



CARTER CENTER EXPERT PARTICIPATION IN “REACHING THE CRITERIA TO STOP TREATMENT FOR ONCHOCERCIASIS” WEBINAR

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 8-9:30 a.m. EDT

Report and Toolbox

This special publication and accompanying toolbox were launch during an expert virtual event on June 24, 2021:

[Act to End NTDs | East Technical Brief Series \(PDF\)](#)

Reaching the Criteria to Stop Onchocerciasis Mass Drug Administration: Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Uganda Pave the Way

[NTD Toolbox](#)

Host: USAID’s Act to End NTDs | East program, led by RTI International

Register via Zoom: https://rtiorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SirCvK2dSvGDNHQo2Edw

The event is open to the public.

One of the most challenging steps for onchocerciasis-endemic countries is breaking the cycle of transmission to the point where an evidenced-based decision to stop mass drug administration can be made. In 2013, together with the national programs, the Center and its partners made a [historic shift from control to onchocerciasis elimination](#) in all areas supported by the Center, including four African countries, areas never before considered possible for elimination. Through each country’s journey to achieve elimination, the onchocerciasis community has continued to learn valuable lessons. Panelists will share key takeaways from their experiences, including focal context monitoring, unique implementation of onchocerciasis elimination strategies, and making evidence-based decisions that are

facilitated by national onchocerciasis expert committees that contribute to critical stop MDA decisions.
Please join us for a webinar followed by audience Q&A.

Expert panelists represent ministries of health, [national elimination committees](#), The Carter Center, and RTI. The Carter Center–assisted River Blindness Elimination Program is supported in part by USAID’s Act to End NTDs–East program, led by RTI International.

Featured Panelists:

- Dr. BEB Nwoke, Nigeria Onchocerciasis Expert Committee Chair
- Dr. Emmanuel Miri, Carter Center Country Representative, Nigeria
- Dr. Frank Richards, The Carter Center
- Mr. Kadu Meribo, National Coordinator for Onchocerciasis Elimination, Federal Ministry of Health, Ethiopia
- Ms. Lisa Rotondo, RTI International
- Dr. Moses Katarwa, The Carter Center
- Ms. Peace Habomugisha, Carter Center Country Representative, Uganda
- Dr. Upendo Mwingira, RTI International
- Dr. Zerihun Tadesse, Carter Center Country Representative, Ethiopia

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