



2019 Report &
2020 Strategy and
Operational Plan

GSA vision, mission and partners

Key achievements in 2019

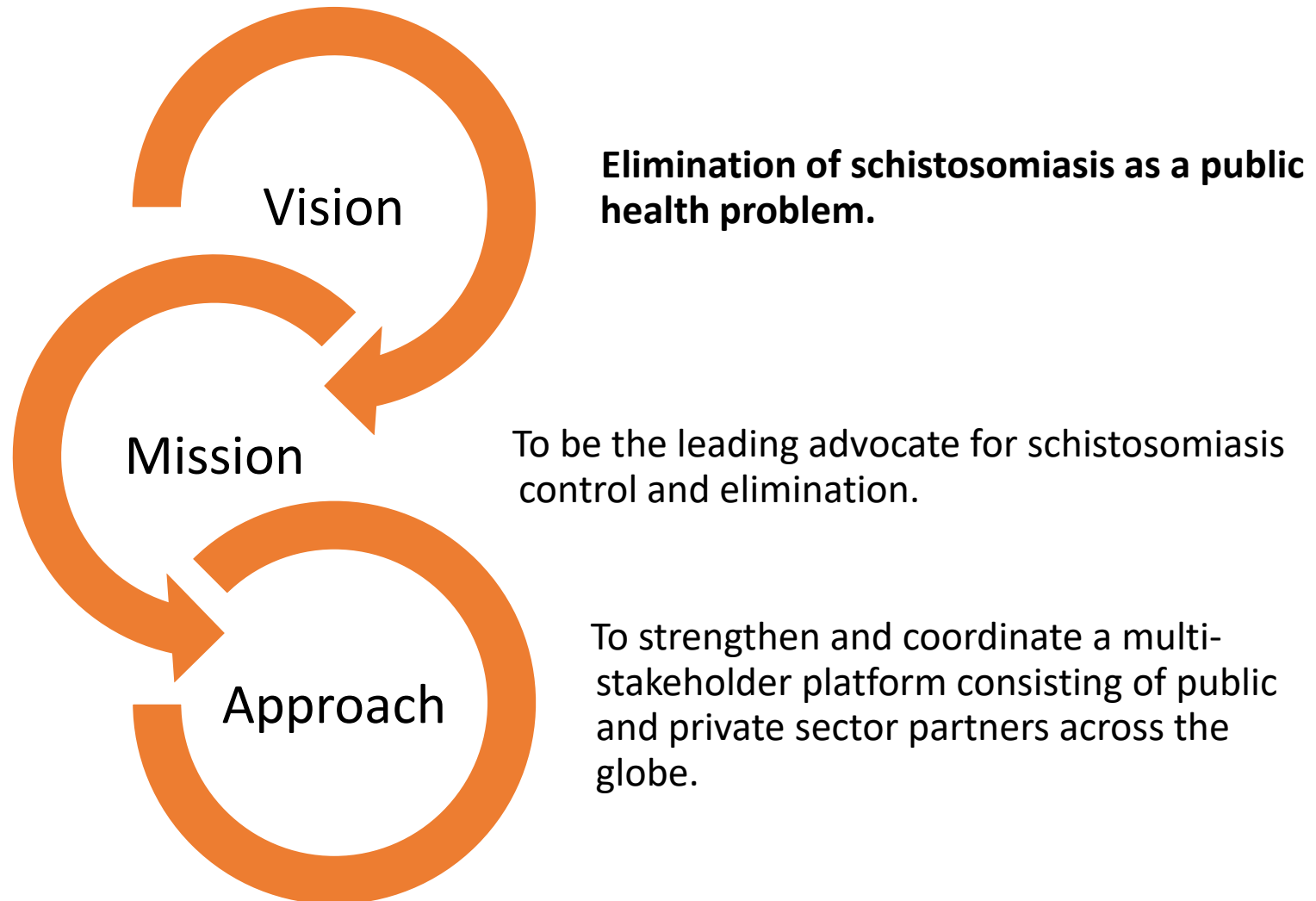
Next steps and activities for 2020

GSA organization and governance

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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.



*Observer status

Schistosomiasis Strategic Action Plan

In April 2018 the GSA convened a meeting to agree a Strategic Action Plan and Next Steps. This Strategic Action Plan guides the activities of the GSA and the working groups as described in the following slides.

