

## Establishing an integrated NTD programme in Benue State, Nigeria

Sightsaver's NTD work in Nigeria treats lymphatic filariasis (LF), onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths (STH) and trachoma as part of an integrated NTD elimination programme. Sightsavers has been approached by the World Health Organisation to establish an NTD elimination programme in the state of Benue. This programme does not currently have funding and will not be established by Sightsavers unless funding is secured.

### 1. Budget Breakdown on the estimated spend to establish an integrated NTD elimination programme in Benue:

Activity	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	OVERALL TOTAL YEAR 1 TO 3
	Benue State (23 LGAs)	Benue State (23 LGAs)	Benue State (23 LGAs)	
Advocacy visits to key policy makers	\$4,186	\$5,441	\$2,766	\$12,393
Information, education and communication (IEC) material production	\$11,355	\$14,762	\$9,936	\$36,053
Management Information System (MIS) production	\$7,381	\$9,595	\$5,962	\$22,938
Planning meetings	\$5,791	\$7,529	\$4,372	\$17,692
Sensitisation and mobilisation of community leaders and community members	\$11,185	\$14,540	\$9,766	\$35,491
Drug collection & delivery from Federal Medical Store to Benue State	\$3,690	\$4,798	\$2,271	\$10,759
Capacity building of health staff, community volunteers and teachers	\$35,258	\$45,836	\$33,839	\$114,933
Supervision by health workers	\$7,665	\$9,964	\$6,245	\$23,875
Monitoring of field activities by FMOH and programme staff	\$9,198	\$11,957	\$7,778	\$28,933
Data collection	\$12,491	\$16,238	\$11,071	\$39,800
Review meeting	\$11,639	\$15,131	\$10,220	\$36,990
Transmission assessment surveys			\$4,258	\$4,258
Epidemiological Impact Assessment			\$15,897	\$15,897
Entomological Surveys (+ OV16 testing)			\$9,084	\$9,084
Treatment Coverage Survey	\$7,459	\$7,459	\$7,459	\$22,376
Staff cost	\$17,976	\$23,369	\$16,273	\$57,617
Purchase of project vehicle	\$41,167			\$41,167
Vehicle running cost	\$3,407	\$3,253	\$2,068	\$8,728
Vehicle maintenance	\$1,703	\$1,627	\$1,034	\$4,364
Office cost	\$852	\$852	\$852	\$2,555
Programme Officer to be stationed in Benue State	\$31,227	\$31,227	\$31,227	\$93,681
Purchase of motorcycles for health workers (Inc.insurance & cost of transportation); year 2 & 3 is cost for insurance only	\$31,994			\$31,994
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$255,623</b>	<b>\$223,577</b>	<b>\$192,378</b>	<b>\$671,578</b>

Table 1: Estimated budget to establish an integrated NTD elimination programme in Benue State.

## 2. How many school aged children will be reached?

In Benue State, the number of children to be treated for both Schistosomiasis and STH will be as shown below:

**Table 2: School aged children to be reached in Benue State**

Benue State	Years			
	2015	2016	2017	Total over 3 Years
Number of school aged children to be reached	1,455,000	1,475,000	1,615,000	4,545,000

## 3. Additional figures regarding the Benue programme

In Benue, the State NTD project has not been in full scale. Onchocerciasis is being treated in all the 22 local government areas that require treatment with some support from UNICEF. LF is endemic in 15 local government areas although only 5 of these LGAs are currently being treated. The LF treatments are not being supported by any partner. This has hindered scale-up due to non-conduct of epidemiological/entomological baseline surveys which will be required before treatment can commence. The table below shows the current LF treatment situation and the need for scale up.

**Table 3: LF Treatment situation in Benue State: current and expected scale up**

Year	Population		
	Requiring treatment	Currently being treated	Scale up need for treatment
Year 2015	2,879,644	1,086,169	1,793,475
Year 2016	2,951,635	1,113,323	1,838,312
Year 2017	3,025,426	1,141,156	1,884,270
<b>Total Over 3 years</b>	<b>8,856,705</b>	<b>3,340,648</b>	<b>5,516,057</b>