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Subject: GUINEA WORM WRAP-UP # 96

To: Addressees

Detect Every Case, Contain Every Worm!

NIGERIA'S RECENT TREND OF REDUCED CASES CONTINUES

In October the Nigerian program recorded 506 cases, a reduction of 44% from the 907 cases recorded in October 1998! (see figure 2) 66% of this October's cases were contained. This program has recorded overall reductions of 25% in August and 22% in September. The most significant decreases occurred in the North East Zone, where cases were

Figure 2

Nigeria Guinea Worm Eradication Program Number of Cases of Dracunculiasis Reported by Month: 1998 - 1999*

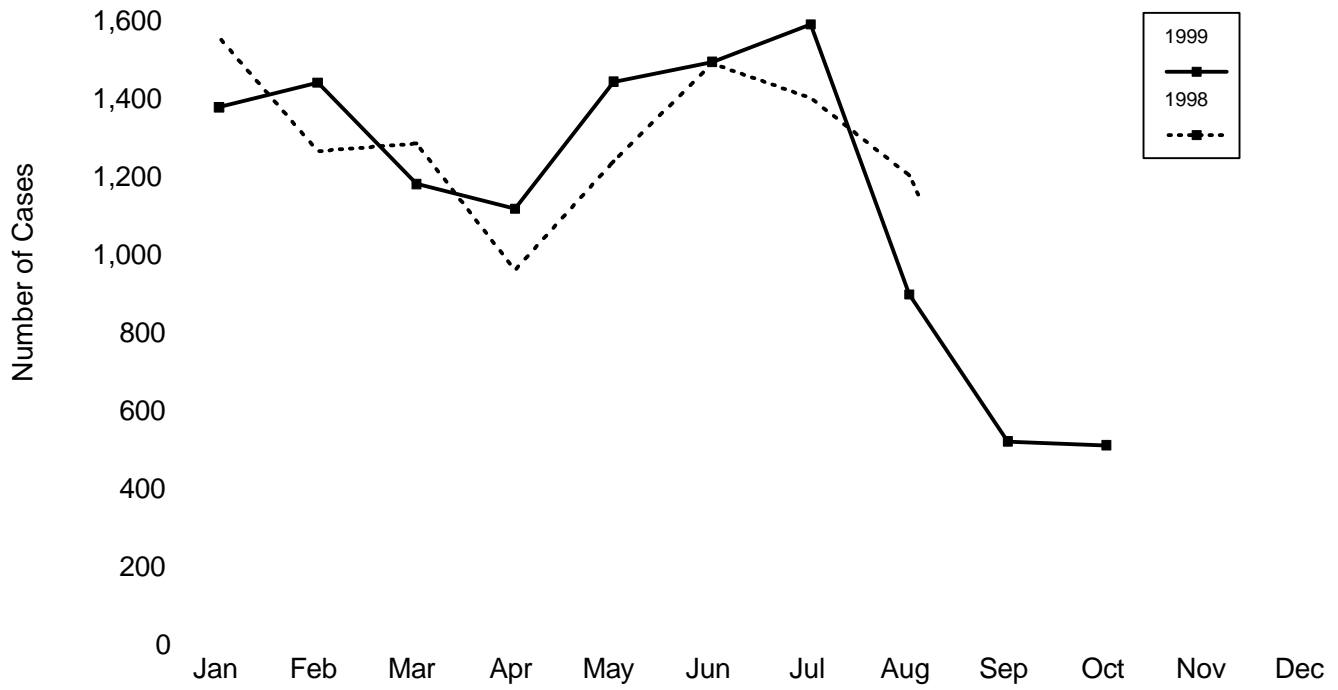


Table 2

**Number of cases contained and number reported by month during 1999*
(Countries arranged in descending order of cases in 1998)**