Outcome of meeting

An endorsed Strategic Action Plan for schistosomiasis control and elimination



Endorsement for the GSA to house the Strategic Action Plan



GSA Strategic Action Plan available to download on GSA website:
<https://www.eliminatestschisto.org/>

Follow up Actions

GSA activities aligned with Strategic Action Plan



Roles and responsibilities of partners identified where possible



Working groups created/aligned to Strategic Action Plan



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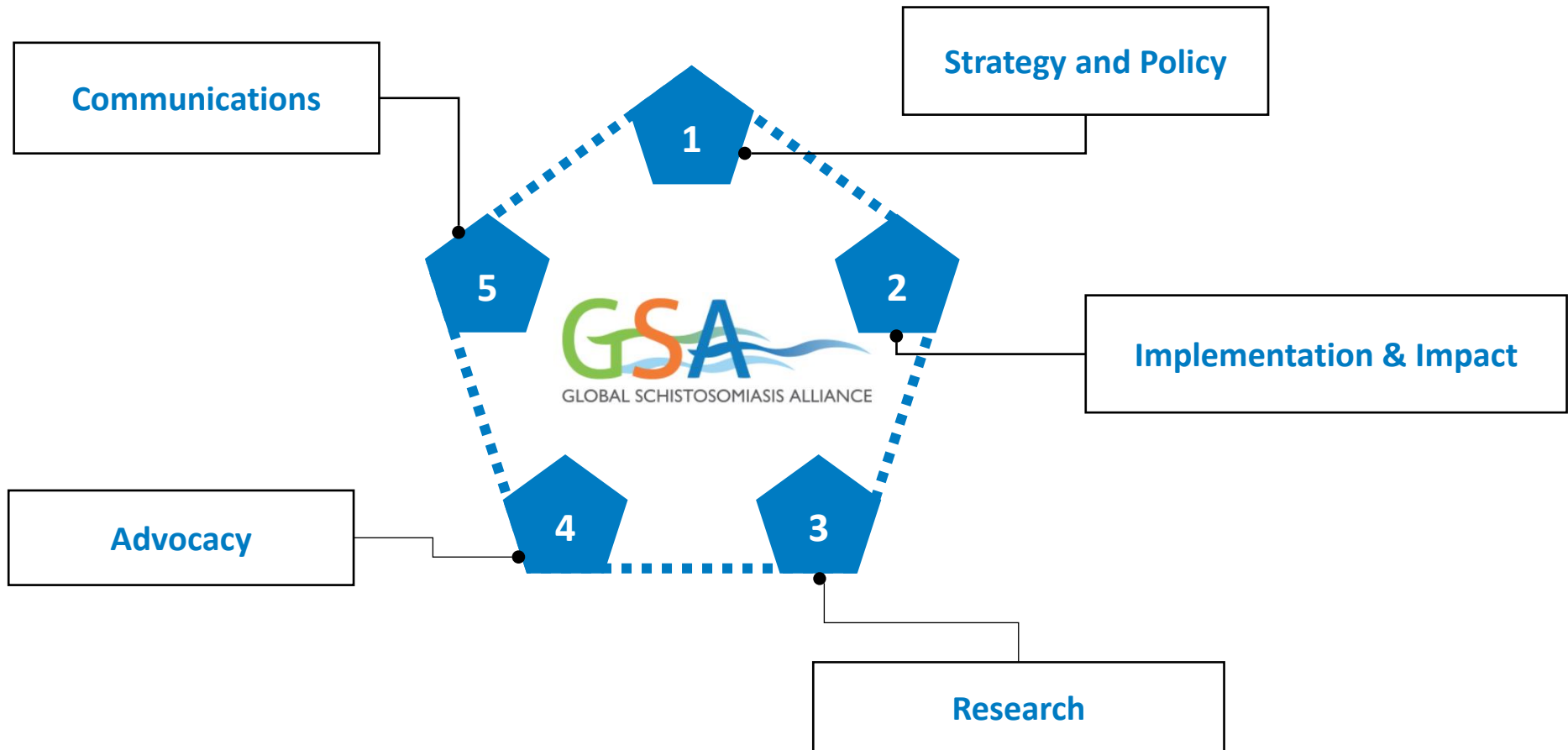
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GSA key interconnected themes

The GSA's activities fall into 5 interconnected themes. The following slides summarize key achievements in 2019 (green) and next steps for 2020 (orange).



