

SCHISTOSOMIASIS



Elimination Initiative **3**

+ Impact goal

Elimination as a public health problem

+ Elimination target

<1% high-intensity *Schistosoma mansoni* infections in school-aged children (5–14 years)

+ Programmatic target

≥75% drug coverage mass drug administration (MDA) using praziquantel in eligible populations

Action steps to achieve elimination

Best buys

1 Mass drug administration:

–Ensure at least 75% MDA coverage for at-risk populations

2 Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH):

–Expand access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) to prevent reinfection

3 Target the source:

–Scale up effective snail control with molluscicides and environmental management to eliminate infection in snail intermediate hosts, following local legislations, determined by molecular tests

4 Integrate to scale:

–Link schistosomiasis interventions with WASH, neglected tropical disease programs, and primary health care

5 Post-MDA surveillance:

–Continue active surveillance to monitor elimination in previously endemic areas

More information

World Health Organization. Assessing schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminthiases control programmes: Monitoring and evaluation framework. Geneva: WHO; 2024. Available from: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240099364>



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