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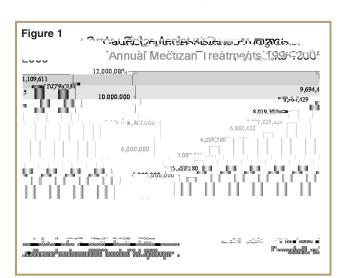
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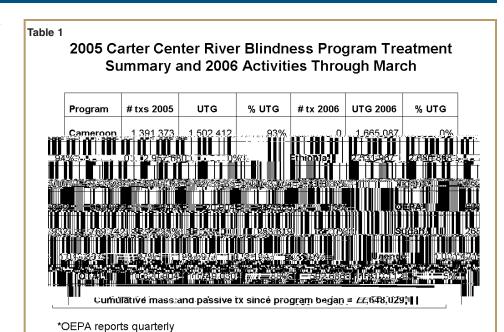
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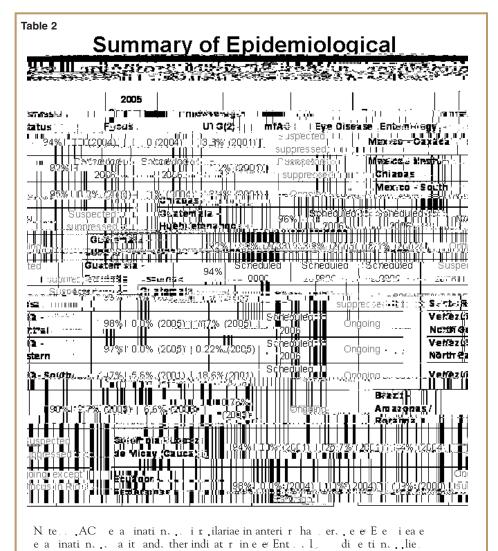
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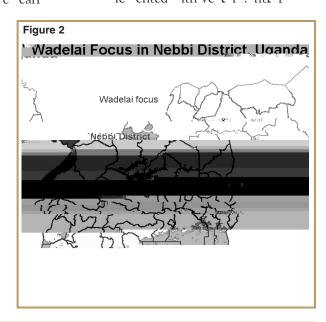
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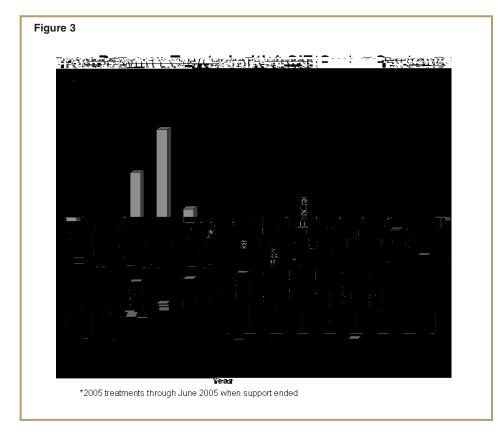
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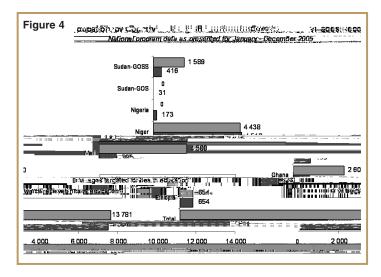
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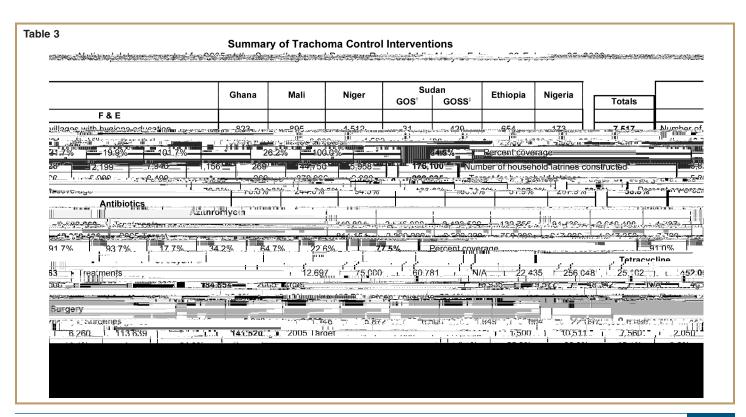
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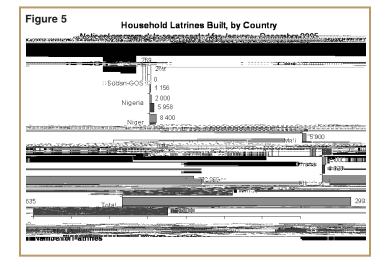






Dr. Awad Hassan (national coordinator, Government of Sudan), Dr. Sanoussi Bamani (national coordinator, Mali), and Dr. Ombolanle Olowu (national coordinator, Nigeria) observe Mahlet Baynesagne Miheretu conducting trichiasis surgery.

Lion Dr. Tebebe Y. Berhan (left) addresses the review participants as Dr. Donald Hopkins, associate executive director for Center health programs, listens.



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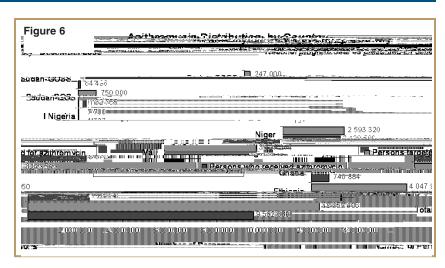
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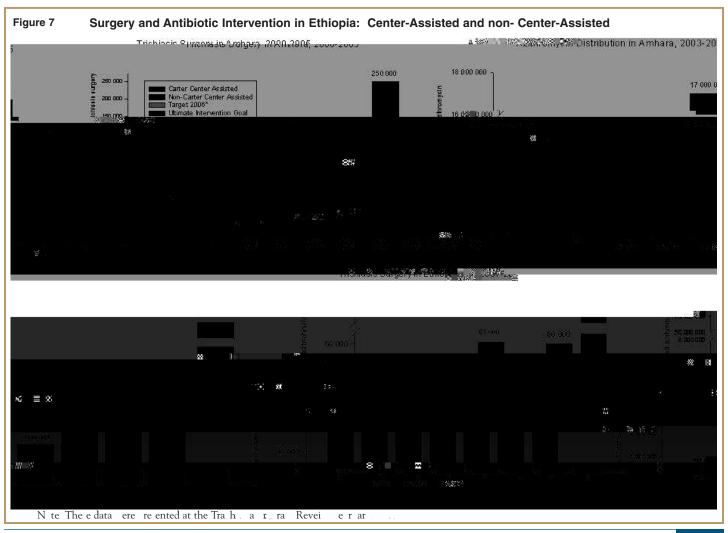
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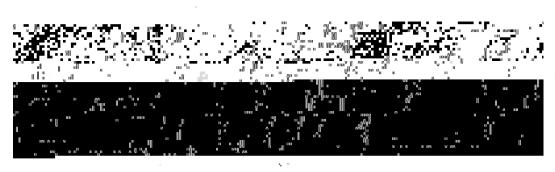
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From left to right: Lion Haby Traore, Paul Emerson (Center, Atlanta), Lion Boubacar Diarra, Lion Habibatou Tall, Lisa Rotondo (Center , Atlanta), Yaya Kamissoko (Center, Mali)

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Right: Dr. Frank Richards, with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Richards, displays the Bailey K. Ashford Medal, awarded to him in recognition of his work in tropical medicine.



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