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF CASES CONTAINED / NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED													CONT.	%
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL*		
SUDAN	1365 / 2894	1658 / 3290	1517 / 2946	1629 / 3179	3534 / 6483	4359 / 8935	4527 / 9201	3002 / 6044	1393 / 2468	/	/	/	22984 / 45440	51	
NIGERIA	585 / 1372	755 / 1435	945 / 1175	874 / 1112	1148 / 1437	1137 / 1488	780 / 1584	495 / 892	330 / 516	333 / 506	/	/	7382 / 11517	64	
GHANA	921 / 1140	616 / 1139	546 / 1000	450 / 771	378 / 650	231 / 412	124 / 214	54 / 83	88 / 131	/	/	/	3408 / 5540	62	
NIGER	2 / 2	3 / 3	2 / 2	6 / 6	35 / 45	156 / 300	215 / 480	197 / 486	161 / 331	87 / 152	/	/	864 / 1807	48	
BURKINA FASO	1 / 1	3 / 3	63 / 108	18 / 55	84 / 240	211 / 596	222 / 489	116 / 185	43 / 102	/	/	/	761 / 1779	43	
TOGO	87 / 102	58 / 85	17 / 31	32 / 34	48 / 71	60 / 73	53 / 101	53 / 122	90 / 130	220 / 326	/	/	718 / 1075	67	
COTE D'IVOIRE	40 / 55	28 / 44	38 / 40	28 / 41	33 / 42	62 / 85	36 / 43	20 / 27	17 / 17	8 / 8	/	/	310 / 402	77	
UGANDA	3 / 6	7 / 7	7 / 7	20 / 21	66 / 70	99 / 102	36 / 39	31 / 32	13 / 13	9 / 10	/	/	291 / 307	95	
BENIN	84 / 89	22 / 27	14 / 15	9 / 10	11 / 12	2 / 3	4 / 4	3 / 3	8 / 9	/	/	/	157 / 172	91	
MALI	1 / 2	2 / 2	3 / 3	2 / 2	11 / 14	44 / 72	62 / 89	42 / 70	45 / 55	/	/	/	212 / 309	69	
MAURITANIA	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	2 / 2	0 / 0	2 / 2	12 / 27	31 / 65	/	/	/	/	47 / 96		
ETHIOPIA	0 / 0	0 / 0	5 / 5	14 / 15	38 / 42	68 / 68	56 / 56	40 / 40	10 / 13	1 / 1	/	/	232 / 240	97	
CHAD**	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	/	/	/	/	1 / 1		
CAMEROON***	1 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	1 / 1	3 / 3	2 / 2	/	/	/	/	8 / 8	100	
C.A.R. ****	0 / 1	2 / 3	3 / 5	0 / 0	0 / 1	0 / 0	/	/	/	/	/	/	5 / 10	50	
TOTAL*	3090 / 5664	3152 / 6035	3157 / 5332	3084 / 5248	5387 / 9107	6432 / 12137	6127 / 12330	4085 / 8052	2198 / 3785	658 / 1003	0 / 0	0 / 0	37370 / 68693	54	
% CONTAINED	55	52	59	59	59	53	50	51	58	66			54		

