

SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS:

PROGRAM REVIEW OF
NIGERIAN ONCHOCERCIASIS CONTROL PROGRAM

Held at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Atlanta, Georgia
November 16, 1995



INTRODUCTION

This 1995 Program Review of the Nigerian Onchocerciasis Control Program (NOCP) was organized to take advantage of the presence in Atlanta for a training course of Drs. Jonathan Jiya, director of the NOCP; Emmanuel Miri, director of the River Blindness Foundation (RBF) project in Nigeria; and E.I. Gemade, who is the focal point for the onchocerciasis activities of the UNICEF mission to Nigeria. It was modeled after the Program Reviews which CDC and The Carter Center/Global 2000 have implemented during the global Guinea Worm Eradication Program. Unfortunately, only one-half day was available for conducting this Review, and neither of the RBF program directors from Cameroon or Uganda was able to attend, due to prior commitments.

The main purpose of the meeting was to review the status of the Nigerian Onchocerciasis Control Program, and make recommendations. This document is a summary of the

presentations made by Drs. Jonathan Jiya, Emmanuel Miri, and E.I. Gemade.

International Foundation for Education and Self Help (IFESH), Lions International Sight First, the River Blindness Foundation (RBF), and World Vision. Dr. Emmanuel L. Gemade is responsible for onchocerciasis in UNICEF/Nigeria. Dr. Emmanuel M. Miri is director of the River Blindness Foundation program in Nigeria, and he is currently chairman of the national coalition of NGDOs helping to prevent onchocerciasis in Nigeria and which was founded in 1994.

disease and its prevention in the country. The second annual celebration is being planned for February 12, 1996, when a Trust Fund for donations to the program will be inaugurated.

Three main pillars of the NOCP in Nigeria are the various levels of the Government of Nigeria, UNICEF/Nigeria, and the national coalition of NGDOs named above. A new training manual that was developed with the leadership last year of the RBF and the Steering Committee of the NOTF will be finalized by the end of this year. UNICEF and IFF have

compilation of the final results of the REMO study later in November, 1995. Various means of estimating the

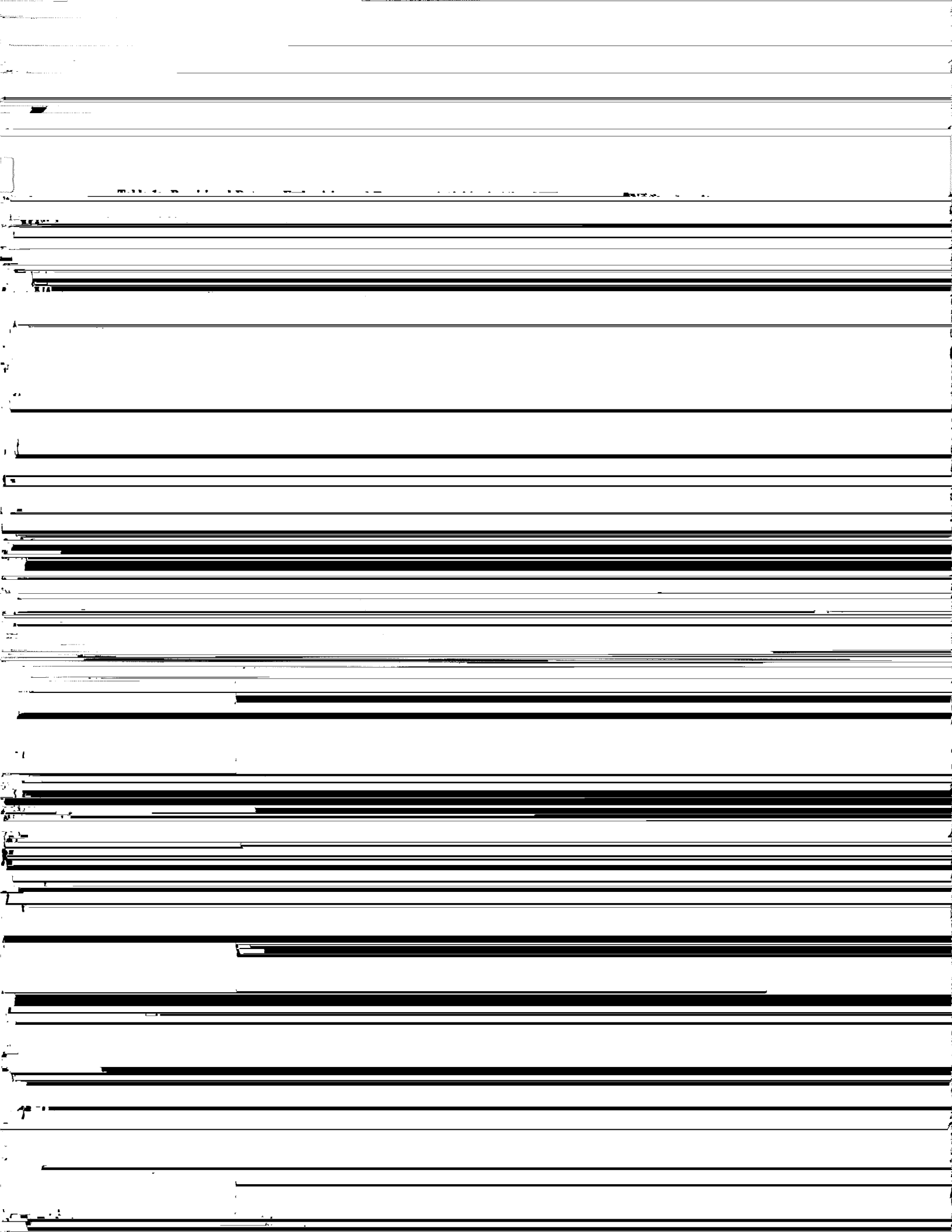
infected and at-risk populations were presented, using different assumptions and census figures.

