



2018 Report & 2019 Strategy and Operational Plan

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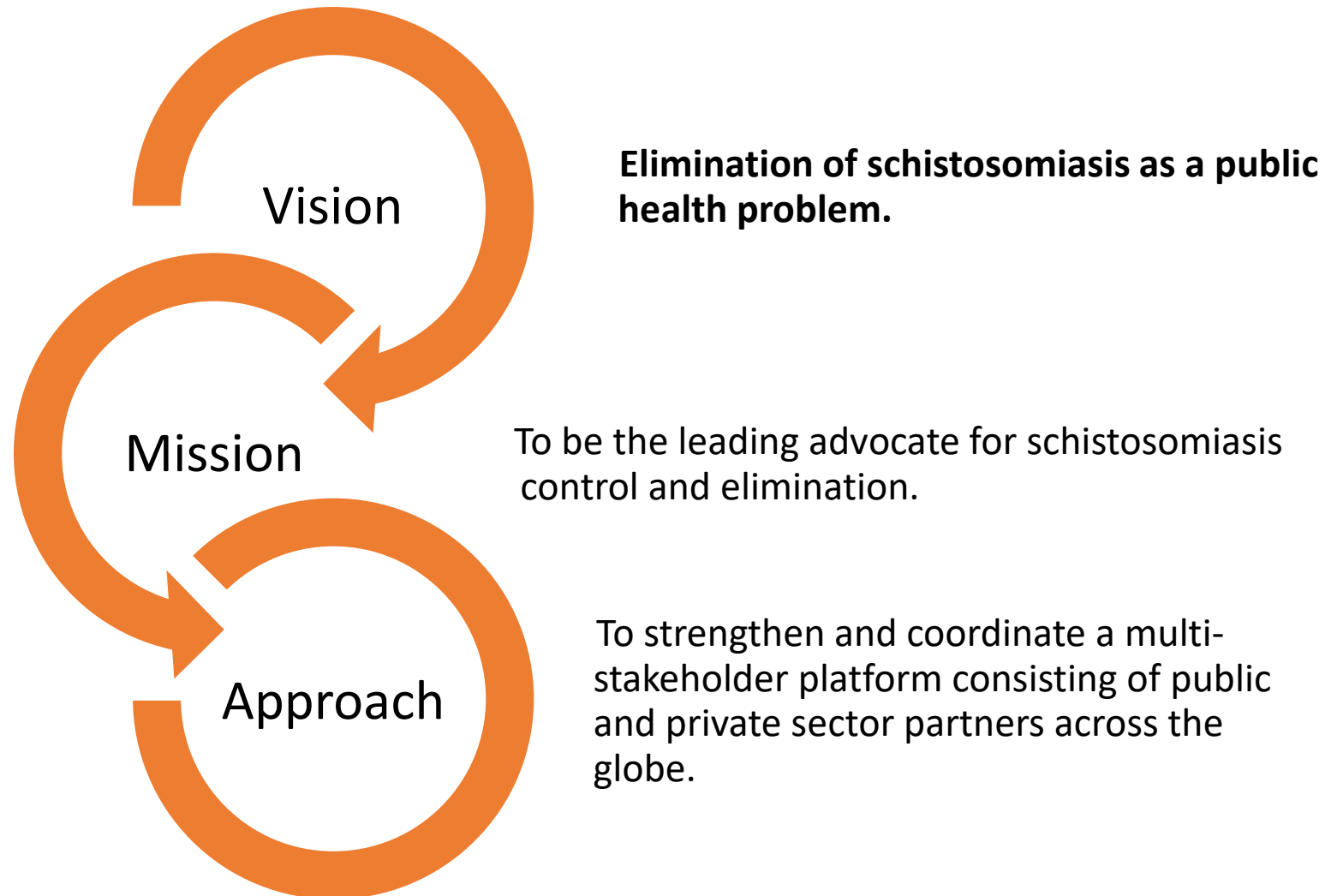
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The Global Schistosomiasis Alliance



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GSA is the leading, enabling and coordinating body of the schistosomiasis community, consisting of key partner organizations as well as individuals, research groups and networks through the GSA Members Network



