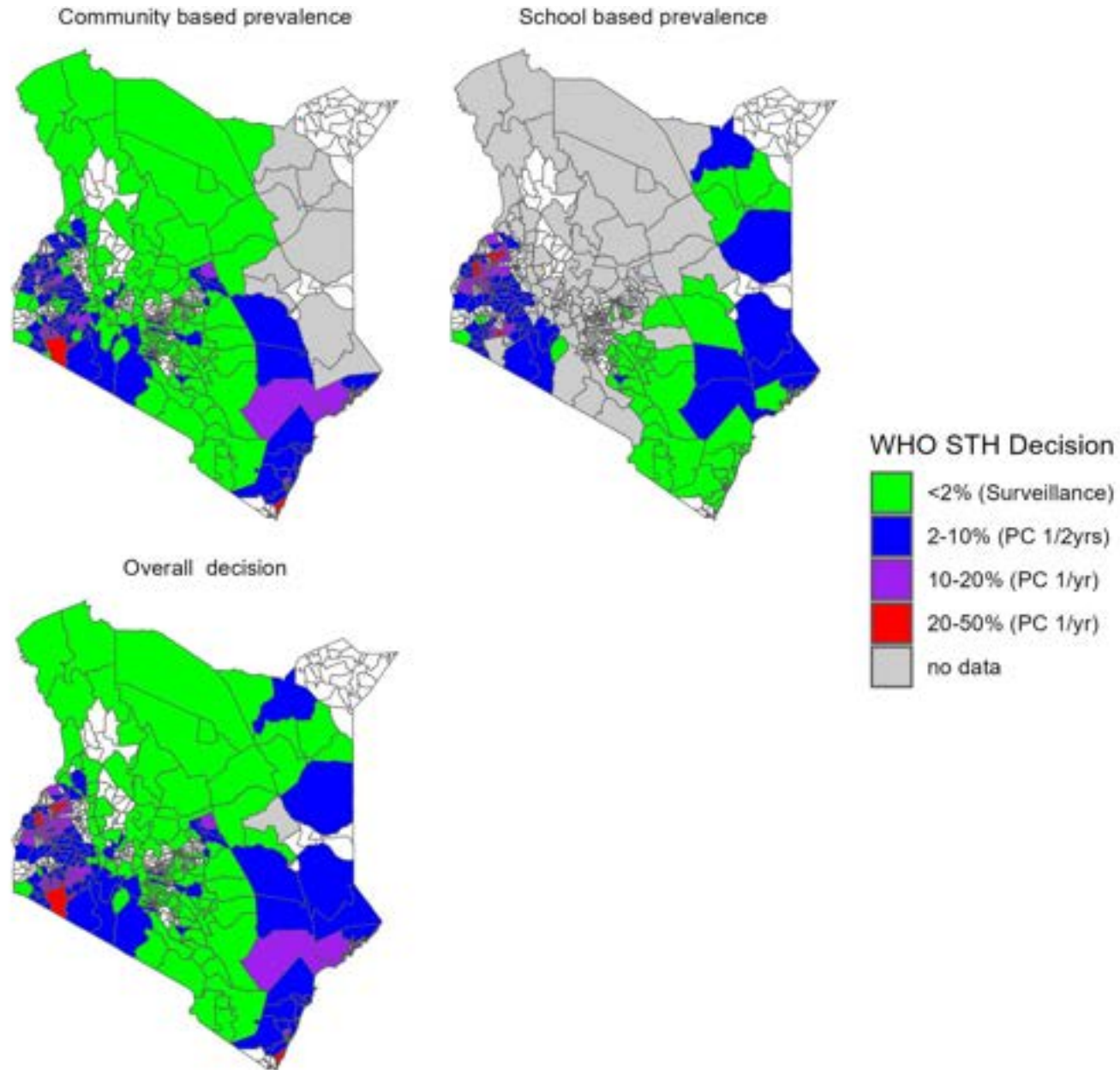
1. Harmonized quantification of drug needs – (JRSM 2026 completion)
2. Advocacy tool for Resource mobilization including domestic funding
3. Harmonized M&E for SCH elimination as a Public Health Problem



