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NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

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Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are a diverse set of 20 diseases and disease groups with a singular commonality: their impact on impoverished communities. Together they affect more than 1 billion people with devastating health, social and economic consequences.



Distinct diseases/conditions grouped together

- 1. that require tropical environments to be transmitted on a large scale
- 2. that do not travel widely; therefore, constitute **no immediate global health security threat** to high-income countries; and therefore, get little international attention
- 3. that **disproportionately affect poor populations**; and cause important morbidity and mortality including stigma and discrimination in such populations, justifying a global response
- 4. that can be **controlled**, **prevented and possibly eliminated** using effective and feasible solutions; or that are relatively neglected by research when it comes to developing new diagnostics, medicines and other control tools
- 5. Impact progress of SDG 3.3

World NTD Day – 30 Jan



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NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES - INDIA

NTDs	Number of cases in India in 2016		Rank g	lobally	Number of cases globally and percentage of cases found in India (in 2016)
Ascariasis	222.2 million	7	1		799.7 million (28%)
Hookworm disease	102.4 million		1		450.7 million (23%)
Trichuriasis	67.8 million		1		435.1 million (16%)
Dengue ^a	53.2 million		1		101.1 million (53%)
LF	8.7 million		1		29.4 million (29%)
Trachoma ^b	1.8 million		1		3.3 million (53%)
Cysticercosis	819,538		1		2.7 million (31%)
Leprosy (IHME)	187,730		1		523,245 (36%)
Leprosy (WHO) ^c	135,485 new cases; 88,116 prevalent cases	s	1		New cases 214,783 (63%); prevalent cases 171,948 (51%)
Cystic echinococcosis	119,320		1		973,662 (12%)
Visceral leishmaniasis	13,530	$\mathbf{\Lambda}$	1		30,067 (45%)
Rabies ^a	4,370	N	1		13,340 (33%)
India's population in 2016	1.324 billion ^d		2		7.44 billion (18%)

^aIncident cases

^bVisual impairment cases only

^c [4]

^dhttp://databank.worldbank.org/data/

Abbreviations: GBD, Global Burden of Disease Study; IHME, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation; LF, lymphatic filariasis; NTD, neglected tropical disease.

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Game changer identification matrix



Overarching global targets for 2030²

90%³ Percentage reduction in people requiring interventions against

neglected tropical diseases

75%

Percentage reduction in disability-adjusted life years related to neglected tropical diseases

100

Number of countries having eliminated at least one neglected tropical disease 2

Number of neglected tropical diseases eradicated

Disease	Indicator	2020	2023	2025	2030
TARGETED FOR ELIMINATION AS	A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM				
Chagas disease	Number of countries achieving interruption of transmission through the four transmission routes (vectoral, transfusion, transplantation and congenital), with 75% antiparasitic treatment coverage of the eligible population	0	4 (10%)	10 (24%)	15 (37%)
Human African trypanosomiasis (rhodesiense)	Number of countries validated for elimination as a public health problem (defined as <1 case/10 000 people/year, in each health district of the country averaged over the previous five-year period)	0	2 (15%)	4 (31%)	8 (61%)
Leishmaniasis (visceral)	Number of countries validated for elimination as a public health problem (defined as <1% case fatality rate due to primary visceral leishmaniasis)	0	32 (43%)	56 (75%)	64 (85%)
Lymphatic filariasis	Number of countries validated for elimination as a public health problem (defined as infection sustained below transmission assessment survey thresholds for at least four years after stopping mass drug administration; availability of essential package of care in all areas of known patients)	17 (24%)	23 (32%)	34 (47%)	58 (81%)
Rabies	Number of countries having achieved zero human deaths from rabies	80 (47%)	89 (53%)	113 (67%)	155 (92%)

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Cross-cutting targets for 2030



Multisectoral coordination



75%

Integrated treatment coverage index for preventive chemotherapy

Number of countries that adopt and implement integrated skin neglected tropical disease strategies

75%4

Percentage reduction in number of deaths from vector-borne neglected tropical diseases (relative to 2016) - to achieve WHO's global vector control response goal

100%

Access to at least basic water supply, sanitation and hygiene in areas endemic for neglected tropical diseases - to achieve targets 6.1 and 6.2 of Sustainable Development Goal 6