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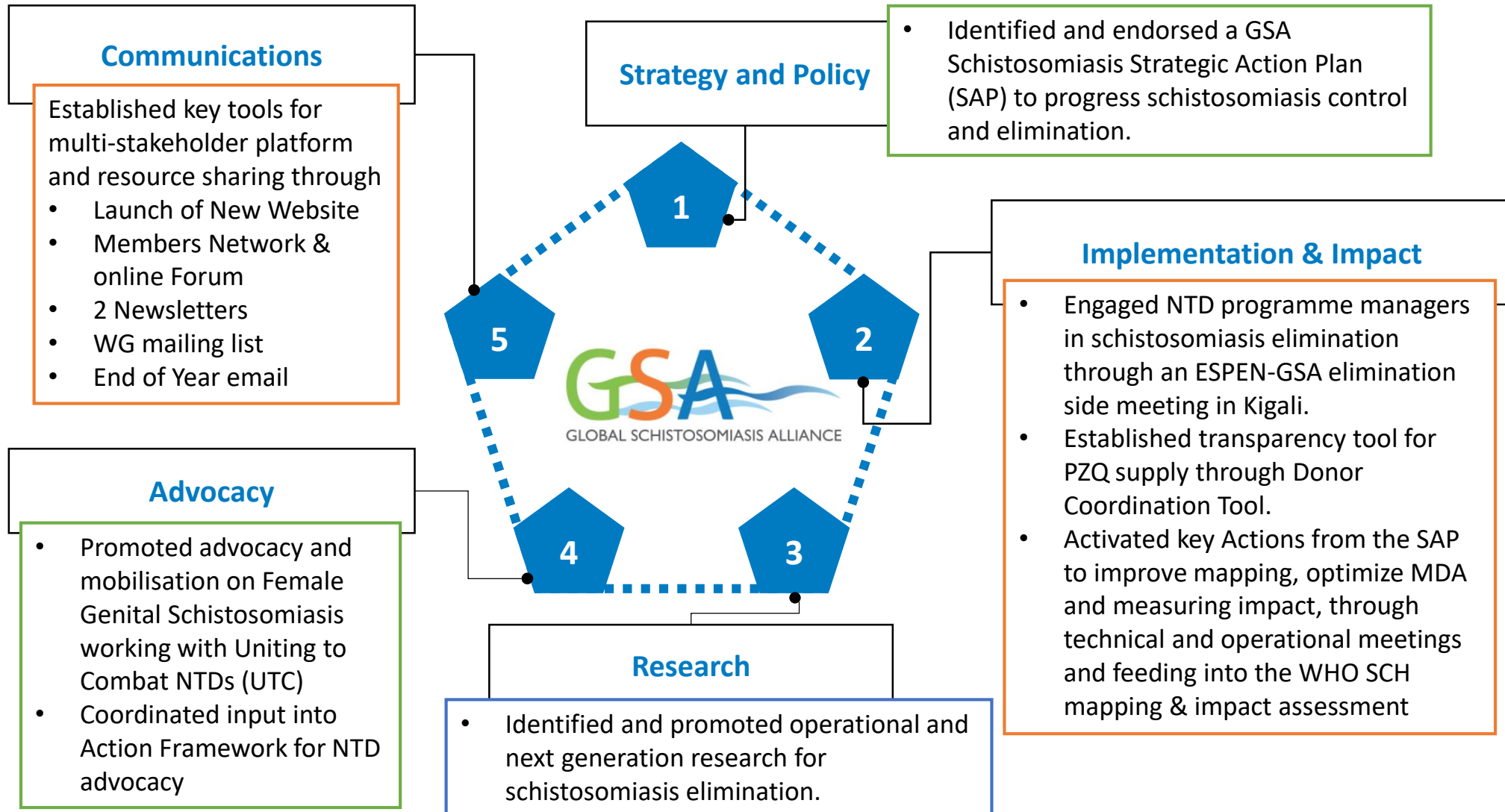
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Summary of GSA 2018 achievements

Following the 2018 strategy and operational plan the GSA fully delivered on the following outputs under the GSA's main interconnected themes.