# SCH Data harmonization outcome



# STH Data harmonization outcome



# Overall (Harmonized) IU endemicity and treatment decisions

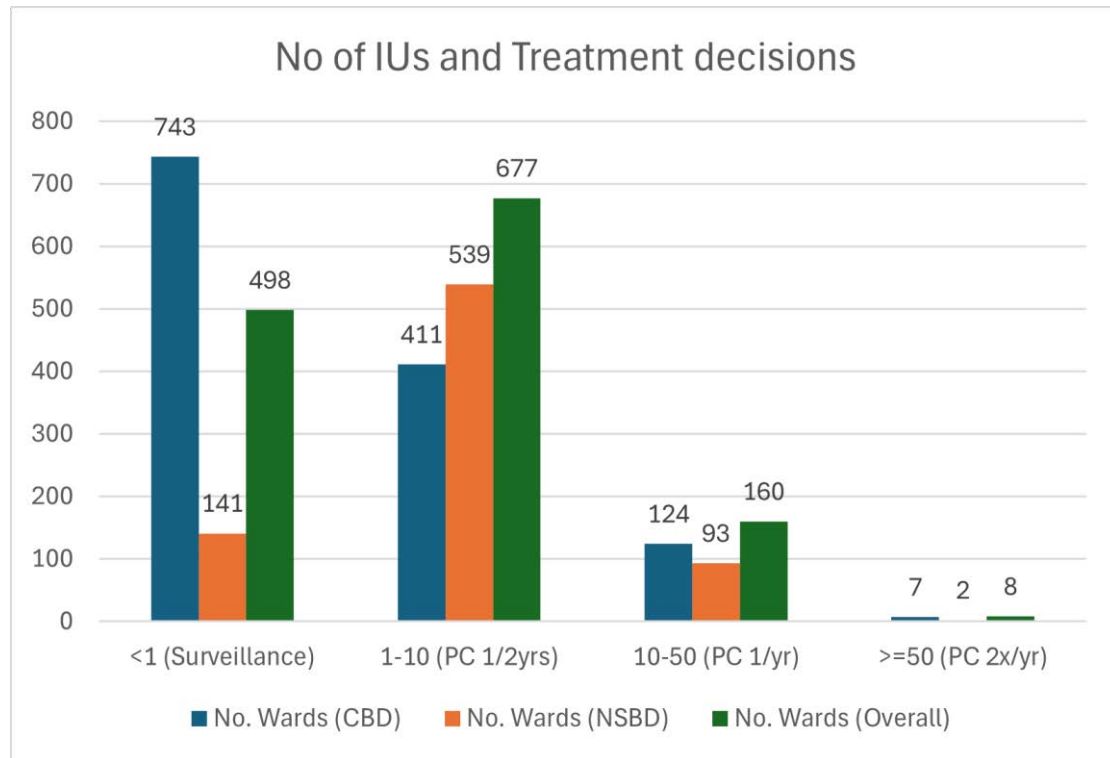


Fig 3. SCH No of wards and treatment decisions

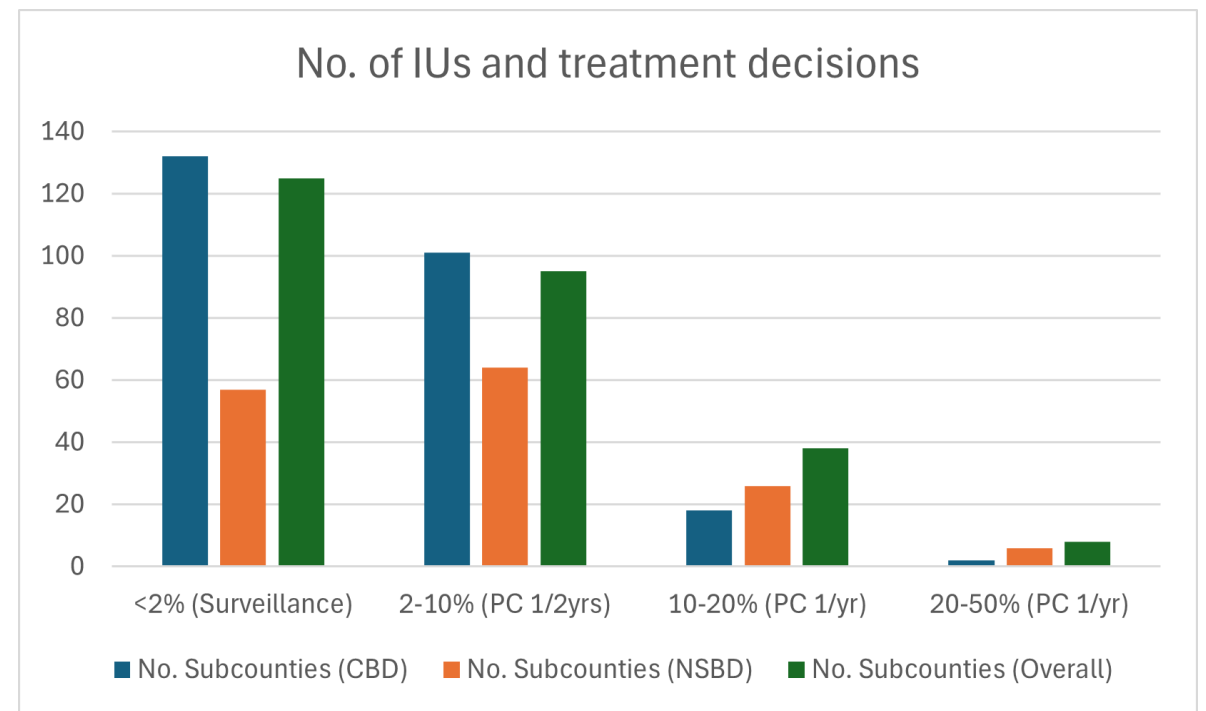


Fig 4. STH No of Subcounties and treatment decisions

# SPPA Way Forward

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Institutionalize SPPA results for MDA planning

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Integrate mapping data into KHIS and NTD dashboards

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Use granular data for resource allocation and advocacy

# JAP Way forward

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

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ESPEN support in updating SCH Workbook V6

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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**

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# 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



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## 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



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# 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)

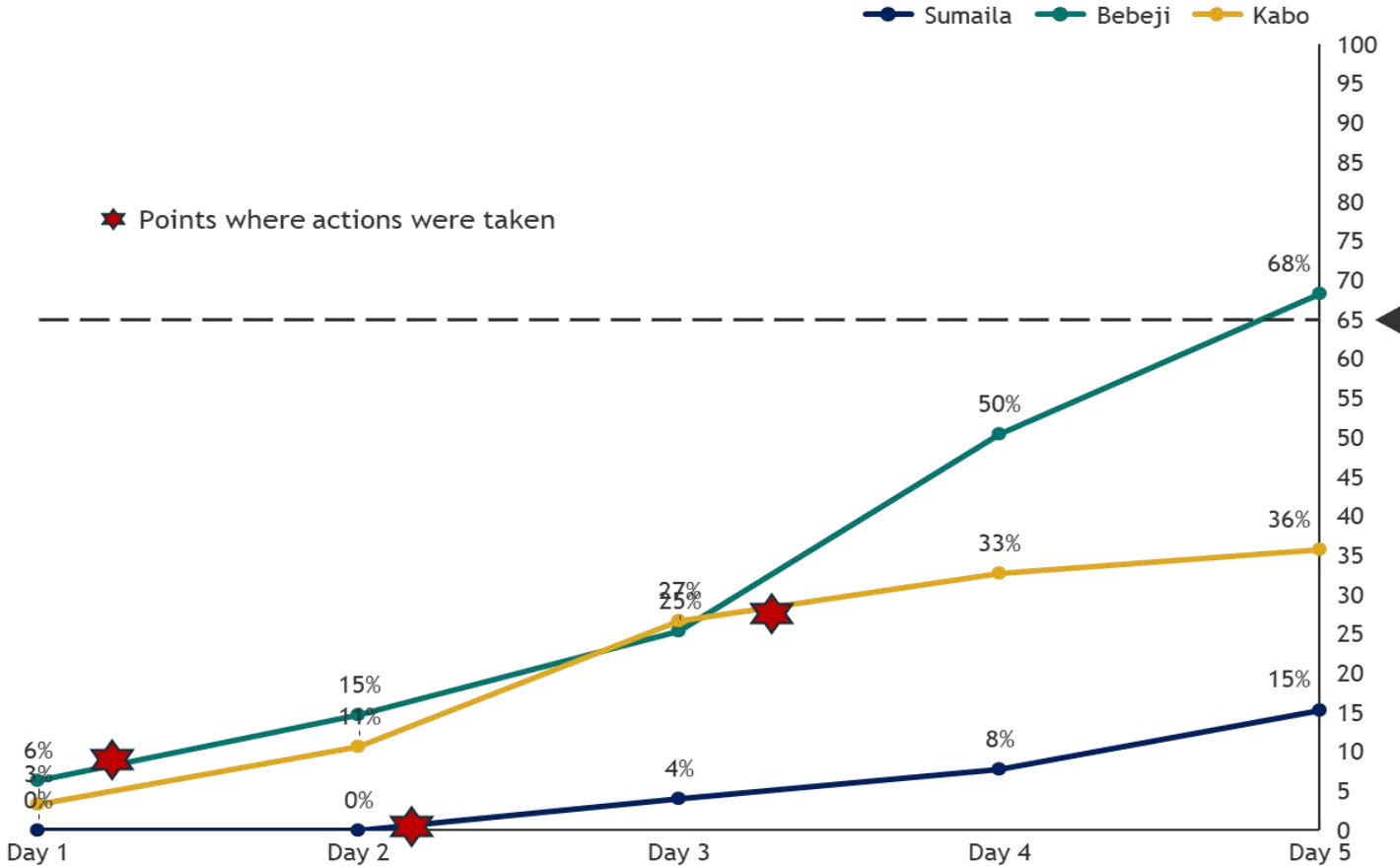
During MDAs, timely data is strategically used for proactive decision making and actions without which performance issues would not have been resolved and would have affected the overall performance of the MDA