* Provisional

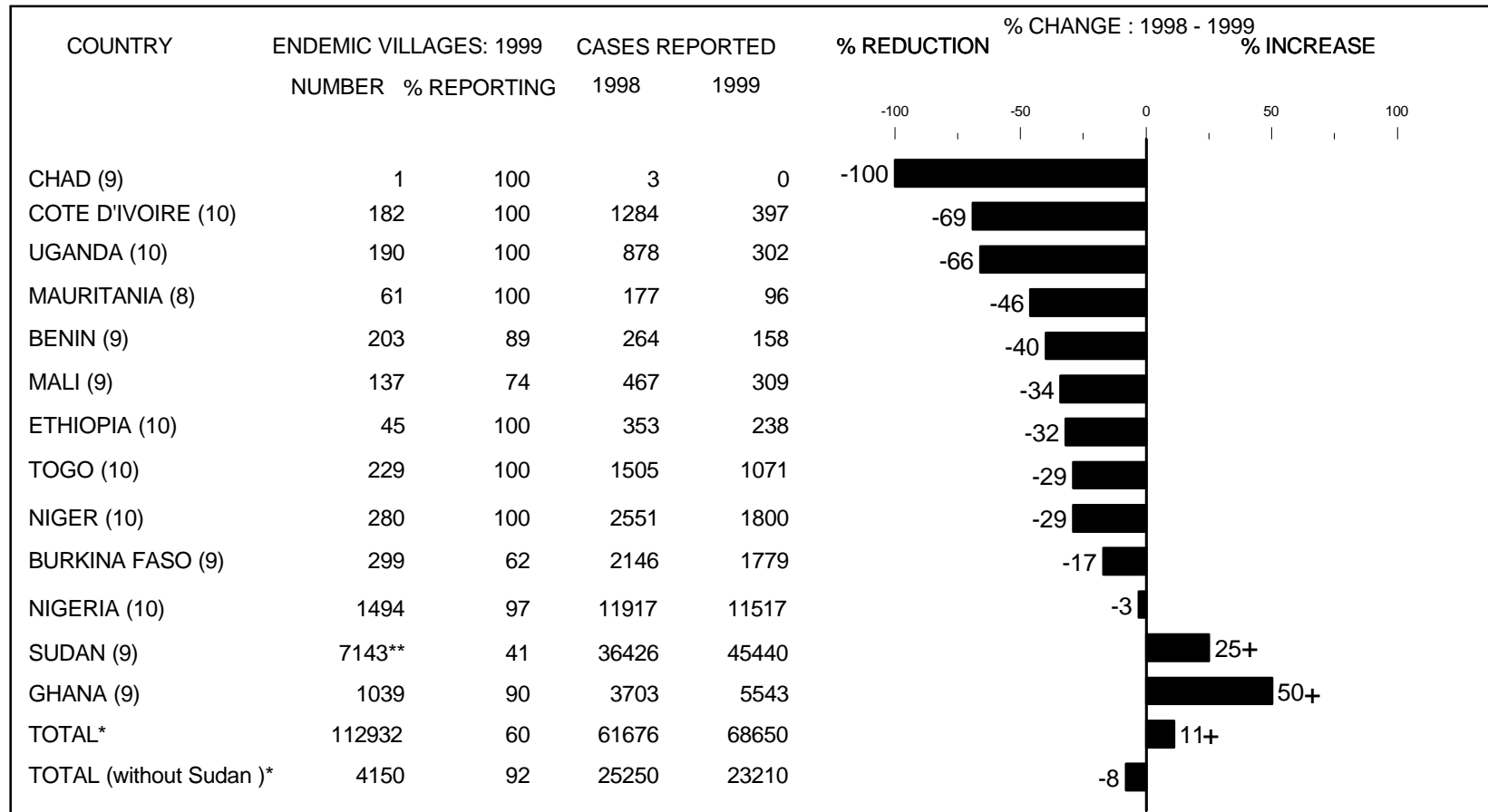
** Reported one case in September imported from Nigeria

*** All 8 cases reported during January - August 1999 were imported from Nigeria.

**** Central African Republic reported 10 alleged (unconfirmed) cases of dracunculiasis for the period January - June, 1999. These cases are not included in the totals.

Figure 3

Percentage of Endemic Villages Reporting and Percentage Change in Number of Indigenous Cases of Dracunculiasis During 1998 and 1999 *, by Country



* Provisional. Totals do not include imported cases.

** Includes 2,026 known endemic villages that are not accessible to the program because of insecurity.

(9) Denotes number of months for which reports were received, e.g., Jan. - Sept., 1999

members of the public on the disease's life cycle, modes of transmission and ways to avoid it. Each session was then broadcast three times a week, three times in a row, in three local languages. Afterward, it was reported that "Everyone in Bouna is talking about the broadcasts, especially the villagers from endemic villages!!" Global 2000 recently provided another 2,500 square yards of filter material for this program.