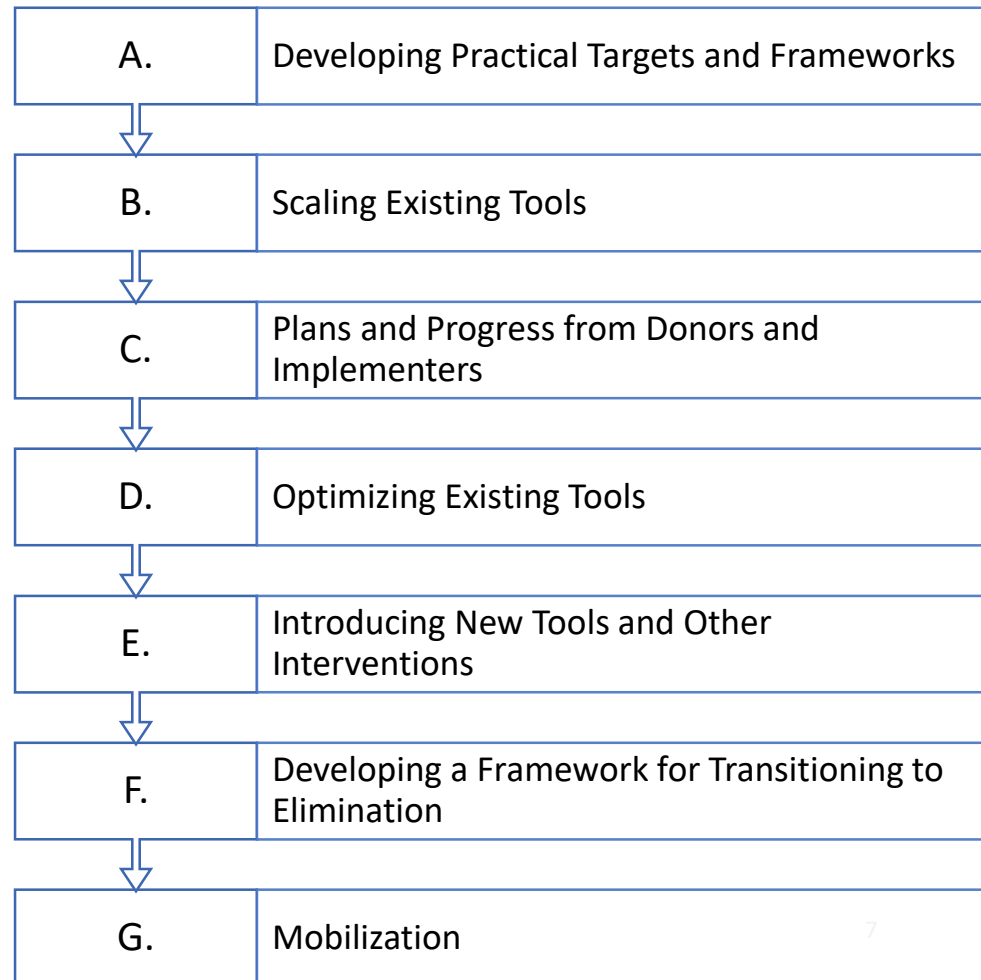
Schistosomiasis Strategic Action Plan

GSA meeting in April 2018: *Moving Schistosomiasis Out of the Red: Action Plan and Next Steps*

Background

- In April 2018 GSA partners and stakeholders met to refine and adopt a framework of actions (developed under the umbrella of the BMGF CEO round table) needed to speed up the progress of schistosomiasis control and elimination.
- Delegates from the following organisations took part: CDC, CouNTDown, DFID, End Fund, ESPEN (observer), Evidence Action, BMGF, GSA, Helen Keller International, LSHTM, Merck, RTI, SCI, Sightsavers, SCORE, Swiss TPH, The Fred Hollows Foundation, USAID, WHO Water (observer), World Vision, and Water Aid.
- Other participants included country representatives from Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Uganda who presented on evidence and case studies.