**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

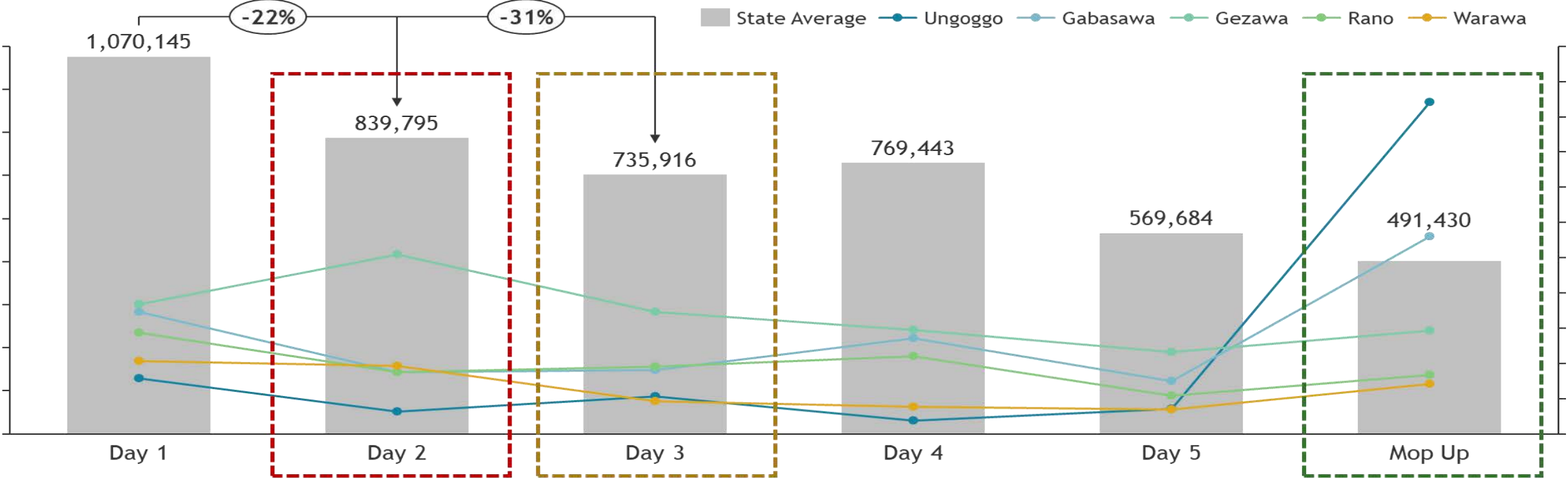
Cumulative daily coverage across selected underperforming LGAs and actions taken during command center review meetings (Day 1-5) for 2024 Oncho/LF MDA



# 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



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# 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.*



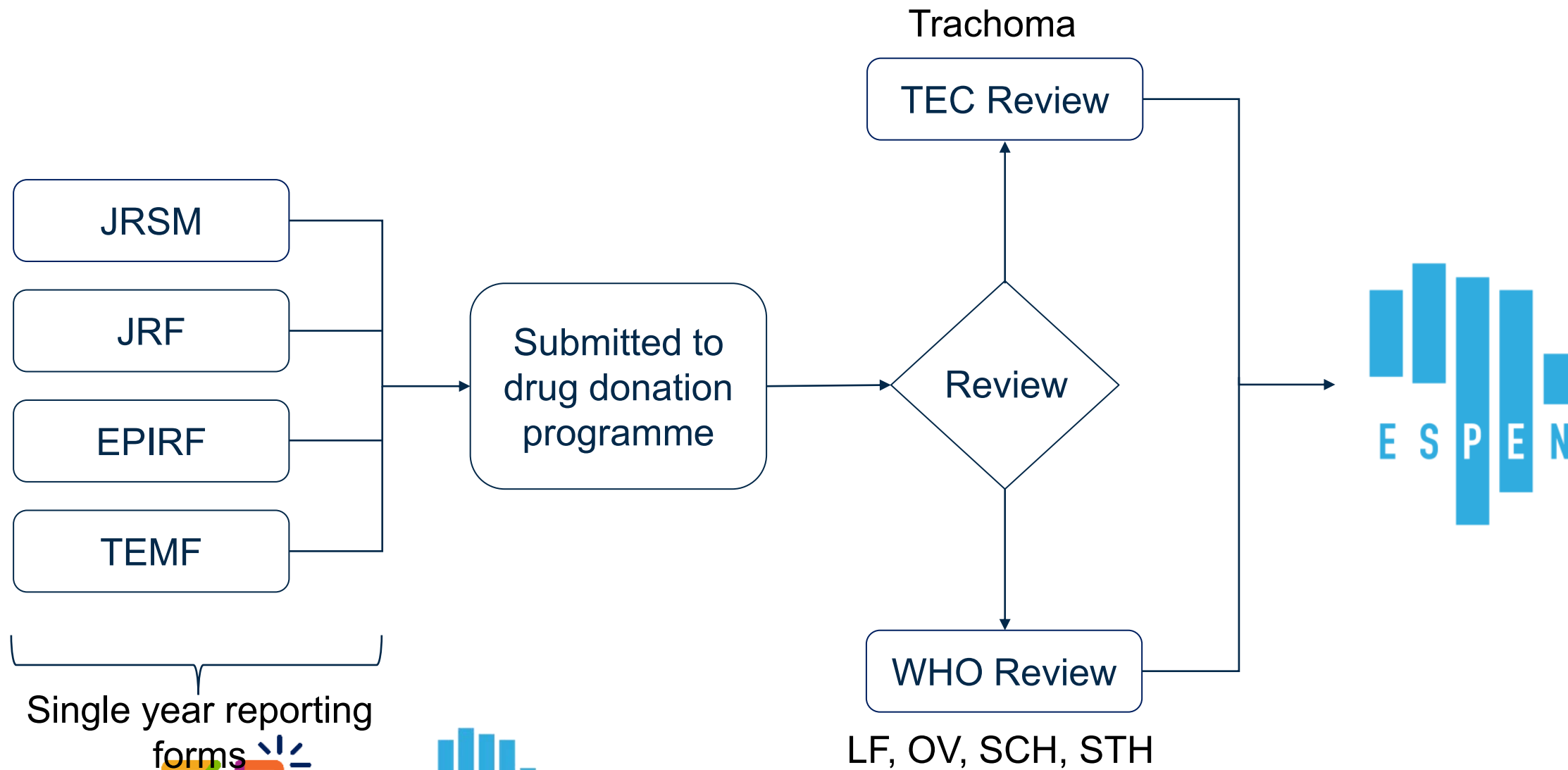
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# CHIP data model 1: Country > ESPEN



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# Panel Discussion and Q&A: Insights and Reflections on Data Use in Country Contexts

