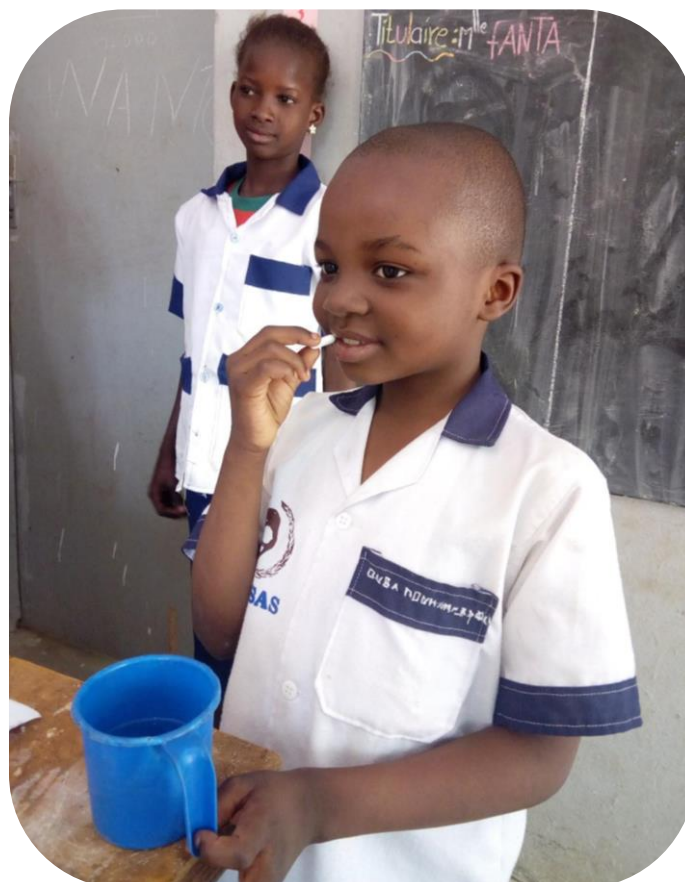


# GiveWell Annual Reports

## Year 2

April 2018 – March 2019



**SCH school based MDA to SAC in North Cameroon, January 2019. Teachers were fully engaged with Sightsavers' sensitization work and the children were provided with puff-puff, locally made donuts, as breakfast before taking treatment.**

<p><b>Name of grant holder:</b> Sightsavers</p>	<p><b>Project title:</b> Delivering schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths MDA in: DRC (Ituri Nord) Nigeria (Kogi, Kebbi, Kwara and Sokoto states, and Yobe State), Cameroon (Far North, North and West regions), Guinea Bissau and Guinea Conakry.</p> <p>Delivering an integrated NTD program for soil transmitted helminths, schistosomiasis, river blindness and lymphatic filariasis in Nigeria's Benue state.</p>
<p><b>Project activities year 2 dates;</b> April 2018 to March 2019</p>	<p><b>Reporting start date:</b> April 2018</p>
	<p><b>Reporting end date:</b> March 2019</p>

## Summary of progress since April 2018

**GiveWell funded projects have supported the distribution of over 7.3 million deworming treatments to over 4.5 million school aged children across five countries.**

Year 2 saw our geographical coverage increase substantially, and the number of SAC treatments increased by over 1.7 million. When the all the year 2 data has been collated we expect to see the number of SAC treated, via year 2 MDA, increase further.

**Cameroon:** We exceeded treatment targets; treating over 2 million SACs for STH and over 1.7 million SACs for SCH. This was the first time GiveWell funds were used in Cameroon to deliver STH/SCH treatments and the first time Sightsavers' has delivered deworming treatment in the North and Far North regions.

**DRC:** The program continued to achieve treatment coverage rates above 90% for STH for the second year, treating 63,250 SAC. Despite substantive delays in the arrival of praziquantel, SCH MDA was completed in April 2019. We are currently awaiting confirmation of the final treatment figures by the MoH, though recent reports from programme staff indicate the target of 159,971 has been met.