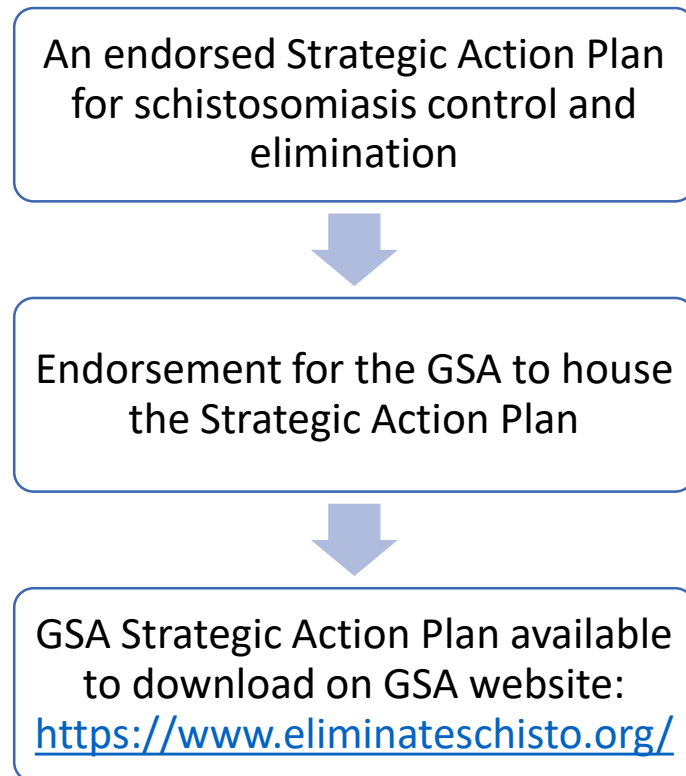
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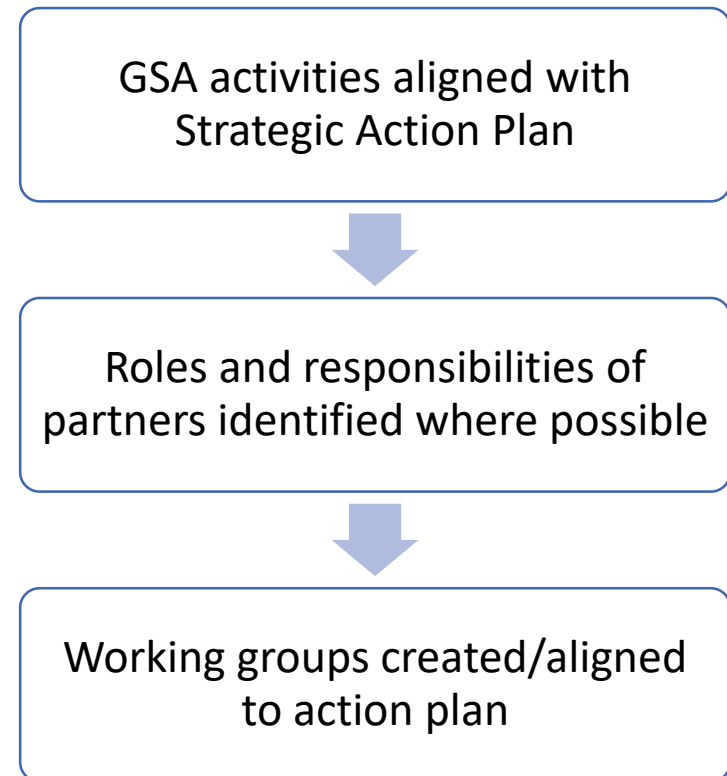
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Outcome of meeting



Follow up Actions



GSA Working Groups Activities 2018

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Implementation WG

Objective: to support countries to implement schistosomiasis programs, in line with national and international targets on control and elimination.

Co-chairs: Mike French (RTI), Alan Fenwick (GSA)

Activities:

- Members of the IWG have been using and reviewing the GSA Donor Coordination Tool for Praziquantel
- SCI together with ESPEN and IWG partners are working to identify schistosomiasis treatment gaps through a PC gap analysis - preliminary analysis due in January-February 2019

Monitoring and Evaluation WG

Objective: to provide evidence-based M&E strategies and operational frameworks to guide the implementation of schistosomiasis control and elimination programmes

Co-chairs: Fiona Fleming (SCI), Louis-Albert Tchuem Tchuente (University Yaoundé)

Activities:

- Convened a technical meeting on precision/micro mapping
- Successful COR NTD breakout session on *Shrinking the map*
- Members led other schisto COR NTD breakout sessions: Persistent areas of SCH & STH infections, M&E for SCH & STH
- Members fed into WHO impact assessment meeting

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Behaviour Change and Health Education WG

Objective: to advocate for and advance the integration and implementation of behavioural change/health education in country led schistosomiasis control & elimination programmes

Co-chairs: Willemijn Zaadnoordijk (Merck), Bobbie Person (SCORE consultant)

Activities:

- Behaviour change workshop at the NNN annual conference in Addis Ababa.
- Members led a breakout session at COR NTD on behaviour change for NTDs.
- Established links with NNN WASH working group to coordinate behaviour change NTD outputs.
- Reviewed evidence-base and gaps in schistosomiasis behaviour change strategies.

