

Sightsavers Deworming Programme

Guinea Bissau

GiveWell schistosomiasis and STH project 2017 mid-year report

Project name: Guinea Bissau GiveWell schisto and STH project

Country: Guinea Bissau

Location: Bafata, Gabu, Oio, Farim, Bolama, Cacheu, Biombo, Tombali, Quinara, Bijagos and SAB/Bissau regions

Duration: Two years, in the first instance, January 2017 – December 2018

Start date: January 2017

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Project goal: Sightsavers' goal is for the reduction in the prevalence and intensity of schistosomiasis (SCH) and STH over time amongst school age children.

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Activity Narrative

Support from GiveWell is enabling the Ministry of Health (MoH) to scale up their NTD programming by introducing SCH and STH mass drug administration (MDA). We will be using both school and community based approaches due to low school enrolment and retention in many areas.

As reported in our Project Narrative submitted to GiveWell in May, our work in Guinea Bissau will start with a reassessment of baseline endemicity levels and corresponding treatment plans. The first stage of re-assessment is a high level technical support visit by the WHO to decide and agree protocols. Initially this visit was expected in May 2017 following the Regional Programme Review Group April meeting in Dakar, with a view to conduct the required baseline mapping and commence MDA shortly afterwards. However, WHO required the Guinea Bissau MoH to send a letter of request for technical support before the visit could commence, resulting in a delay. We are pleased to report the technical visit successfully took place between the 14th and 18th August, 2017.

A draft plan was initially agreed upon and is in the process of being finalised by the Guinea Bissau NTD National Programme. The outcomes of the visit will include a clear plan of action with material, financial and technical support agreed in respect of the mapping for SCH and STH, and a finalised transmission assessment survey plan.

Looking ahead

The study protocol and the mapping for SCH and STH will begin in October 2017 to align with schools re-opening after the summer break, followed by MDA, as required, in November/December 2017.

Following the mapping exercise in October, should any amendments be required to targets GiveWell will be informed. A country visit by Sightsavers' Programme Director is scheduled for November to finalise any potential changes to the project plan.

Results against targets to date (January - August 2017)

Please note MDA is planned for November/December 2017, we currently have no outputs to report at this time.

Output	Indicator	2017 target	2017 to date
1. Train health staff, community members and teachers to deliver SCH/STH MDA to schools and endemic communities	Number of Teachers trained on SCH/STH MDA	3,666	
	Number of health workers trained on SCH/STH MDA	183	
	Number of CDDs trained on SCH/STH MDA	2,500	
	Number of schools training at least one classroom teacher on school MDA.	1,833	
2. Treat school aged children between 5-14 years for STH and SCH through Mass Drug Administration (MDA).	Number of school age children between 5-14 years treated for STH	255,126	
	Number of school age children between 5-14 years treated for SCH	224,977	
	Number of treatment coverage surveys conducted with data disaggregated by age group and gender and school attendance.	1	
3. Ministry of Health coordinates and supports targeted regions/districts to implement the National NTD Plan with focus on SCH and STH.	Number of advocacy meetings conducted with stakeholders on SCH/STH Interventions.	1	
4. Data on hand washing and latrine facilities in schools available at operational level.	Proportion of LGAs reporting on government collected indicators on hand washing and latrine facilities in schools.	18%	