

YAWS



+ Impact goal

Elimination of transmission, to achieve the goal of global eradication

+ Elimination target

No new indigenous cases in previously endemic areas for three consecutive years

+ Programmatic target

Confirm the absence of indigenous yaws cases by triangulating information sources

Action steps to achieve elimination

Best buys

Countries with no history of indigenous yaws transmission:

- 1 -Complete and submit the declaration that the country has no history of indigenous yaws transmission, in accordance with the verification requirements of the World Health Organization, for which technical cooperation may be requested from the Pan American Health Organization

Countries with a history of indigenous yaws transmission:

- 1 **Document the yaws situation in the country:**
 - Documentary review of historical data and reports using combined sources of information to demonstrate the absence of indigenous cases

2 **Assess the current probability of indigenous yaws transmission in the country:**

- Form a national technical group with the participation of public health, dermatology, and laboratory experts, as well as academics and researchers, to analyze the available information and propose actions to close existing gaps
- Analyze the current risk of indigenous yaws transmission and identify surveillance options in line with the goal of global eradication

3 **Strengthen surveillance to detect indigenous or imported cases:**

- Design surveillance mechanisms appropriate to the national context, integrated into existing platforms, and sustainable in scenarios where there is no indigenous yaws transmission

More information

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