Research WG

Objective: to share current, novel and next generation research findings to advance schistosomiasis control and elimination strategies and tools.

Co-chairs: Poppy Lamberton (University of Glasgow), Jutta Reinhard-Rupp (Merck Global Health Institute)

Activities:

- Organized a GSA standalone meeting 'The Schistosomiasis Action Plan: Next Generation Research on the Road towards Elimination' in New Orleans looking at latest research on FGS, morbidity, vaccines, diagnostics and snails control. Final session discussed Progress towards schistosomiasis elimination.

Advocacy and Communications

The GSA worked with partners and larger NTD networks on schistosomiasis advocacy and communications using a Community of Practice approach.



Launched Members Network to cater to stakeholder needs and promote schistosomiasis resources, news and information sharing.



Implemented new tools such as Sharepoint, OneDrive and Mailchimp to improve communication and resources sharing with GSA partners and stakeholders in working groups.



Published two hardcopy/PDF newsletters published and additional Mailchimp campaigns



Used social media & printed media to promote schistosomiasis news, resources and tools from GSA partners and stakeholders



Collaborated with Uniting to Combat NTDs (UTC) task groups on the Action Framework. Worked with UTC on the development of material on FGS for EDD & AIDS conference



Participated in the WASH NTD Roundtable and advocated for a focus on Behaviour Change, Snail Control & WASH at NNN

New website for schistosomiasis

The GSA developed and launched a new website to cater to stakeholder needs.



- Development of new website started in July 2018 with Manta Ray Media, a digital media company specializing in website development for global health organizations.
- Website design and functionality was tailored to cater for both knowledgeable stakeholders and those who are new to schistosomiasis and the NTD world.
- The new design included:
 - A descriptive section on schistosomiasis biology and transmission and another on Control and Elimination
 - A “How we work” section on GSA structure and governance to increase transparency
 - A dynamic News & Events page with news from the schistosomiasis and NTD community
 - Searchable Resources repository
 - Working Groups section with specifics on all working groups
 - A closed Members Network with for a to enable schistosomiasis collaborations
- The new website was launched on 24th of October 2018 with the aim of being the One-Stop-Shop for all things schisto.

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Strategy and Policy

In 2019 GSA will work with our partners to catalyze control & elimination strategies in accordance with the Strategic Action Plan

Schistosomiasis Strategic Action Plan

- Convene 2nd meeting to focus on implementation and progress of the Strategic Action Plan with key stakeholders.
- Organise external review of GSA activities and next steps and responsibilities in housing the Strategic Action Plan.

Supporting WHO/ESPEN

Work closely with WHO, ESPEN & partners on development and implementation of:

- Optimizing strategies for elimination.
- M&E framework.
- New guidelines and treatment of schistosomiasis.
- Identifying post 2020 goals.

Moving to post 2020 targets

- Provide the platform for GSA members and other stakeholders to contribute to strategy and policy formulation and setting for post 2020 targets.
- Keep open dialogue with the STH community to pursue common strategy and policy issues.

Implementation and Impact

In 2019 GSA will focus on delivery needs and impact assessment in support of its mission to control & eliminate schistosomiasis.

Working groups & Tools

- IWG:
 - PZQ gap analysis taken forward by SCI, ESPEN and partners
 - Sustainability and national ownership of programmes
- M&E WG:
 - Precision mapping
 - Diagnostics
 - M&E Framework

Meetings

- NTD programme managers' meeting, NNN, NTD supply chain forum, WHO meetings (by invitation).

Endemic Countries

- Promote and develop plans for schistosomiasis elimination with endemic countries.

Partnerships

- Develop non-traditional delivery partnerships, such as private sector organisations and support of start-ups via accelerators.
- Support partners with best practice in implementation at intersection of WASH, PC, and vector control.
- Support NTD Supply Chain Forum with development of Inventory Training Manual

Research

In 2019 GSA will bring together the world's leading experts in schistosomiasis and will focus on the following activities:

Working Groups

- Research WG to organise session at ECTMIH.
- Behaviour Change and Health Education WG to finalise Schisto Gap analysis and develop recommendations.
- Set up a Snail Control Intervention WG to bring together snail control experts.
- Consider setting up information hub for new technologies such as vaccines?