GSA influence and outputs

The GSA Action Plan, developed by members, identified what were the needs for schistosomiasis elimination. Using the GSA multi-stakeholder platform these actions are being taken forward by GSA WG, members and working with WHO WG/activities.



Theme: Strategy and Policy

WHO 2030 Goals targets and strategy



Accelerating Progress for Schistosomiasis Control and Elimination Post- 2020



- Consultation meeting with WHO: 25th – 26th April 2019, Radisson Blu, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Supported by GSA partner Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Attended by 45 delegates representing: CIFF, CDC USA, SCI, Countdown, GSA, Merck, End Fund, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Hellen Keller International, NALA Foundation, Sightsavers, Swiss TPH, World Vision International, and country representatives from Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda, Rwanda.
- WHO representatives at the meeting included the NTD department in WHO HQ, WASH department, and WHO regional offices (AFRO, WPRO-SEARO and EMRO) and ESPEN.

Accelerating Progress for Schistosomiasis Control and Elimination Post- 2020



Objectives

- To consolidate feedback from experts and stakeholders on the new proposed WHO goals for schistosomiasis.
- To discuss and agree on potential sub-targets and indicators for the new NTD Roadmap.

Outputs

- Global Schistosomiasis Alliance consultation feedback on the WHO proposed goals for schistosomiasis post-2020.
- Statement made to WHO NTD STAG on behalf of the GSA.
- GSA Action Plan roles : Increase Access to Treatment, Interventions to Sustain Control, Moving Towards Elimination as a Public Health Problem & Interruption of Transmission, and Country Ownership.

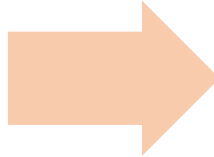
Meeting report

- <https://bit.ly/2YQAbWd>

Next Steps and Deliverables 2020

Next Steps

- GSA will review how it is currently aligned to the new WHO 2030 NTD Roadmap.
- Focused meeting on elimination strategy for the GSA.
- Exploring opportunities to further integrate with other NTD alliances.



