

A Quick Reference Guide to Drugs for NTD Control and Elimination

NTD control programs use safe and effective medicines to treat people living in NTD endemic areas. The majority of these medicines are donated free of charge to country programs by large pharmaceutical companies.

ENVISION helps national NTD control programs to distribute these medicines to millions of people, through complex annual drug campaigns, training community volunteers, educating communities, and monitoring program performance to ensure all eligible populations at risk are treated until disease control and/or elimination is achieved.

NTD DRUG	DISEASE TREATED	MANUFACTURER/ DONATIONS/COMMITMENTS
 <p>ALBENDAZOLE <i>anthelmintic</i></p>	<p>Lymphatic Filariasis <i>(elephantiasis)</i></p> <p>Soil-transmitted Helminths <i>(intestinal parasites)</i></p>	<p>GlaxoSmithKline has committed to donate all the albendazole needed to eliminate LF worldwide by 2020; donation began in 1998.</p> <p>GlaxoSmithKline has committed to donate 400M tablets of albendazole per year to de-worm school-aged children in endemic countries through 2020; donation began in 2010.</p>
 <p>AZYTHROMYCIN <i>antibiotic</i></p>	<p>Trachoma <i>(blinding eye disease)</i></p>	<p>Available in tablets, pediatric oral solution, and eye drops. Pfizer Inc. has committed to donate all of the Zithromax® (azithromycin) needed to eliminate blinding trachoma in the context of the SAFE strategy by 2020; donation began in 1998.</p>
 <p>DIETHYLCARBAMZINE CITRATE (DEC) <i>anthelmintic</i></p>	<p>Lymphatic Filariasis <i>(elephantiasis)</i> <i>*in countries not co-endemic with onchocerciasis</i></p>	<p>USAID's ENVISION project procured over 34M tablets for Haiti in FY2013; USAID procurement of DEC began in 2007.¹</p> <p>Eisai Co., Ltd. has committed to donate 2.2B tablets over five years; donation began in 2012.</p>
 <p>IVERMECTIN <i>anthelmintic</i></p>	<p>Onchocerciasis <i>(river blindness)</i></p> <p>Lymphatic Filariasis <i>(elephantiasis)</i></p>	<p>Merck and Co, Inc. has committed to donate all the Mectizan® (ivermectin) required to eliminate onchocerciasis and lymphatic filariasis; donation began in 1987.</p>
 <p>MEBENDAZOLE <i>antihelmintic</i></p>	<p>Soil-transmitted Helminths <i>(intestinal parasites)</i></p>	<p>Johnson & Johnson has committed to donate 200M doses of Vermox® (mebendazole) for school age children; donation began in 2008.</p>
 <p>PRAZIQUANTEL <i>antihelmintic</i></p>	<p>Schistosomiasis <i>(bilharzia)</i></p>	<p>Merck KGaA (Merck Serono) has committed to donate 250M tablets of Cesol® (praziquantel) per year until 2017 for school aged children; donation began in 2007.</p> <p>USAID's ENVISION project also procured 56M tablets in FY2013; USAID procurement began in 2007.¹</p>
 <p>TETRACYCLINE EYE OINTMENT <i>antibiotic</i></p>	<p>Trachoma <i>(blinding eye disease)</i></p>	<p>USAID's ENVISION project procured 1.2M tubes of tetracycline ointment in FY2013 for people living in trachoma endemic areas; USAID procurement began in 2012.</p>

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