Ghana's program has produced preliminary line listings of endemic communities in each of the three main remaining endemic regions: Brong-Ahofo, Northern and Volta. An example of the provisional listing for Northern Region is given in Table 3. Four external consultants provided by Global 2000 are currently helping to strengthen supervision of village-based health workers in the highest endemic districts of Volta (1), Brong Ahafo (1), and Northern (2) Regions.

Mali General Amadou Toumani Touré, President of Mali's InterSectorial Group for Guinea Worm Eradication traveled to the village of Tenne in the Mopti region of Mali to celebrate Mali's National Guinea Worm Day. The Day's celebration included songs, a theatrical sketch, and traditional Dogon dancing. Awards were given to ten villages throughout the region that had succeeded in reducing cases from hundreds at the beginning of the Program to zero cases today. General Touré addressed the crowd to congratulate them on their success, to thank the health workers and partners for their efforts and remind everyone that while the number of cases in Mali has been reduced considerably much remains to be done to ensure that Guinea worm is finally vanquished from Mali and from the world. General Touré was accompanied by the area's Representative to the National Assembly as well as representatives from the region, the Ministries of Health, Rural Development and Water, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP and Global 2000.

Niger Mr. Kurt Ebert, the chief of mission of the Danish Cooperation Mission to Niger, and the chief of projects of the mission, Mrs. Latifa Moussa, visited endemic areas in Tera District on October 25th-27th. They were accompanied by the national program coordinator, Mr. Sadi Moussa, and the Global 2000 resident technical advisor, Mr. M. Salissou Kane.

Sudan 16,000 T-shirts, each containing a message about Guinea worm and about polio, will be distributed in southern Sudan as a part of next year's National Immunization Days in support of the Polio Eradication Program.

MEETINGS



The WHO's Regional Office for Africa announces that the next meeting of the Program Managers of Guinea Worm Eradication Programs will be held in Ougadougou, Burkina Faso, March 6-9, 2000.

WHO is pleased to announce that the fourth meeting of the International Commission for the Certification of Dracunculiasis Eradication (ICCDE) will be held in WHO Headquarters, Geneva, from 15 to 17 February 2000. At its previous meetings, and after careful examination, the Commission has already certified 109 countries and territories as free of dracunculiasis transmission. To date a total of 40 more countries and territories have provided the necessary documentation to be considered at the next meeting. Some countries, however, had first to submit detailed reports on their situation as regards dracunculiasis transmission. This was the case for Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Morocco. Furthermore, an International Certification Team (ICT) visited the previously endemic areas of Libya. Another ICT is currently evaluating the situation in India. WHO staff also toured Senegal and Yemen to evaluate the progress achieved by their respective national eradication programme, and the reliability of the national surveillance system.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Taylor_Robinson, S, 1999. To South Sudan with Operation Lifeline Sudan and UNICEF. Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of London. 33(3): 276-27

Table 4

Dracunculiasis Eradication Campaign
Reported Importations of Cases of Dracunculiasis: 1999

From	To	Cases			
		Month	Number	Contained	Notified*
Benin	Togo	January	1	?	1
		February	1	1	1
Burkina Faso	Niger	May	3	?	3
	Cote d'Ivoire	June	1	0	?
	Ghana	June	3	3	?
Ghana	Togo	January	2	2	?
	Cote d'Ivoire	January	1	0	1
		February	1	0	1
Niger	Cote d'Ivoire	August	2	0	2
Nigeria	Cameroon	January	1	1	1
		May	1	1	1
		June	1	1	1
		July	3	3	3
		August	2	2	2
	Chad	September	1	1	1
	Sudan	Uganda	January	1	1
April			1	1	1
June			1	1	1
August			2	?	?
Kenya		August	1	?	1
Togo		Benin	January	1	0
	February		1	0	1
	May		10	3	10
	July		1	0	1
	August		1	0	1
	September		1	1	1
	Total				45

* Notified to country of origin through WHO.

*Inclusion of information in the Guinea Worm Wrap-Up does not constitute "publication" of that information.
 In memory of BOB KAISER.*

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The GW Wrap-Up is also available on the web at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/list_drc.htm.



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