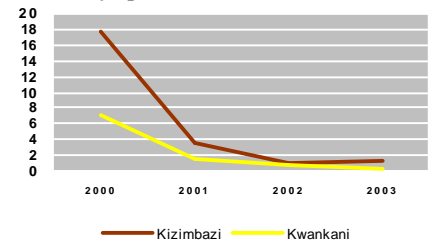


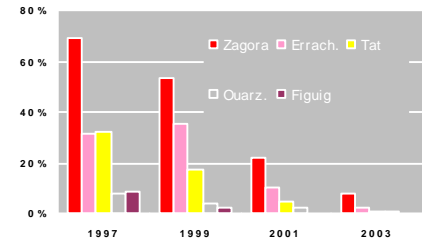
Over the past two decades of mass drug administration, there have been many successes around the world...

- Lymphatic Filariasis has been controlled in China, a population of 350 million people and is no longer a health problem in Thailand, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Solomon Islands, Trinidad and Tobago and Costa Rica
- So far over 400 million treatments for lymphatic filariasis have been distributed, thanks to donations from Merck and GlaxoSmithKline
- Treatment for onchocerciasis is reaching over 50 million people a year and it has been eliminated as a public health problem in ten West African Countries.
- Blinding trachoma is being controlled by the SAFE strategy (surgery, antibiotics, face washing & environmental change) and between 1999 and 2006 nearly 41 million antibiotic treatments were administered
- Trachoma prevalence in Morocco has dropped substantially since the beginning of the mass intervention campaign in 1997 and was considered complete in the end of 2006 (see graph to the right)
- In China, the number of schistosomiasis cases have dropped from over 10 million in the 1950's to less than one million today
- Schistosomiasis prevalence in Egypt has been reduced from just under 20% to 1-2% using praziquantel since the late 1980's
- Since 1985, nearly 14.5 million people have been treated for leprosy using multi-drug therapy and the number of new cases per year have fallen dramatically.

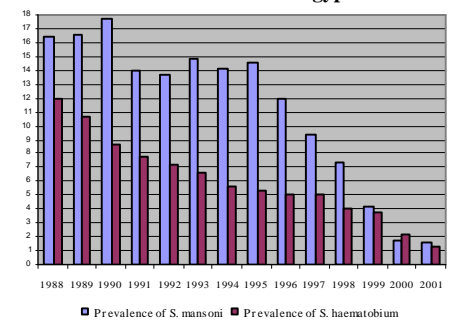
Lymphatic filariasis in Zanzibar



Trachoma in Morocco



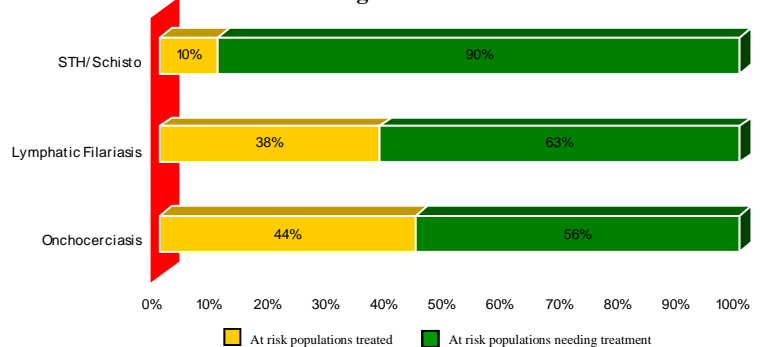
Schistosomiasis in Egypt



It's not over yet...

Despite the numerous successes in individual NTD treatment, there are still over **one billion people affected by NTDs** and the majority of them are not receiving treatment. Now that the Rapid Impact Package has been developed, treating individuals for multiple infections is easier and more cost-efficient than ever before. It has been estimated that in one year, a **savings of 26-47%** can be expected from using integrated treatments rather than stand-alone preventive chemotherapy—a cost of \$58-81 million versus \$110 million for stand-alone drugs. The cost-savings in accordance with the powerful social, economic and health impacts make the Rapid Impact Package the **best buy in public health**.

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Niger Completes Successful Integrated NTD Program!

Niger is the first country in the world to complete **mass integrated treatment** of NTDs. With over **6 million people treated** for soil transmitted helminths (STHs), schistosomiasis, onchocerciasis, trachoma and lymphatic filariasis, it has been the largest integrated NTD treatment campaign so far. The **six-week campaign** took place in 19 districts in the regions of Dosso, Tahoua and Tillaberi.