**Guinea Bissau:** In year 2, 85,762 SAC were treated for SCH and 31,166 for STH. The STH treatments numbers will increase, as the year 2 STH MDA in Tombali is planned for the next few months. The MoH choose to only deliver SCH in Tombali to date. They believed the gap between the previous STH treatment in April 2018 was insufficient despite Sightsavers' reassurances. We will update you with the additional treatment numbers.

### **Guinea:**

**3 health districts:** In year 2 over 200,000 children were treated for SCH and STH, hugely exceeding project targets for the number of children treated.

**5 health districts:** This project area was a new addition to the Guinea deworming programme in 2018. As already advised, MDA in these districts started in March 2019 but had to be stopped due to the escalations of rumours following praziquantel side effects. We are currently strengthening community sensitization before scheduling the next round of MDA. We will update GiveWell with future MDA plans.

### **Nigeria:**

**4 States:** Despite significant delays in praziquantel delivery, we were able to successfully treat 22 LGAs, achieving good coverage rates. (The remaining 7 LGAs are being treated throughout April and May 2019). We have over achieved coverage within the LGAs that had drugs available for treatment. The 'year to date' figures are over 1.5 million SACs were treated for SCH and over 800,000 for STH.

**Benue State:** Despite continuing security issues and significant drug delays, Sightsavers and MoH successfully delivered treatments to the majority of targeted communities in March 2019. We expect to finish treatments by the end of May.

**Yobe State:** This is the first year many LGAs received deworming treatments. Within the LGAs we were able to reach we reached good treatment coverage rates, treating 387,222 SAC.

As recommended by GiveWell, we have updated our data reporting methodology for year 2. The total number of reported SAC receiving deworming treatment now includes SAC receiving either STH or SCH treatment added to the number of SAC receiving both SCH and STH treatment.

### **School vs community MDA**

**Cameroon:** School based MDA is the preferred approach. Around 10% of children are not enrolled in school, instead they are mobilised to attend the MDA in schools. In year 2 security issues prevented many out of school children attending the school based MDA, in total 3.5% of non-enrolled SAC were treated.

**DRC:** Predominately a school based approach was used. Non enrolled SAC were reached in their communities by CDDs. For STH approximately 61% were treated in school, versus 39% in the community. SCH results are pending.

**Guinea Bissau:** Due to teachers strikes all SCH and STH MDA in year 2 was delivered in the community.

#### **Guinea:**

**3 health districts:** The school-based method is standard, however community MDA was delivered where needed to mitigate against ongoing and repeated teachers strikes. In year 2, 70% of treatments given to children were distributed in schools, with the remaining 30% distributed in the community.

**5 health districts:** 100 % of treatments given to children were distributed in schools, as activities were stopped before any 'mop-up' MDA in the community was necessary.

**Nigeria:** As this data is as yet unverified, we do not have the split between school and community based treatments. This will follow with the final data set.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

#### **TCS schedule on GiveWell funded projects**

<b>Country / region</b>	<b>Project year</b>	<b>TCS status</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>			
West Region	Year 2	TCS being finalized	Mar-19
North Region	Year 2	TCS being finalized	Apr-19
Far North	Year 2	TCS being finalized	Apr-19
<b>DRC</b>			
Ituri Nord	Year 1	TCS completed and shared	Mar-18
	Year 2	TCS scheduled	May/Jun-19
<b>Guinea</b>			
N'zerekore (3 districts)	Year 1	TCS completed and shared	Jun-17
N'zerekore (3 districts)	Year 2	TCS completed	Jun-18
Greater Conkary (5 districts)	Year 1	MDA postponed	N/A
<b>Guinea Bissau</b>			
	Year 1	TCS completed and shared	May-18

	Year 2	TCS scheduled	May 2019*
<b>Nigeria, 4 States</b>			
	Year 1	TCS completed and shared	Jun-18
	Year 2	TCS in planning	TBC with MoH
<b>Nigeria, Benue State</b>			
	Year 1	TCS cancelled – due to security issues	
	Year 2	TCS in planning	TBC with MoH
<b>Nigeria, Yobe State</b>	Year 1**	TCS scheduled	

\*\* Project start date April 2018

Our in-country teams have worked hard and effectively to deliver project activities despite many challenges. They continue to maintain the strong relationships with their MoH necessary to ensure high treatment uptake and good MDA coverage. We are proud of our achievements in year 2.