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To: Addressees

*Detect and Contain Every Guinea Worm Infection Immediately!!!*

**MINISTERS MEET DURING WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

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The Ministers of Health of Ethiopia (Dr. Kesetebirhane Birhane) and Mali (Dr. Marie Madeleine Togo), the Undersecretary of Health of South Sudan (Dr. Makur Matur Kariom), and Dr. Rohin Galaou Nduondo, Director General of the Health Activities of the Ministry of Public Health of Chad participated in the annual



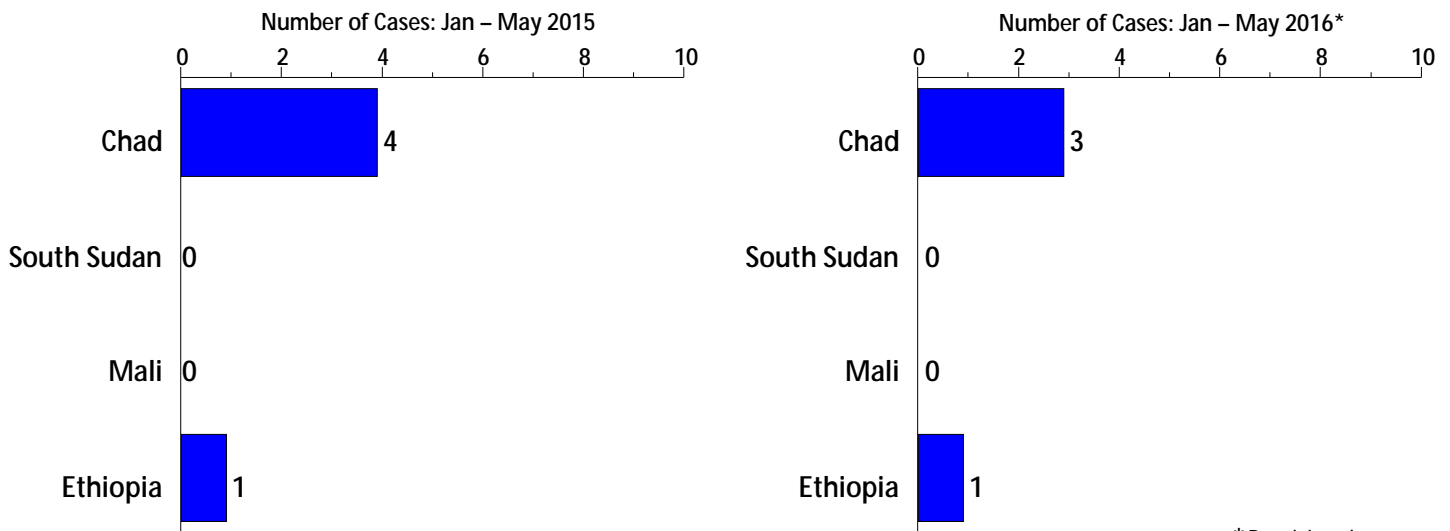
World Health Organization

Informal Meeting of Ministers of Health of Guinea Worm-Affected Countries during the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, on May 25, 2016. The World Health Organization's Regional Director for Africa, Dr. Matshidiso Moeti chaired the meeting, which was also attended by International Commission for the Certification of Dracunculiasis Eradication (ICCDE) Chairman Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Awadi and ICCDE member Dr. Joel Berman. Participants at the meeting also included

representatives of The Carter Center, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This WHA meeting also featured a large joint interactive exhibit on the two campaigns to eradicate polio (74 cases in 2015) and Guinea worm disease (22 cases in 2015).

Figure 1

**REPORTED CASES OF DRACUNCULIASIS BY COUNTRY  
DURING JANUARY - MAY 2015 and 2016\***



\* Provisional

Table 1

**Number of Reported Cases of Guinea Worm Disease Contained and Number Reported by Month during 2016\***  
(Countries arranged in descending order of cases in 2015)

COUNTRIES WITH ENDEMIC TRANSMISSION	NUMBER OF CASES CONTAINED / NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED													% CONT.
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL*	
CHAD	0 / 0	1 / 1	0 / 0	1 / 1	1 / 1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	3 / 3	100%
MALI §	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0 / 0	0%
SOUTH SUDAN	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0 / 0	0%
ETHIOPIA	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	1 / 1	0%
TOTAL*	0 / 0	1 / 1	0 / 0	1 / 1	2 / 2	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	4 / 4	100%
% CONTAINED	0%	100%	0%	100%	100%								100%	

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Cells shaded in black denote months when zero indigenous cases were reported. Numbers indicate how many imported cases were contained and reported that month.

Cells shaded in yellow denote months when a case of GWD did not meet all case containment standards.

§Reports include Kayes, Koulikoro, Segou, Sikasso, and Mopti, Tinbuku, Gao, and Kidal Regions; reports from Kidal Region are contingent on security conditions during 2016 and times when the GWEP is able to deploy a technical advisor to Kidal Region to oversee the program there.

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(Countries arranged in descending order of cases in 2014)

COUNTRIES WITH ENDEMIC TRANSMISSION	NUMBER OF CASES CONTAINED / NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED													% CONT.
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL*	
SOUTH SUDAN	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	1 / 2	0 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 1	0 / 0	2 / 5	40%
MALI §	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 1	0 / 0	3 / 3	0 / 1	0 / 0	3 / 5	60%
CHAD	0 / 0	0 / 1	0 / 2	0 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 2	0 / 1	0 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 9	0%
ETHIOPIA	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	0 / 0	1 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	3 / 3	100%
TOTAL*	0 / 0	0 / 1	0 / 2	0 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 3	1 / 3	1 / 4	0 / 0	4 / 5	0 / 2	0 / 0	8 / 22	36%
% CONTAINED	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	33%	33%	25%	0%	80%	0%	0%	36%	

Cells shaded in black denote months when zero indigenous cases were reported. Numbers indicate how many imported cases were contained and reported that month.

Cells shaded in yellow denote months when transmission of GWD from one or more cases was not contained.

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## **CHAD**

Chad has named a new national coordinator of its Guinea Worm Eradication Program: Dr. Philip Tchindebet Ouakou, who replaces the former coordinator Dr. Mahamat Tahir Ali. Dr. Ouakou

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## **SOUTH SUDAN**

South Sudan has reported three suspect cases in May

**DR. DEAN SIENKO NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF HEALTH PROGRAMS  
AT THE CARTER CENTER**

Dean G. Sienko, M.D., M.S., was appointed vice president for health programs at The Carter Center, effective June 6, 2016. Dr. Sienko was associate dean for prevention

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