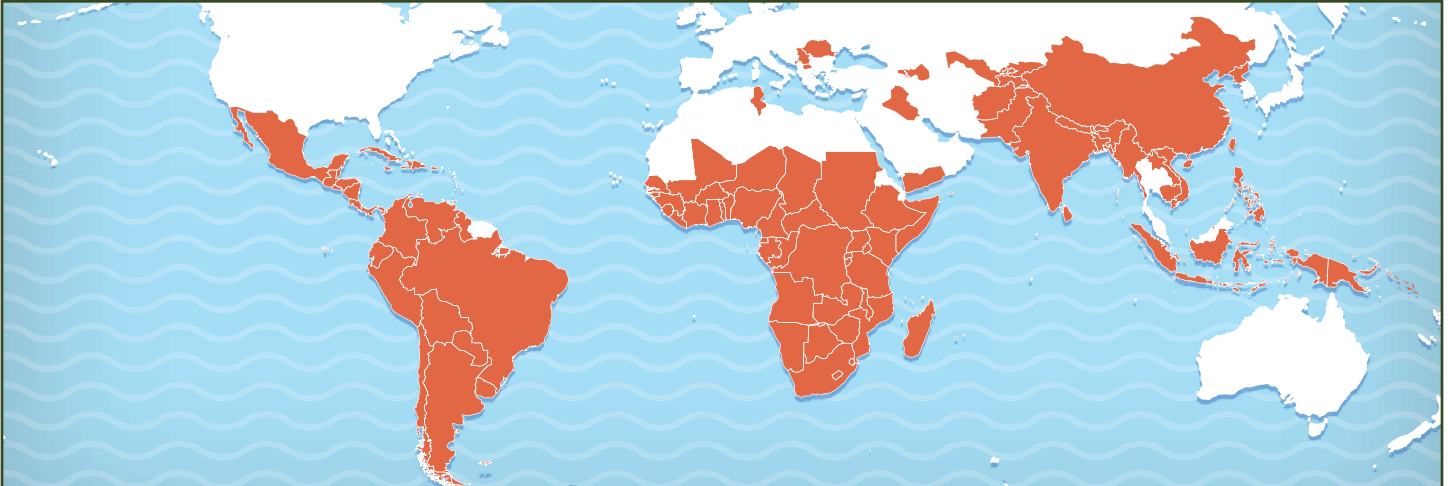


UNITING TO STOP THE WORMS

WHAT IS STH?

- Soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH) is a disease caused by **intestinal worms**
- **Over 1 billion people are infected** with intestinal worms worldwide
- An estimated **875 million children are at risk** of infection



Roundworm



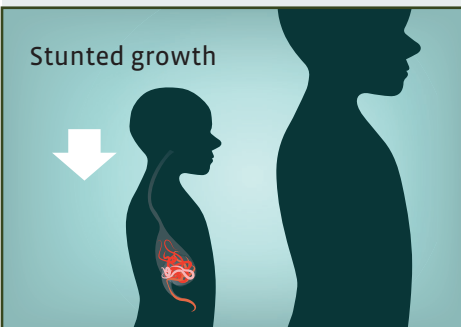
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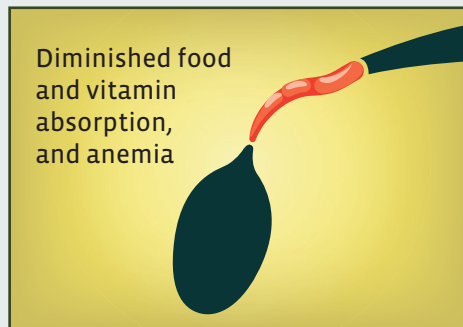
Whipworm

WHY STH CONTROL MATTERS

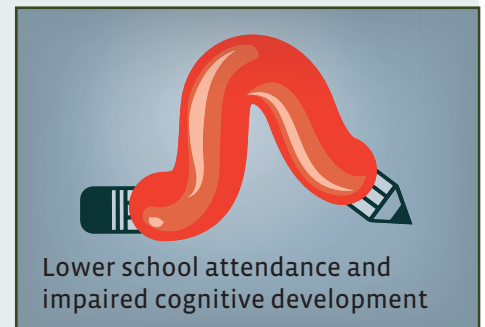
- Worm infections are **undoing** work being done across multiple sectors including education, nutrition, and maternal health
- Yet **only 33% of children** at risk received treatment in 2012
- STH takes a toll on both infected children and adults—and their communities



