



opment organizations involved in ivermectin distribution in endemic areas, CDC and academic institutions.

This report describes the advances in 2005 provided by the national programmes at IACO, supplemented by information received by OEPA since the meeting.

### Treatment activities in 2005

The total number of people (454 426) known to be eligible for ivermectin treatment (the ultimate treatment goal (UTG)) in 2005 was determined using the information from censuses conducted during treatment activities in 2004 in each endemic community. In the 84 communities that were not visited in 2004 (39% of which were in southern Venezuela), the UTG was estimated using the most recent available data, in consultation with the national programmes. Since the goal is to provide ivermectin treatment twice a year, treatment coverage was calculated as the total number of treatments delivered during the year divided by twice the UTG value (UTG(2)) and expressed as a percentage.

In 2005, 885 202 ivermectin treatments were delivered, 94.1% of the regional UTG(2) of 408 6522. For 37 communities, coverage rates were higher than the 85% goal. Fig. 1 shows the 2005 coverage rates of eligible populations in the 13 foci. The Southern focus of Venezuela has never reached the 85% treatment coverage goal; all other foci have exceeded 85% reported coverage for at least the past 3 years (see individual country reports below).

From the 1950 endemic communities with the 13 endemic foci, 1648 (85%) communities reached or surpassed the coverage goal of 85% in their individual community eligible populations; of the 218 (11%) that failed to reach that mark, 84 (4%) were completely untreated (41 (50%) of which were reported as uninhabited or abandoned

les zones d'endémie, des CDC et d'établissements d'enseignement.

Le présent rapport décrit les progrès accomplis en 2005 en se basant sur les données fournies à la CIAO par les programmes nationaux, complétées par les informations reçues de l'OEPA depuis la réunion.

### Distribution du traitement en 2005

Le nombre total de personnes à traiter (454 426) – objectif thérapeutique final (OTF) – en 2005 a été déterminé à partir des données issues des recensements effectués au cours des activités de traitement en 2004 dans chaque communauté d'endémie. Dans les 84 communautés qui n'avaient pas fait l'objet d'une visite en 2004 (dont 39% sont situées dans le sud du Venezuela), l'OTF a été estimé au moyen des données les plus récentes en consultation avec les programmes nationaux. L'objectif étant d'administrer l'ivermectine 2 fois par an, la couverture thérapeutique a été calculée en divisant le nombre total de traitements administrés pendant l'année par 2 fois la valeur de l'OTF (OTF(2)), le résultat étant exprimé en pourcentage.

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