Deliverables

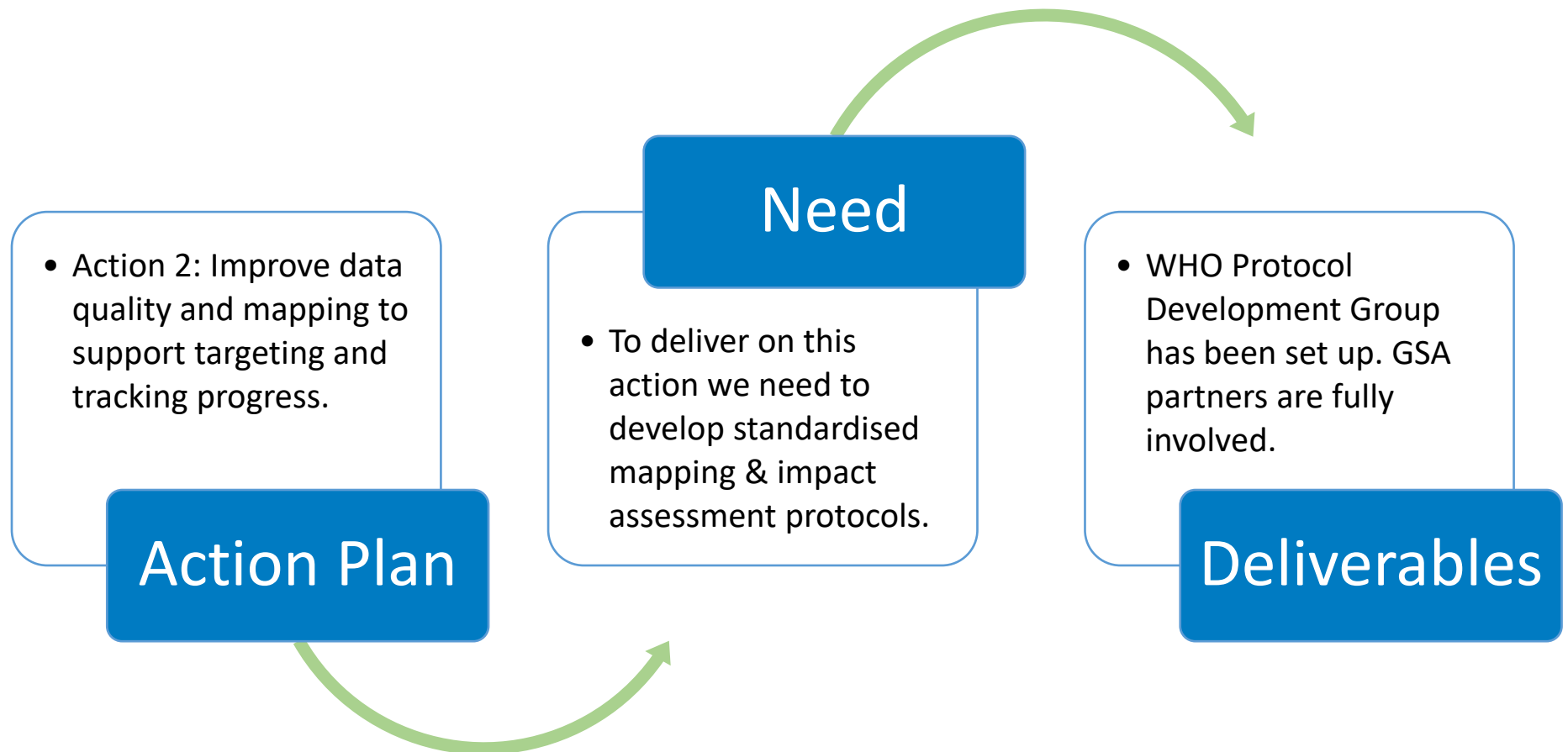
- Align to WHO 2030 NTD Roadmap and identify priorities to drive the agenda forward.
- A GSA long-term strategy focused on elimination.

Theme: Implementation and Impact

Improve mapping & Impact assessment



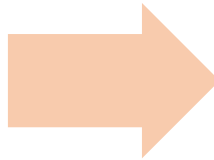
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Next Steps and Deliverables 2020

Next Steps

- GSA will continue to support WHO Protocol Development group where needed.
- GSA M&E working group, working with ESPEN, to review need for interim guiding principles to coordinate M&E between partners and countries.