It was suggested that endemic countries should ideally focus their mass distribution efforts on

Priorities for 1006 included publicizing results of the DEMO studies and dissemination of

4. The NOCP should regularly monitor the proportion of targeted communities that are reached, as well as the proportion of targeted eligible at risk persons that are covered by mass distribution of Mectizan.

5. The program should work to secure greater support of the NOCP by the Government of Nigeria.



Definitions:

*Endemicity levels for states were collectively decided upon during the program review.

†Endemicity calculated as follows: Hyper = 60% or above, Meso = 40-59%, Hypo = 16-39%, Spor/low = sporadic/low endemicity = 1-15%.

**Provisional, January-September, 1995.

Sources:

NGDOs, Endemicity level, LGA Endemicity, and maximum prevalence figures were obtained from the 1993 National Onchocerciasis Control Program Plan of Action.

Annex I

Agenda

*A review of the river blindness control effort in Nigeria
November 16, 1995*

8:30 - 8:45	Introduction	Dr. F. Richards, Global 2000, The Carter Center
8:45 - 9:15	Nigerian Federal Government Activities	Dr. J. Jiya National Onchocerciasis Control Programme
9:15 - 9:45	Program of the River Blindness Foundation	Dr. E. Miri Director, RBF/Nigeria
9:45 - 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 - 10:45	Program of UNICEF	Dr. E.I. Gemade UNICEF Nigeria Country Office
10:45 - 11:00	Mectizan Donation	Dr. S. Meredith

Annex II

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

REVIEW OF THE RIVER BLINDNESS CONTROL EFFORT IN NIGERIA

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Nigeria:

Dr. Jonathan Jiya
Dr. Emmanuel Miri

Global 2000:

Dr. Donald Hopkins
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Ms. Joni Lawrence
Ms. Mary Wieceynski
Ms. Christiane Levine

CDC:

Dr. Michael Malison
Ms. Lori De Ravello

ANNEX III

Organogram Showing the Channel of

ANNEX IV





**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 7TH
NATIONAL ONCHOCERCIASIS TASK FORCE (NOTF)
Held at the University of Ibadan Conference Centre, Ibadan
31st October, 1995**

The Seventh National Onchocerciasis Task Force (NOTF) meeting was held at the University of Ibadan Conference Centre, 31st October, 1995. The meeting was chaired by the Director of Primary Health Care and Disease Control, Federal Ministry of Health, Dr. O.F.A. Ashley-Dejo.

The following resolutions and recommendations were made:

The National Onchocerciasis Task Force (NOTF) acknowledges the continued