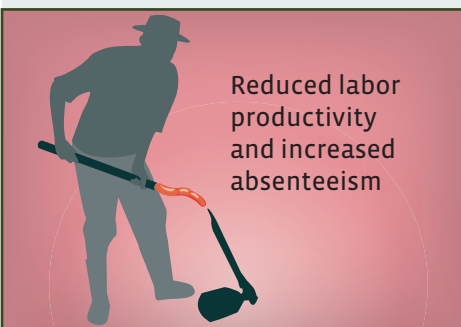
Stunted growth



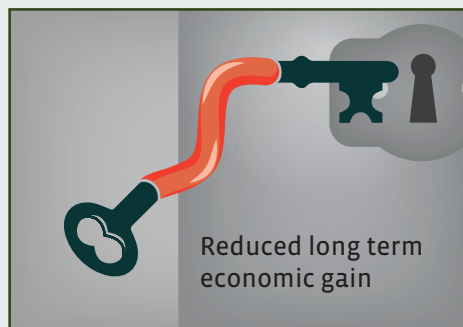
Diminished food and vitamin absorption, and anemia



Lower school attendance and impaired cognitive development



Reduced labor productivity and increased absenteeism



Reduced long term economic gain



Increased vulnerability to other infectious diseases

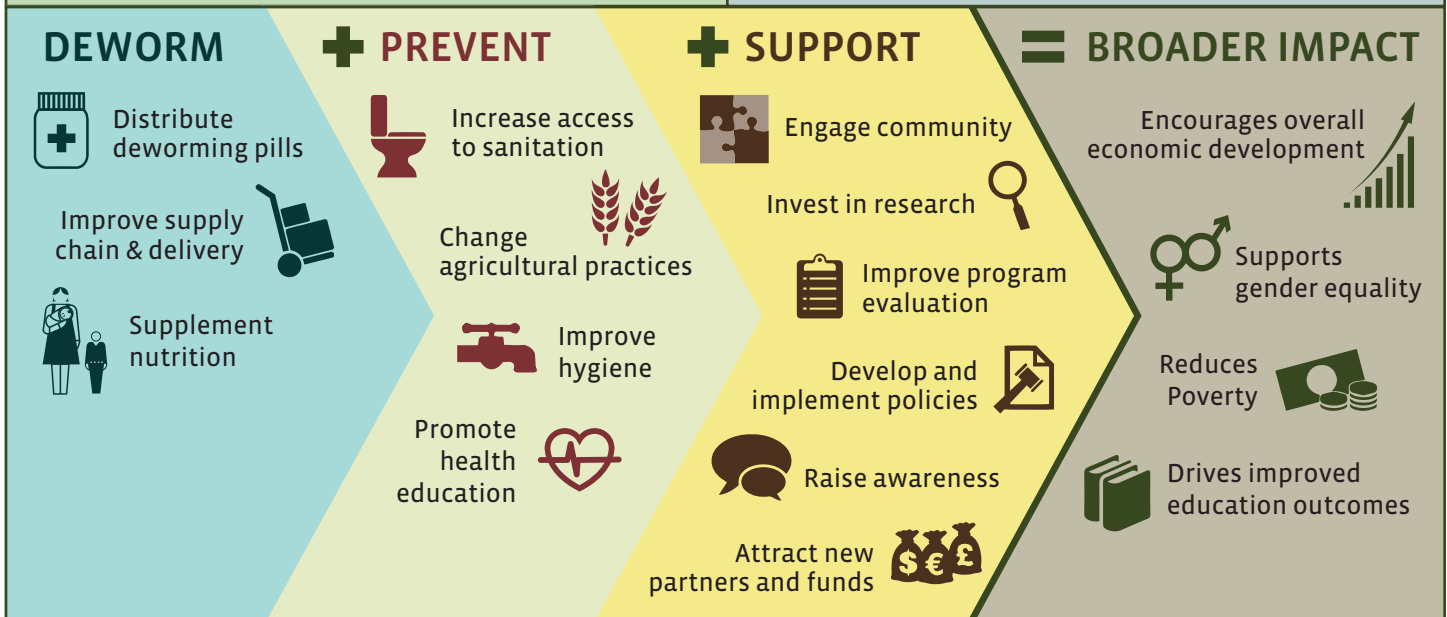
TAKING ACTION TO STOP STH



Pharmaceutical companies have committed to **donating six billion doses** of safe, effective deworming drugs through 2020



Countries and communities are already getting millions of doses to children, but **work to address STH must be increased**



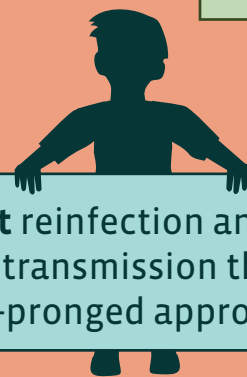
JOIN THE STH COALITION

- We **must accelerate progress** on STH control to realize the vision of a world in which children are healthy and develop to their full potential
- Countries **can achieve** World Health Organization goals on STH with collaborative, cross-sectoral strategies

The STH Coalition calls for diverse partners across many sectors—neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), education, water, sanitation, maternal health, nutrition, and global development—to collaborate on efforts to:



Catalyze demand for and scale up **deworming** programs



Prevent reinfection and reduce transmission through a multi-pronged approach

Support effective programs to accelerate impact



For more information:

- Visit www.childrenwithoutworms.org
- Contact STHCoalition@taskforce.org

Sources: CDC, WHO, Uniting to Combat NTDs

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