**Moderator: Katie Shanahan**

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

**Dr Jorge Cano**

ESPEN Surveillance Officer



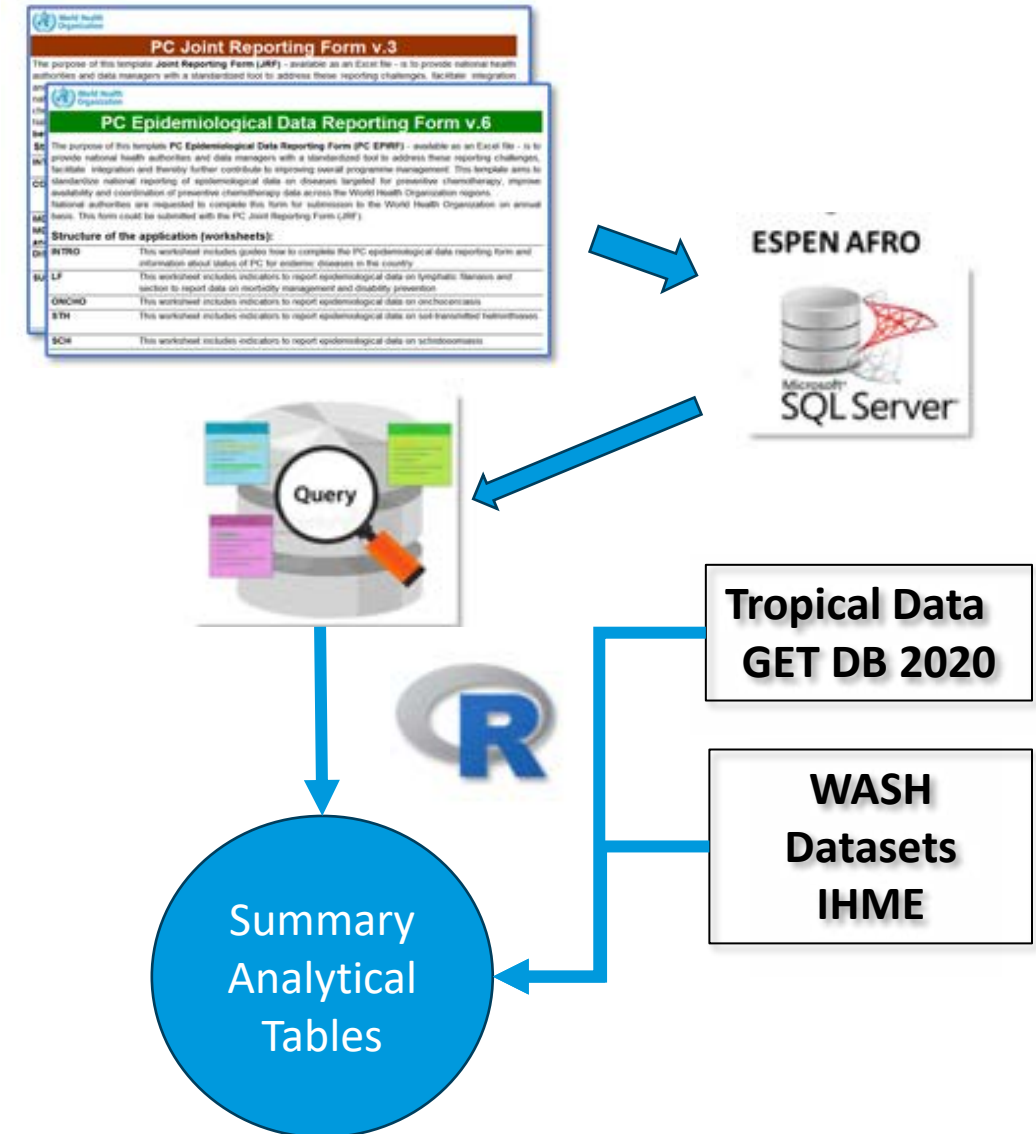
# Overview

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- The ESPEN Portal – History & Data Workflow
- Introduction – Why the ESPEN Portal Matters
- Overview of the ESPEN Portal Structure
- Navigating “Maps & Data”: *dashboards, maps & analytics*
- Other Portal sections: *advanced analytics, news & opportunities*
- Wrap-up & key messages

# 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)



## 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)



**ESPEN NTD Portal**  
<https://espen.afro.who.int/>

## What are you looking for?



### Map search

Looking for a specific map?



### Data search

Looking for just the data?



### JAP search

Looking for JAP files?

## Latest updates



18 May 2025

Mauritania eliminates trachoma as a public health problem

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01 May 2025

Strengthening integrated health campaigns: The Collaborative Action Strategy (CAS) for Health Campaign Effectiveness

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30 April 2025

Evaluation report from the 2025 NTD Programme Managers' meeting: Now available

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24 April 2025

New ESPEN report reveals how African NTD Programmes are adapting amid funding shortfalls

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## Site highlights



### Maps & data for 48 countries

Browse over 15,000 maps, country data, charts and more



### Tools & resources

A wide selection of tools & resources to support the NTD community



### Dashboards

LE, Oncho, SCH & STH progress and forecast dashboards for each country



### Updates & events

Keep up-to-date on the latest NTD news and events

# ESPEN NTD Portal: A Central Hub for Data-Driven Technical Support



## Data Collection

- **ESPEN Collect Platform** – Real-time field data capture
- **ESPEN Spatial Microplanning Tool** – Supports IU-level planning
- **ESPEN Schisto Mapper** – Visualizes SCH risk and informs mapping decisions



## Data Reporting

- **JAP Upload Tool** – Facilitates structured online submission of treatment data, surveys, annual working plans and medicine requests



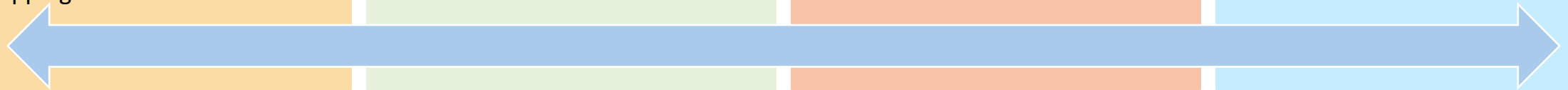
## Data Analytics

- **ESPEN Dashboards** – Monitor MDA coverage, endemicity, medicine forecasts, elimination progress



## Data Intelligence

- **ESPEN GenAI Assistant** – Conversational AI support for interpreting data, retrieving documents, and generating summaries



**ESPEN NTD Portal**

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



# 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



**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.

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# MAPS & DATA SECTION

# Navigating “Maps & Data”



## Dashboards (progress and forecast)

- 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.