Research meetings

- Present/support schistosomiasis research meetings ECTMIH, COR NTDs and ASTMH.

Current key research topics

- Female Genital Schistosomiasis morbidity, diagnosis and treatment.
- Schistosomiasis in pre-school-aged children, morbidity and treatment.
- Intensified disease management of severe and/or irreversible schistosomiasis morbidity.
- Snail control technologies.
- Precision mapping and evidence-based programmatic decisions to determine treatment expansion to adults.

Early-Career Researchers

- Build the GSA Members Network, particularly promoting early-career researchers.

Advocacy and Communications

Together with partners the focus for 2019 advocacy and communications will be:

Advocacy

Promote implementation of the Strategic Action Plan to accelerate progress to schistosomiasis elimination.

Promote awareness of genital schistosomiasis and HIV working with Uniting to Combat NTDs (UTC), WHO & UNAIDS

Strengthen UTC Impact Dashboard and Action Framework.

Raise awareness of challenges identified by endemic countries e.g. M&E, severe morbidity, WASH, FGS and snail control.

Promote resource mobilisation through conventional & non-conventional partners (e.g. Business Fights Poverty, Dalberg etc)

Share tools and kits: NTDeliver, WASH-NTD toolkit, FGS, Envision, Donor Coordination Tool & Inventory training manual

Communications

Grow community of practice through regular cross-working group comms and wider SCH community using webinars/online presentations

Build GSA Members Network and increase use of the online fora

Strengthen resource and information sharing on the GSA website

Increase MailChimp Campaigns with news, resources and updates

Publish bi-annual hardcopy newsletters for conferences and meetings

Support outreach and communication activities of partners, members & working groups through online, traditional and social media

Summary of GSA Working Groups 2019 priorities

GSA working groups have developed their plans for 2019 guided by the Strategic Action Plan.

Implementation	M&E	BCHE	Research
<p>Aim to develop long term sustainability of schistosomiasis programmes and identify PZQ scale up needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring long-term sustainability and ownership of programmes. • Identify schistosomiasis treatment gaps. • Support WHO in guideline development. • Improve use and uptake of PZQ Donor Coordination Tool. 	<p>Aim to improve targeting, tracking and effective use of PZQ for schistosomiasis control and elimination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping modelling insights. • Case studies of M&E precision/micro mapping surveys. • M&E framework for schisto. • Set up group on cross-cutting themes, starting with Diagnostics. 	<p>Aim to identify solutions to barriers for effective behaviour change that could integrate with PC/& WASH interventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schistosomiasis Behaviour Change Projects: Map past/current/future schistosomiasis related behavioural change/Health education projects. • Collaborate with NNN WASH working group: Work and align with the NNN WASH working group to develop and integrate behavioural/health education guidelines 	<p>Aim to develop new tools to accelerate progress to schistosomiasis elimination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise research session on Genital schistosomiasis diagnosis, treatment and HIV • Develop discussion and resource sharing for Diagnostic tools and methodologies for schistosomiasis elimination, Hot-spot areas, Zoonotic aspects of schistosomiasis • Set up Snail Control group • Set up Information Hub for new technologies, e.g.s vaccines and drugs

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GSA leadership and organization

Executive & Advisor

- Prof. David Rollinson (Director)
- Dr. Johannes Waltz (Strategy and Finance Director)
- Dr. Anouk N. Gouvras (Communications and Programme Manager)
- Prof. Alan Fenwick (Chief Advisor to the GSA)

Assurance

- As the GSA enters its fourth full year of operations it continues to rely on an “Advisory Board” to oversee GSA operations and strengthen governance. Members of the board bring in long-standing authoritative and independent experience in policy setting for disease control and public health.

Delivery of themes

- The GSA will enhance its leadership and coordination role in the delivery of the key 2019 themes and work closely with its network of partner organizations to ensure priorities are determined and objectives achieved

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Several key milestones have been identified for GSA in 2019

Below are key milestones for the GSA in 2019. Additional activities fall within working groups.