Deliverables

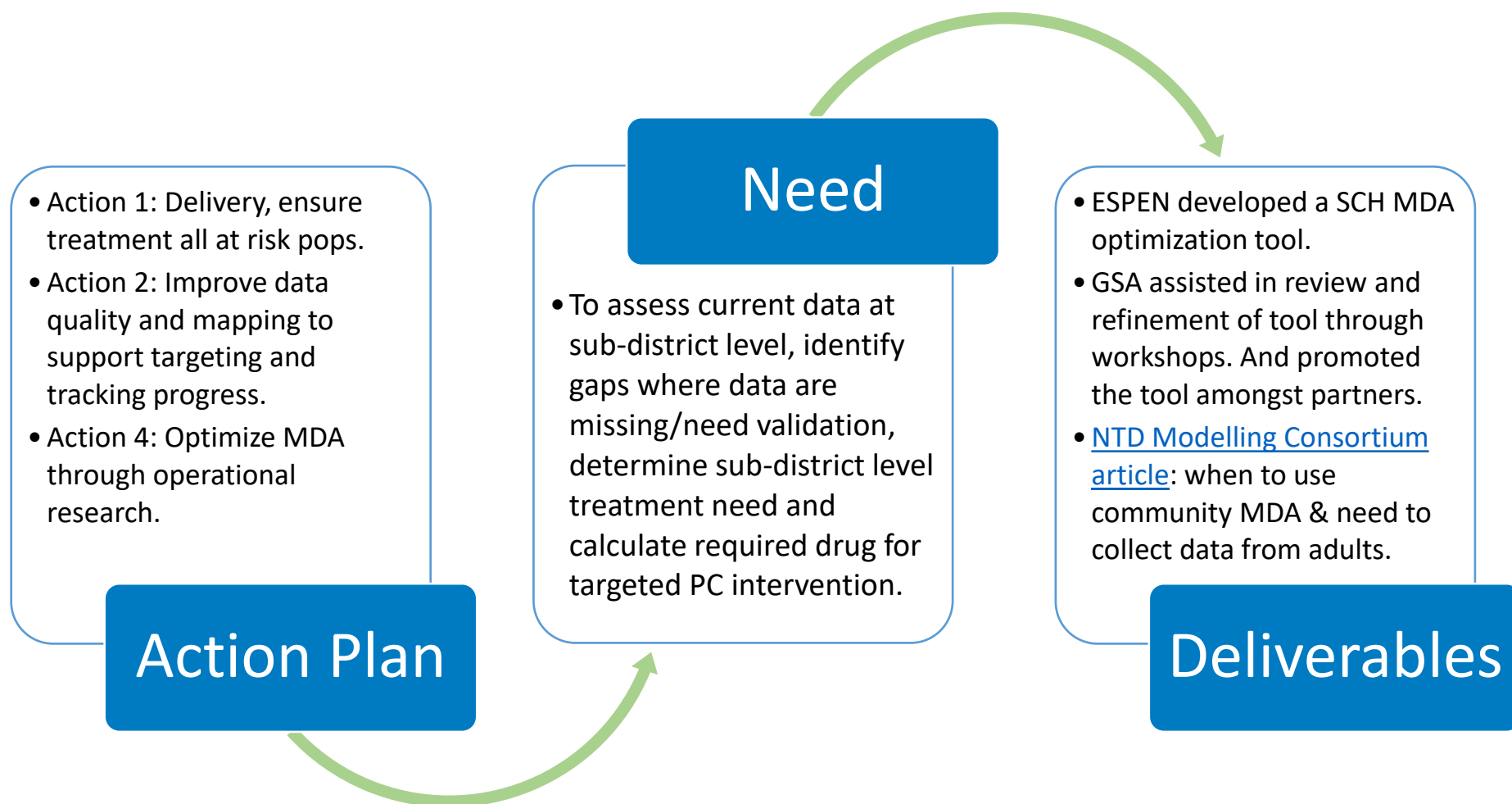
- Agreed interim guiding principles to coordinate M&E activities between GSA partners and countries.
- Provisional plan of priority task items relating to M&E aligned to WHO 2030 NTD Roadmap.
- WHO protocols developed and tested for mapping and impact assessments.

Theme: Implementation and Impact

Improve treatment distribution based on good quality data



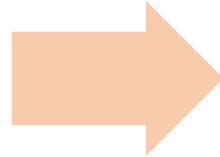
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Next Steps and Deliverables 2020

Next Steps

- ESPEN MDA Optimization Tool, a data analysis and decision tree tool is being rolled out in countries. Careful training is needed to ensure proper application of decision tree.
- GSA to encourage partners to become familiar with and promote new tool.
- GSA partners to support ESPEN as needed with training and information sharing.
- GSA partners to give feedback to ESPEN on tool use and improvement.