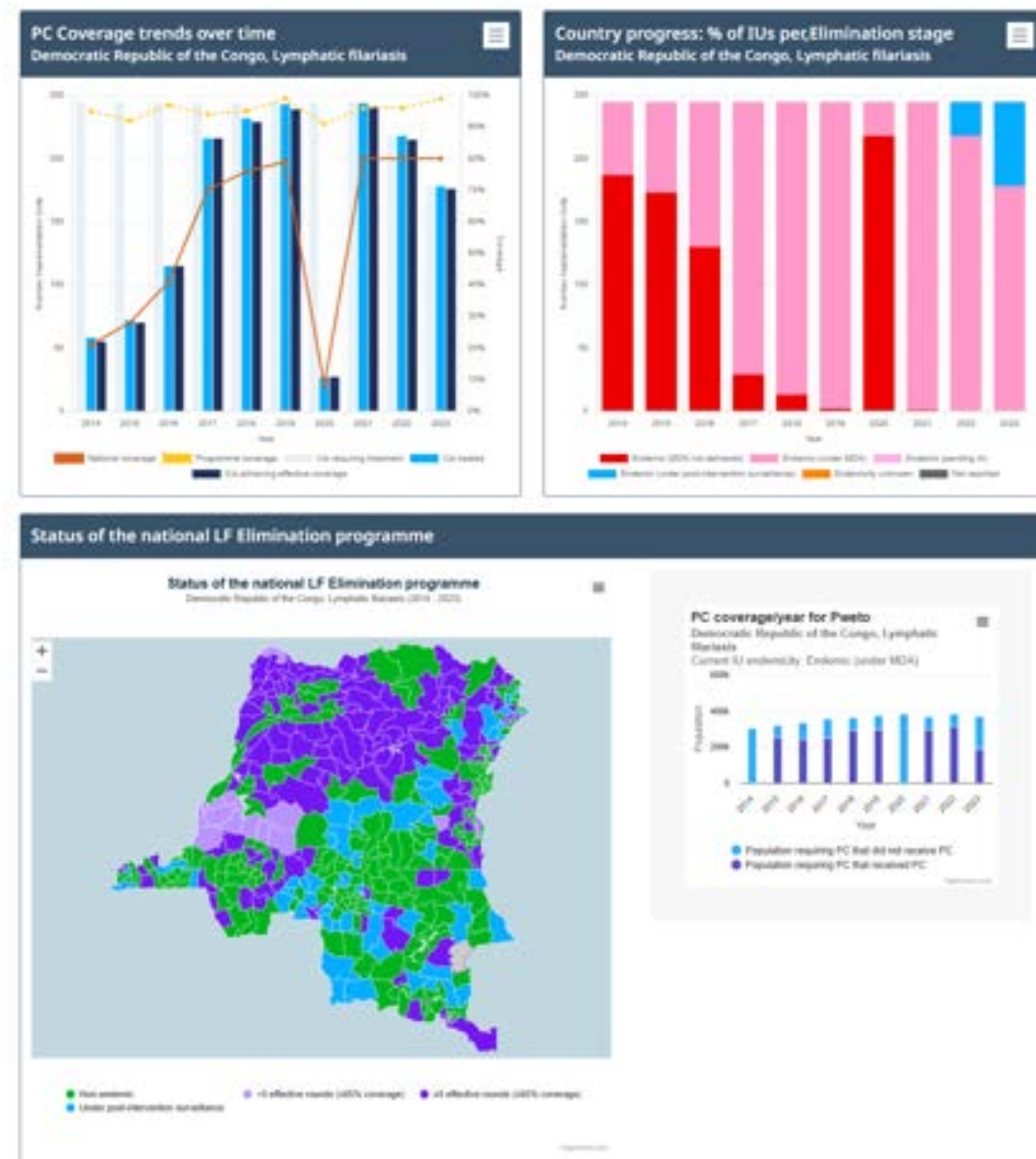
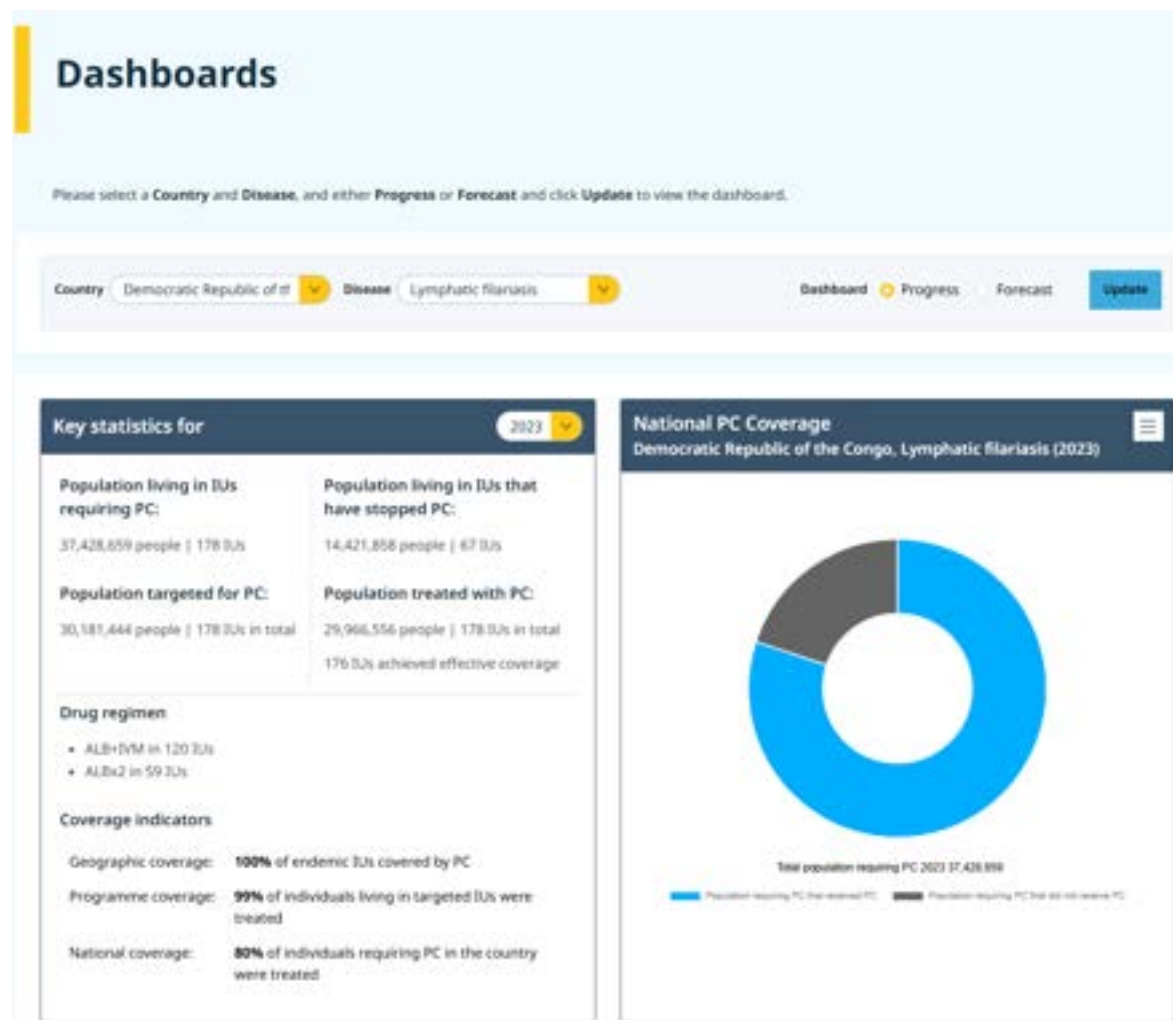
## By Country / By Region

- 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





# Region Analytics & Maps

## Western Africa



### Regional summary statistics for 2023

Demographics					
1,867	421,327,833	61,851,625	116,505,263	227,775,212	14
Number of implementers on units (IUs)	Total Population	Total PreSAC Population	Total SAC Population	Total Adult Population	Number of countries reporting data

Programme status *		
1,956,841 people	7 IUs	
Population living in IUs with endemicity unknown for at least one PC-NTD		
260,937,799 people	1,602 IUs	
Population requiring PC for at least one PC-NTD		
199,804,260 people	800 IUs	
Population living in IUs that have stopped PC for at least one PC-NTD		

Delivery of PC in 2023 *		
169,349,810 people	1,278 IUs	
Population targeted with PC for at least one NTD		
146,763,791 people	1,278 IUs	
Population requiring PC for at least one PC-NTD		
91 IUs (6% of all endemic IUs)		
IUs 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	
34	12 (35%)
Number of IU Requiring PC for trachoma	Number of IU 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.

Select a country

Western Africa comprises 17 countries and is endemic for all five PC-NTDs and leish. Most of the region is endemic for LF, or has been historically. Several countries have successfully reduced LF transmission and implement post-MDA surveillance in certain districts. Onchocerciasis occurs throughout the tropical belt covering the southern part of the region. The region is mostly free of loiasis, although this disease occurs throughout Nigeria. All countries are affected by schistosomiasis and STH, although endemicity levels vary within and between countries.