90%

Share of the population at risk protected against catastrophic outof-pocket health expenditure due to neglected tropical diseases – to achieve target 3.8 of Sustainable Development Goal 3

90%

Share of countries with neglected tropical diseases integrated in national health strategies/plans

Universal health coverage

90%

Share of countries including neglected tropical disease interventions in their package of essential services and budgeting for them

90%

Share of countries with guidelines for management of neglected tropical disease-related disabilities within national health systems



Country ownership



90%

Share of countries reporting on all relevant endemic neglected tropical diseases

90%

Share of countries collecting and reporting data on neglected tropical diseases disaggregated by gender

LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS (LF)

Caused by three species of parasitic worm: Wuchereria bancrofti, Brugia malayi and B. timori





W. bancrofti



B. timori

Transmitted to humans by mosquitoes







Hydrocoele

Lymphoedema



LIFE CYCLE OF LF PARASITE



GLOBAL ELIMINATION OF LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS

In 1997, the World Health Assembly resolved to eliminate lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem (WHA resolution 50.29).

In 2000, the GPELF was launched by WHO with twin pillar strategy with a goal to eliminate LF by 2030

1. Stop the spread of infection: interrupt transmission by MDA

Mass Drug Administration (MDA): Transmission control to prevent the occurrence of new infection by annual MDA with

DA (DEC + Albendazole) or with IDA (Ivermectin +DEC + Albendazole)

2. Reduce the suffering caused by the disease

Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention (MMDP): Disability prevention and management for those who already have the

<u>disease</u>







LF ELIMINATION GUIDELINES



TAS – Transmission Assessment Survey

LF ELIMINATION OVERVIEW - INDIA

Lymphatic filariasis (LF) is currently endemic in 328 districts across 20 States and union territories (UTs).

Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis is a public health priority for the Government of India and is targeted for elimination by 2027

Districts that achieved microfilaria rate <1 % - 134 districts in 2022

Triple Drug Therapy scaled to 36 districts in 2022 with domestic procurement of Ivermectin

5.28 lakhs Lymphedema cases and 1.78 lakhs Hydrocele cases are reported and 38,382 hydrocelectomies were conducted

Change in strategy from district to block level to ensure proper implementation and enhanced surveillance.



LF Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign



EVER CONSUMPTION OF ANTI-LF DRUGS AMONG 18 OR MORE YEARS (%)



Never treated One time Two or more times

Low DOT among adult males

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- Low coverage and compliance in urban areas
- Low DOT among children of the age group 2-5 years
- Low DOT among underserved communities (Muslim population)
- Existing misconceptions among the Drug Administrators
 Sub optimum reach of social mobilization platforms: Less
- Sub optimum reach of social mobilization platforms; Less Pre MDA mobilization period
- Low levels of knowledge on prevention and transmission among the communities leads to more likelihood of never treated

Efficacy of each of the platforms and channels







Improvement in consumption since Dec 2017 – Uttar Pradesh



Drug compliance during July 2021 MDA round in State of Maharashtra

District	District Type of MDA		Type of Total MDA Population		Number of people eligible for MDA	Number of eligible people consumed drugs	% Eligible people consumed drugs	Consumption in total monitored Population		
Bhandara	IDA	8336	7844	6794	86.61%	81.50%				
Chandrapur	IDA	12924	12199	10800	88.53%	83.57%				
Gadchiroli	IDA	11685	10815	10202	94.33%	87.31%				
Gondia	DA	10766	10014	9019	90.06%	83.77%				
Nanded	DA	13681	12603	11466	90.98%	83.81%				
Yavatmal	DA	7506	7158	6693	93.50%	89.17%				
Mahara	shtra	64898	60633	54974	90.67%	84.71%				