Deliverables

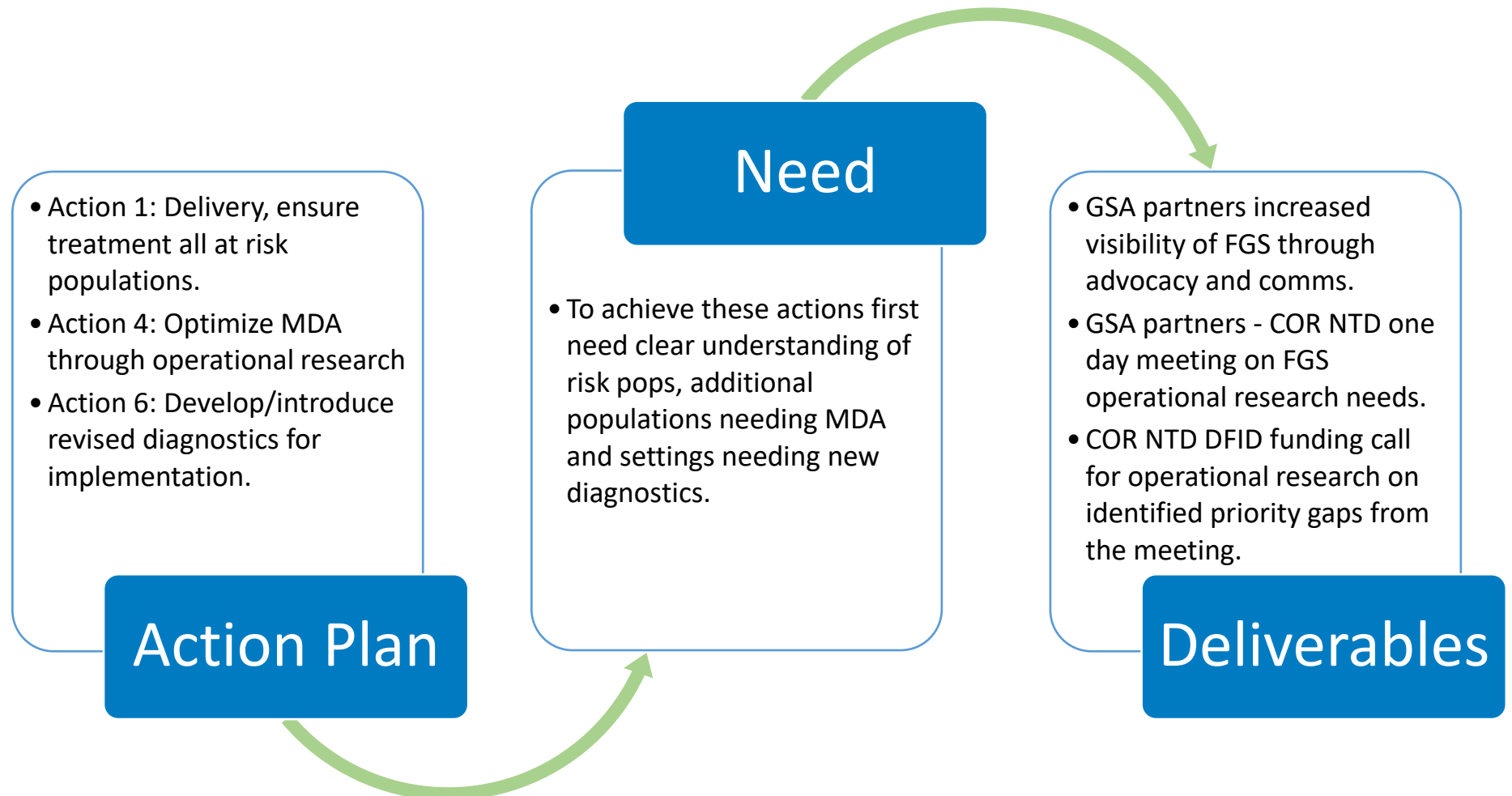
- Support to establish SCH MDA optimization tool as a tool to be used by WHO AFRO countries, feeding into next JAP.
- Online dissemination of and training on SCH MDA optimization tool supported where possible by GSA.

Theme: Research

Reaching high risk adults – Female Genital Schistosomiasis Focus



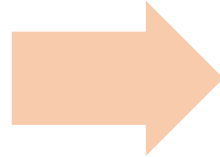
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Next Steps and Deliverables 2020

Next Steps

- GSA partners to review FGS priority actions developed from COR NTD meeting.
- GSA partners to identify advocacy, funding and partners needed to address FGS needs.
- GSA to support and strengthen “on the ground” work on FGS & MGS.
- GSA partners to review high risk adults in need of treatment.
- Research working group to look at research priorities for elimination.