## Western Africa

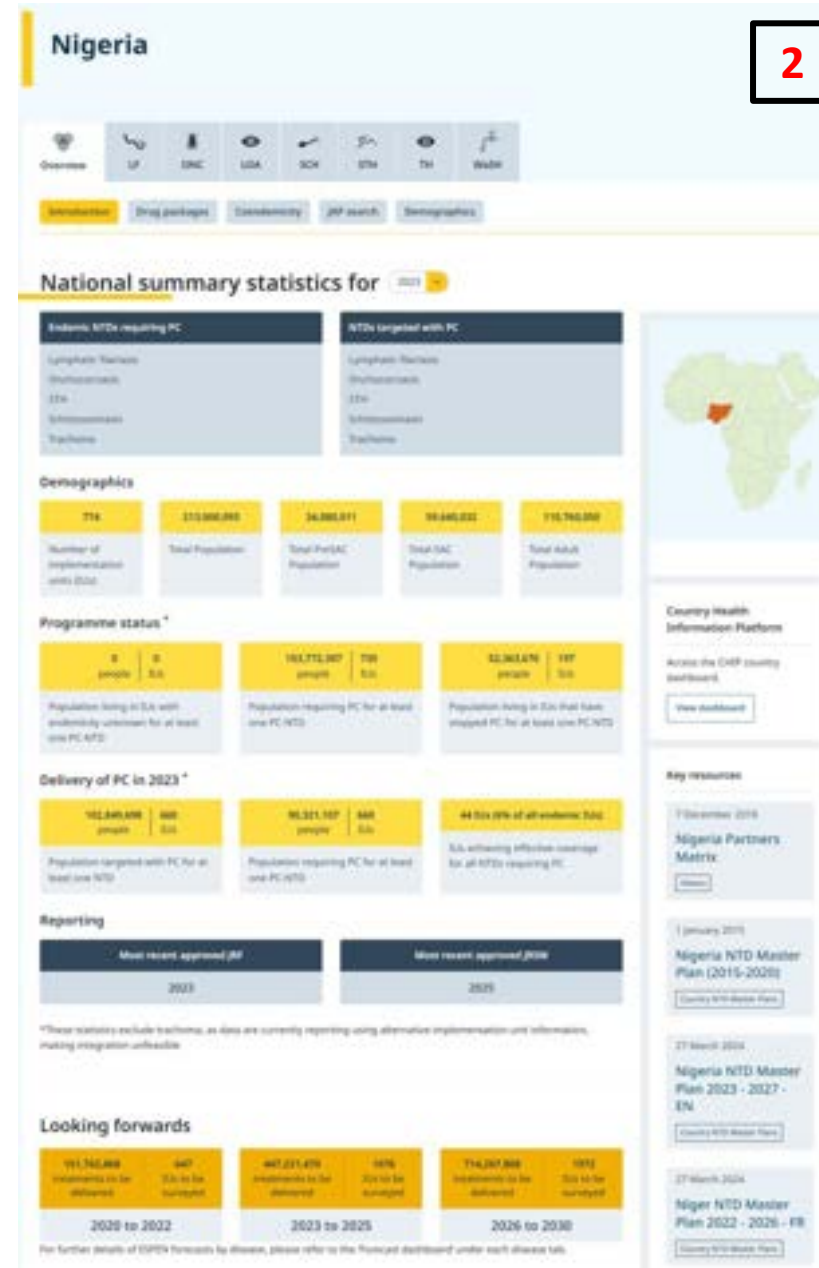


### Introduction Maps

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# Country Analytics, Maps & Dashboards I



