

stakeholders. The National Coordinator (NC) Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) thanked the NOEC and noted Nigeria's successful interruption of the trans

B. Three States have been classified as 'no cercarial dermatitis transmission interrupted' (Aspirin/Fig/Mp).

NOEC reviewed the data for Zamara and eboli states and changed its recommendation from 'provisional transmission interrupted' to 'transmission interrupted' (Ashcourt), while noting these states were also endemic for lymphatic filariasis, thus MAM will need to continue in the LF endemic LAs. With this, 4.0 million persons are no longer in need of MAM intervention for onchocerciasis in the two states.

NOEC noted that the states have satisfied NOEC and WHO guidelines for reclassification as onchocerciasis transmission interrupted and recommended that MAM for onchocerciasis should be stopped, and 2. million persons are no longer in need of MAM intervention. The Committee noted that several LAs in the states are still endemic for lymphatic filariasis thus MAM needs to continue in the LF endemic LAs.

m. These three states namely Zamara, eboli and the state should commence post-treatment surveillance.

iv. With the addition of six million persons completing treatments in Zamara, eboli and the state, in total 10.7 million people no longer need MAM for onchocerciasis in NECA, an impressive world record. NOEC

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The 13th NOEC meeting has been scheduled for 7th – 9th December 2021 (Arriva on 6th).