

Progress towards eliminating onchocerciasis in the WHO Region of the Americas: advances in mapping the Yanomami focus area

Onchocerciasis (river blindness) is caused by the parasitic worm *Onchocerca volvulus* which is transmitted by Simulium species. In the human host, *O. volvulus* eggs and larvae (microfilariae) become encapsulated in subcutaneous nodules. The parasite has no environmental reservoir.

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1987 to control or eliminate onchocerciasis

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Progrès vers l'élimination de l'onchocercose dans la Région OMS des Amériques: progrès dans la cartographie de la zone du foyer Yanomami

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The Yanomami focus area

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, Q RUGHU WR DFKLHYH WKH SURJUDPPH-V GLVHDVH HOLPLQDWLRQ JRDOV VHYHUDO LQLWLDWLYHV ZHUH ODXQFKHG LQ LDQWKURSRORJLFDO VVXGLHV WR OHDUQ PRUH DERXW WKH Yanomami (mobility patterns and community sociopo OLWLFDO UHODWLRQVKLSV LL UHFUXLWPHQW DQG WUDLQLQJ RI PRUH LQGLJHQRXV KHDOWK DJHQWV ,+\$V WR KHOS SURYLGH ivermectin treatment and other health care; (iii) recovery DQG PDLQWHQDQFH RI DLUVWULSV LQ WKH 9HQH]XHODQ 6RXWK IRFXV DQG LY PHHWLQJV EHWZHHQ WKH QDWLRQDO SURJUDPPHV WR EHWWHU GHÀQH WKH RQFKRFHUFLDVLV HQGHPLF DUHD WR EH FRYHUHG \$Q DFFXUDWH SLFWXUH RI WKH <DQRPDPL SRSXODWLRQ WDUJHWHG IRU RQFKRFHUFLDVLV WUHDWPHQW ZDV GLIÀFXOW WR DFKLHYH DV WKHLU VHWVOOPHQWV DUH FKDQJLQJ constantly in composition and mobility. In 2017, the %UD]LOLDQ DQG 9HQH]XHODQ RQFKRFHUFLDVLV HOLPLQDWLRQ SURJUDPPHV DJUHHG RQ DQ HVVHQWLDO XSGDWH DQG GHWDLOHG PDSV RI DOO FRPPXQLWLHV LQ WKH <)\$ LQFOXGLQJ JHRJUDSK LFDO FRRUGLQDW HV WUHDWPHQW DQG HSLGHPLRORJLFDO GDWD vector species, health posts, airstrips and mobility SDWWHUQV , Q RUGHU WR DPDOJDWDW WKH GDWD FROOHFWHG WKURXJK WKH \HUV E\ WKH SURJUDPPHV RQ ERWK VLGHV RI WKH ERUGHU WHFKQLFDO RQFKRFHUFLDVLV VWDII DQG JHRJUDSK LFDO LQIRUPDWLRQ V\VVHP *,6 H[SHUWV KHOG WZR PHHWLQJV LQ WR FKRRVH D FRPPRQ *,6 SODWIRUP DQG WR XQLI\ WKHLU GDWD 7KH PHHWLQJV ZHUH KHOG LQ *XDWHYPDOD &LW\ *XDWHYPDOD LQ -DQXDU\ DQG 5LR GH -DQHLLUR %UD]LO LQ 0DUFK 7KH PHHWLQJV UHVXOWHG LQ DQ XSGDWHG GDWDEDVH RI <)\$ FRPPXQLW\ FRRUGLQDW HV DQG WKHLU SUH 0'\$ HQGHPLF OHYHO L H K\SR HQGHPLF EDVHOLQH PLFURÀODULDH SUHYDOHQFH ² PHVR HQGHPLF ² DQG K\SHU HQGHPLF • 7KH PDS FOHDUO\ VKRZV WKDW WKH HSLFHQ WUH RI WKH <)\$ FURVVHV WKH LQWHUQDWLRQDO ERUGHU 7KH SURJUDPPHV FRPPLWWHG WKHPVHOYHV WR FRQWLQXH FROODERUDWLRQ DQG FROOHFWLRQ DQG VKDULQJ RI GDWD DW OHDVW DQQXDOO\ WR HQVXUH WKDW WKH MRLQW *,6 SODWIRUP LV FRQWLQ usually updated.

Editorial note

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