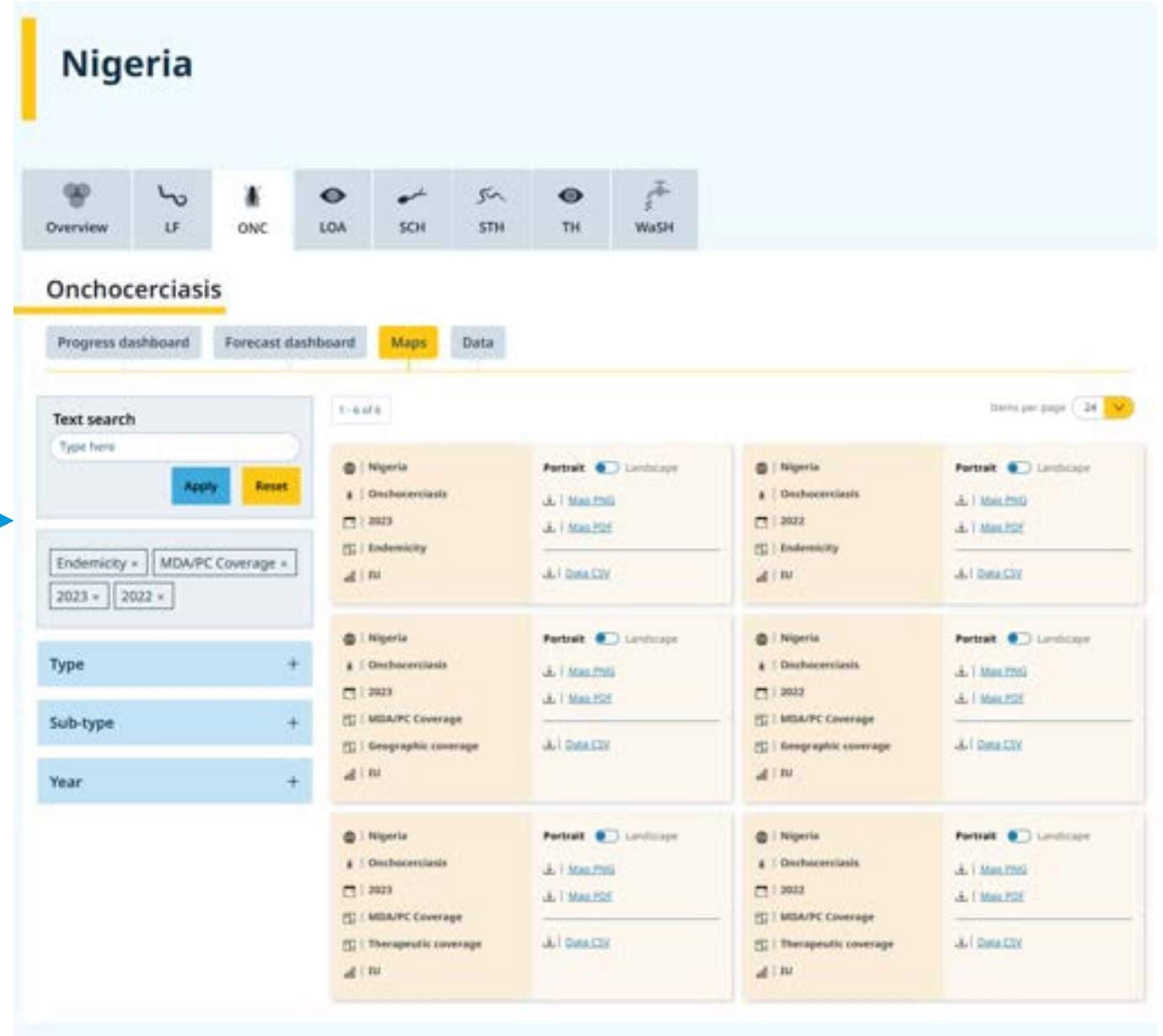


# Country Analytics, Maps & Dashboards II



English  
French  
Portuguese

- **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

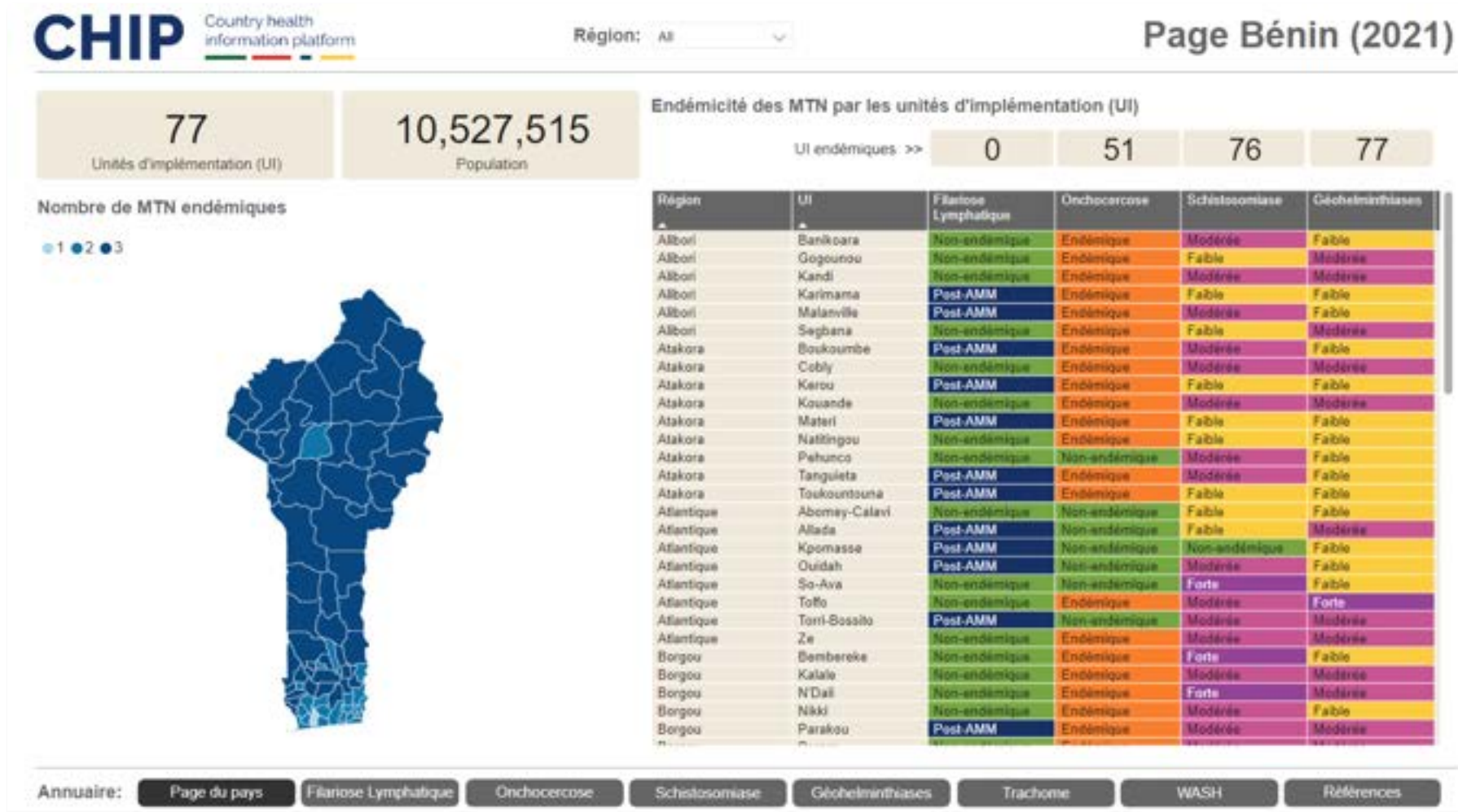


# Country Health Information Platform (CHIP)



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.