Increase in drug compliance since 2016- Bihar

DISTRICT	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	DISTRICT	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
ARARIA	75		47	56		LAKHISARAI		50			83
ARWAL		50		69		MADHEPURA				87	
AURANGABAD		63				MADHUBANI			30	_	73
BANKA			47	58		MUNGER	79		72	72	
BEGUSARAI	26		47	61		MUZAFFARPUR	44		66	74	
BHAGALPUR.	28		49	61		NALANDA		61			80
BHOIPUR.		56			73	NAWADA		35	1		81
BUXAR	87		63	74		PATNA	48		44	82	
CHAMPARAN EAST	28		37	63		PURNIA		69	-		64
						ROHTAS	44				81
CHAMPARAN WEST			65	74		SAHARSA			56	62	
DARBHANGA		68			67	SAMASTIPUR		53		-	75
GAYA			71	76		SARAN	71		74	40	
GOPALGANE	65		46	48		SHEIKHPURA.	50		50	77	
JEHANABAD			51	56		SHEOHAR		45			
IUMAL	75	Ĩ	70	85	1	SITAMARHI		40	72	68	
KAIMUR	65		62	78		SIWAN			56	75	
KATIHAR				83		SUPAUL			68	45	
KHAGARIA	78		82	72		VAISHAU		73			66
KISHANGANI		34	1		71	Bihar Total	52	56	56	70	74

WHO consequent monitoring data

MODELLING QUESTIONS

- How many years will an implementation unit take to achieve elimination (MDA coverage with two drugs vs three drugs)
- What is the impact of demographic and environmental factors for reaching elimination
- How does people migration and never treated affect LF transmission
- Vector density and disease transmission
- Risk factors for re-introduction of disease
- Identification of hot spots/pockets of transmission

KALA AZAR





- Caused by protozoan species of the genus Leishmania donovani transmitted by bite of female sandfly (*Phlebotomus argentipes*)
- Man is only reservoir and there is only 1 vector
- Sandflies take at least two blood meals to transmit leishmania
- Parasite is mostly confined to reticulo-endothelial system (bone marrow, spleen, and liver).
- Incubation period ranges from 10 days to 2 years,
- Extrinsic incubation period in sandfly varies from 4-25 days
- Main symptoms include prolonged irregular fever(> 2 weeks), anemia, enlarged spleen, weight loss, loss of appetite and weakness.
- Currently the diagnosis is done by RDT(rK39) or Biopsy(Splenic, Bone Marrow or Lymph Node).
- Single dose effective treatment with LAMB (Liposomal Amphotericin B or Ambisome 10mg/Kg weight

KALA AZAR

Leishmaniasis	Features	Pictures
Visceral leishmaniasis (VL), also known as kala-azar,	is fatal if left untreated in over 95% of cases. It is characterized by irregular bouts of fever, weight loss, enlargement of the spleen and liver, and anaemia.	Symptoms of Visceral Leishmaniasis Enlargement of the spleen Enlargement of the liver Night sweats Severe temperature or irregular bouts of fever that can last for weeks Bleeding Blackening of the skin Scaly skin Dark and ashen skin Scaly skin Dark and ashen skin Scough Weakness Substantial weight loss For More Information, Visit: www.epainassist.com
Cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL)	is the most common form and causes skin lesions, mainly ulcers, on exposed parts of the body. These can leave life-long scars and cause serious disability or stigma.	
Mucocutaneous leishmaniasis	leads to partial or total destruction of mucous membranes of the nose, mouth and throat.	

KALA AZAR ELIMINATION TARGET

Annual incidence (AI) of kala-azar below one case per 10,000 population at block level in India

Al= (number of new cases + relapse in a single year) X 10,000

(mid-year population of the implementing unit)

Feasibility of elimination

- 1. Man is the only reservoir
- 2. Phlebotomous argentipes sandflies, the only known vector
- 3. Disease is confined to limited geographical area
- 4. Rapid diagnostic tests and effective treatments are available
- 5. High political commitment

The main strategies for achieving the target are

- 1. Early diagnosis and complete treatment;
- 2. Integrated vector management;
- 3. Effective disease and vector surveillance;
- 4. Social mobilization and partnerships;
- 5. Clinical and operational research

Source: Regional Strategic Framework for Elimination of Kala-azar from the South-East Asia Region (2011–2015) SEA-VBC-85 (Rev.1)

KALA AZAR IN INDIA

Population at Risk - 165.4 million

India is very close to achieving its elimination target with the strategic approach of active case search , early diagnosis and complete treatment along with vector Control

States	Endemic Districts (Number)	Endemic Blocks (Number)
Bihar	33	458
Jharkhand	4	33
West Bengal	11	120
Uttar Pradesh	6	22
Total	54	633

Target: Reduce annual KA case incidence to <1/10000

population at block level

All blocks in WB and UP have achieved the elimination target



KALA AZAR ELIMINATION PROGRESS





POST KALA-AZAR DERMAL LEISHMANIASIS (PKDL)