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# OTHER PORTAL SECTIONS



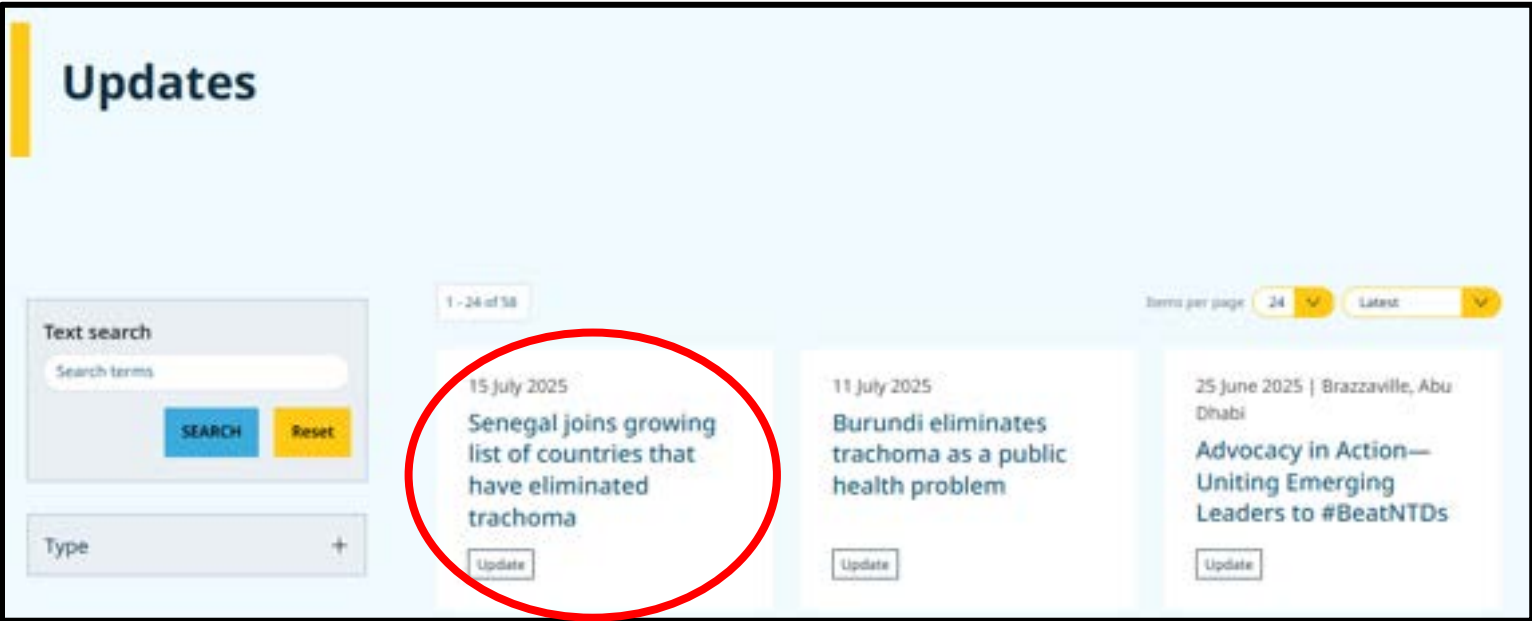
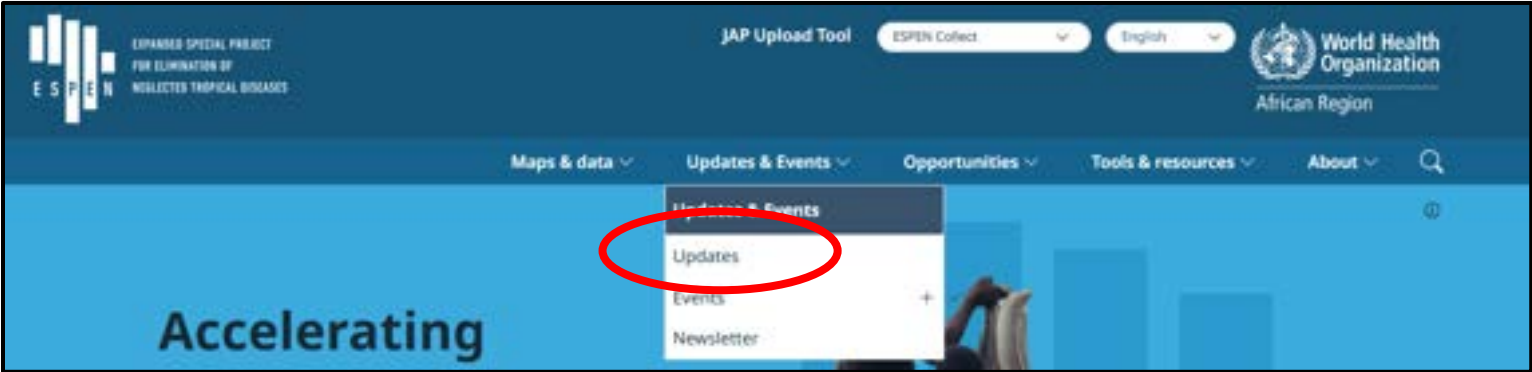
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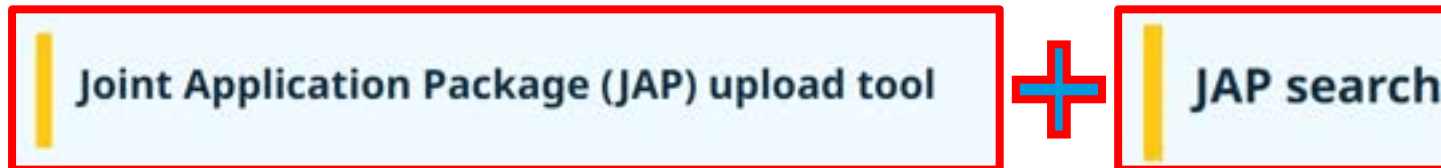
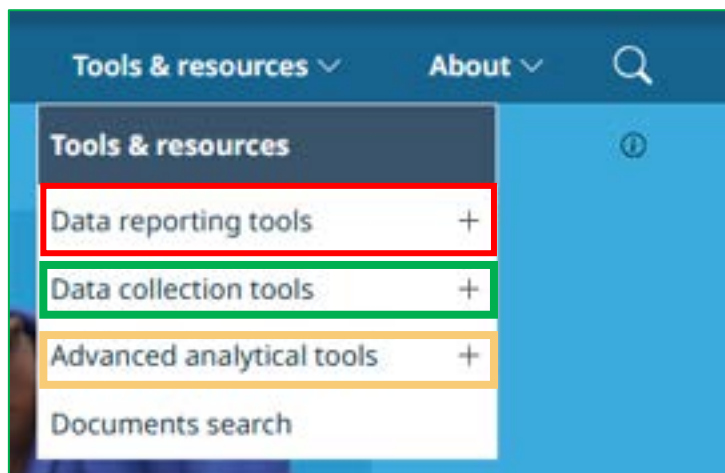


# Updates & Events – Stay Informed





# 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



**Annual meetings**

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4th Annual meeting of National NTD Programme Managers  
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#### Introduction

The Annual Meeting of National NTD Programme Managers in the WHO Africa Region stands as a testament to our collective resolve 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 reaffirming our commitment to public health and the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### Background and significance

The journey of the past few years, heavily marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, has underscored the importance of resilience and adaptability in healthcare. The launch of the newly WHO Roadmap 2030 and the endorsement of national strategic frameworks, including the WHO NTD Roadmap 2030, have provided a clear vision and strategic framework for the eradication of NTDs. These milestones have created a new momentum for our collective efforts.

Notable strides have been made, with African nations demonstrating significant NTD and significant reduction in the number of individuals requiring NTD interventions. The achievement of this milestone is a testament to the dedication and collaborative spirit of our NTD community, working tirelessly to advance the health and well-being of our people.

#### The need for Annual Meetings

These meetings are more than just a congregation of minds; they are a catalyst for action. The challenges of funding and resource allocation, especially in the wake of the pandemic, have brought to the fore the urgency of addressing NTDs. These meetings provide a platform for sharing best practices, addressing common challenges, and fostering cross-sectoral collaboration, crucial for sustaining momentum and achieving our shared goals.

#### Objectives and expected outcomes

The primary objective of these meetings is to ensure progress, align national NTD Roadmaps, and address the WHO NTD Roadmap, and foster stronger synergy between the implementing organizations. Specific objectives include sharing experiences and challenges, providing technical and advisory support, highlighting successful strategies for strengthening country leadership and capacity, and ensuring sustained planning in the coming year.

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

#### The way forward

As we move forward, the focus is on integration, structural support, and managing the transition from the WHO NTD Roadmap to the national NTD Roadmap. The integration of NTDs with other communicable and non-communicable diseases under the WHO NTD Roadmap is a strategic step towards achieving our goals.

These meetings, therefore, are 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.



### MMM Program Reports

MMM | 04.04.2023

Mentor Program Report August 2023

MMM | 03.04.2023

Mentor Program Report May 2023.pdf

MMM | 03.04.2023

Mentor Program Report February 2023.pdf

WHO/AFR is leading this program in collaboration with the END Fund and the American Society for Medicine, Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (ASMTM). 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.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Cohort Selection Process		Stage 1 application portal live		Stage 1 (Screening & Stage 2 Candidates Selection)		Stage 2 applications		Selection Committee review process	Steering Committee approval of mentees selected	1. Selected mentees announced (ADMs, NTDs, online, etc.)	1. Mentoring is complete	1. Program kick off
Cohort Selection Monitor										2. Mentoring begins (mentoring surveys shared with both mentees and mentors)	2. Match check carried out	2. Announcements that new cohort applications open in January
						Non-selected applicants (mentees notified)				Non-selected applicants (mentees Stage-2) notified		Unmatched mentees notified
Year 1: Cohort Management (Standard for every month to our meeting with mentees)	Cohort Launch	Cohort Midpoint Review	Webinar	Networking Opportunity	Networking Opportunity	Webinar	Networking opportunity	Leadership Programme	Webinar	Networking Opportunity	Networking Opportunity	
Year 2: Cohort Management (Standard for every month to our meeting with mentees)												End of programme event



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# CLOSING – Wrap-Up & Key Messages

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- 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

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# Thank you for your attention

Thank you to all our partners

MRM: Manta Ray Media

SC: StandardCode

GET: Global Elimination Trachoma

IHME: Institute for Health Metrics & Evaluation

Sightsavers

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Bill & Melinda Gates foundation

...and all country programmes and in-country partners submitting data to WHO/ESPEN



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# Lunch Break



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

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

Moderator: Katie Shanahan



## Discussion: ESPEN Portal Tool Feedback

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- 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



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# Preview Day 4 - Preparations for Day 4

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**THANK YOU**