- 6 months 2 years after cure/ treatment from Kala-azar
- Hypo-pigmented macules (patch), erythema, papulo-nodules. Mixed lesions often seen.
- Face, nose, lips, ears, proximal parts of upper limbs, upper back, inner aspect of thighs with relative sparing of central back & belt area
- Erythematous butterfly rash which may be aggravated by exposure to Sunlight; an early sign of PKDL









VL Case load trends 2013 to 2021(sept)

PKDL Case load trends 2013 to 2021(sept)



State	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	202 1	Tota
Bihar	34	54	212	487	529	727	444	351	357	3195
Jharkha nd	167	102	169	928	1216	366	281	192	116	3537
Uttar Pradesh		1			1	74	51	35	35	197
West Bengal				134	90	91	52	38	47	452
Total	201	157	381	1549	1836	1258	828	616	555	7381

State	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Gran Tota
Bihar	8367	7279	6108	4887	4352	3590	2525	1504	751	3936
Jharkha nd	2271	871	1182	1191	1381	758	542	430	206	8832
Uttar Pradesh	2		1	2	2	117	100	55	39	318
West Bengal			1	72	90	82	77	58	38	418
Grand Total	1064 0	8150	7292	6152	5825	4547	3244	2047	1034	4893

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Quality of Spray (R II-2021): *Relatively, the overall quality of spray has apparently reduced as compared to the previous round but spraying upto height of 6ft or more has improved*

Complete wall exposure



R II OF 2015 R I OF 2016 R II OF 2016 R I OF 2017 R II OF 2017 R I OF 2018 R I OF 2019 R II OF 2019 R I OF 2020 R II OF 2020 R I OF 2021 R II OF 2021

Prevention of contamination of food items/utensils/fodder by covering them before





Parts of House Covered

Coverage of House Parts

% of houses having a separate toilet and that separate toilet was sprayed by IRS team [N (RI 2021)=1080, N (RII 2021)=1147]

% of houses having separate kitchen and that separate kitchen was sprayed by IRS team [N (RI 2021)=1110, N (RII 2021)=1239]

% of houses where Varanda was sprayed [N (RI 2021)=1458, N (RII 2021)=1458]

% of houses where cowshed was sprayed [N (RI 2021)=811, N (RII 2021)=816]



Spray Quality in House Parts

% of houses where Varanda was sprayed upto 6 ft [N (RI 2021)=1458, N (RII 2021)=1480] % of houses where cowshed was sprayed upto 6 ft [N (RI 2021)=811, N (RII 2021)=816] 0% 20% 40% 60%



Vector Occurrence and abundance

Collection method: CDC Light Traps



- Occurrence: *Phlebotomus argentipes* sand flies are found in Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal
- Vector abundance monitoring: Over time the abundance of the vector has decreased

Resistance Monitoring *P. argentipes*



Insecticide resistance in P. argentipes

- WHO tube tests are performed on wild caught female *P.argentipes* sand flies annually
- Data shows increasing high levels of resistance to DDT
- High levels of mortality are observed when sand flies are exposed to alpha-cypermethrin
- VL vector remains susceptible to all other classes of insecticide

MODELLING QUESTIONS

- Demographic and environmental factors for disease transmission
- Why are there persistent pockets with high endemicity
- What is the risk of VL-HIV and VL-TB co-infection
- Risk factors for Relapses, PKDL and treatment complications
- Entomological factors for sporadic cases
- Reasons for new cases of VL coming from previous non endemic areas
- Impact of vector density on disease transmission
- Effect of indoor residual spray on vector density and disease transmission

NATIONAL CENTER FOR VECTOR BORNE DISEASES CONTROL

- NCVBDC formulates policies/guidelines, provides technical, financial assistance (NHM norms) to the States/UTs for prevention & control of six VBDs.
- VBDs are seasonal and outbreak prone.
- Diseases under Elimination: Malaria (2030), Lymphatic Filariasis (2027) & Kala-Azar (2023)

Disease

1. Malaria

- 2. Dengue
- 3. Chikungunya
- 4. Japanese Encephalitis
- 5. Lymphatic Filariasis

6. Kala-azar

Vector

Anopheles mosquito Aedes mosquito Aedes mosquito Culex group Culex & Mansonia mosquito Phlebotomus argentipes (Sand fly)



https://ncvbdc.mohfw.gov.in/

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