Deliverables

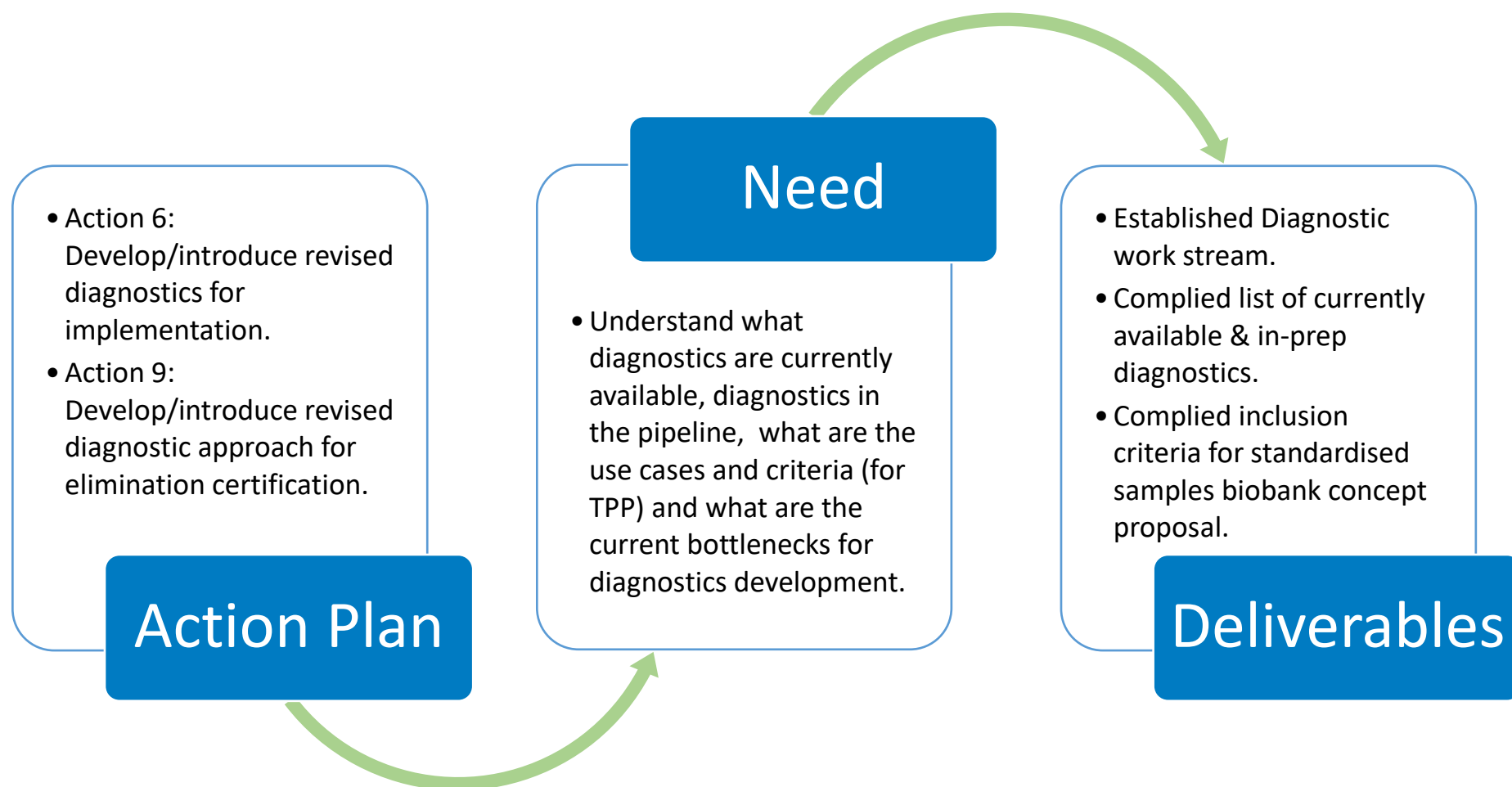
- GSA partners follow up meeting on FGS.
- GSA draft plan on FGS.
- GSA to mobilize a cross-cutting workstream on FGS and MGS.
- Establishing a group on research aspects of Elimination.

Themes: Cross-cutting Implementation & Impact and Research

Diagnostics for schistosomiasis interventions and surveillance



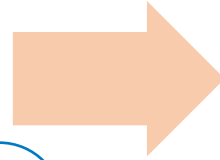
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Next Steps and Deliverables 2020

Next Steps

- Draft and review briefing paper for list of currently available diagnostics.
- Consult with schistosomiasis and other biobank experts on regulatory and legal requirements for repository.
- Use GSA partner contacts to identify where samples that meet repository criteria may currently be stored and establish interest in cross-lab repository.
- Draft concept proposal on sample repository for schistosomiasis diagnostic evaluation.
- Consult and review on the element of access to diagnostics.



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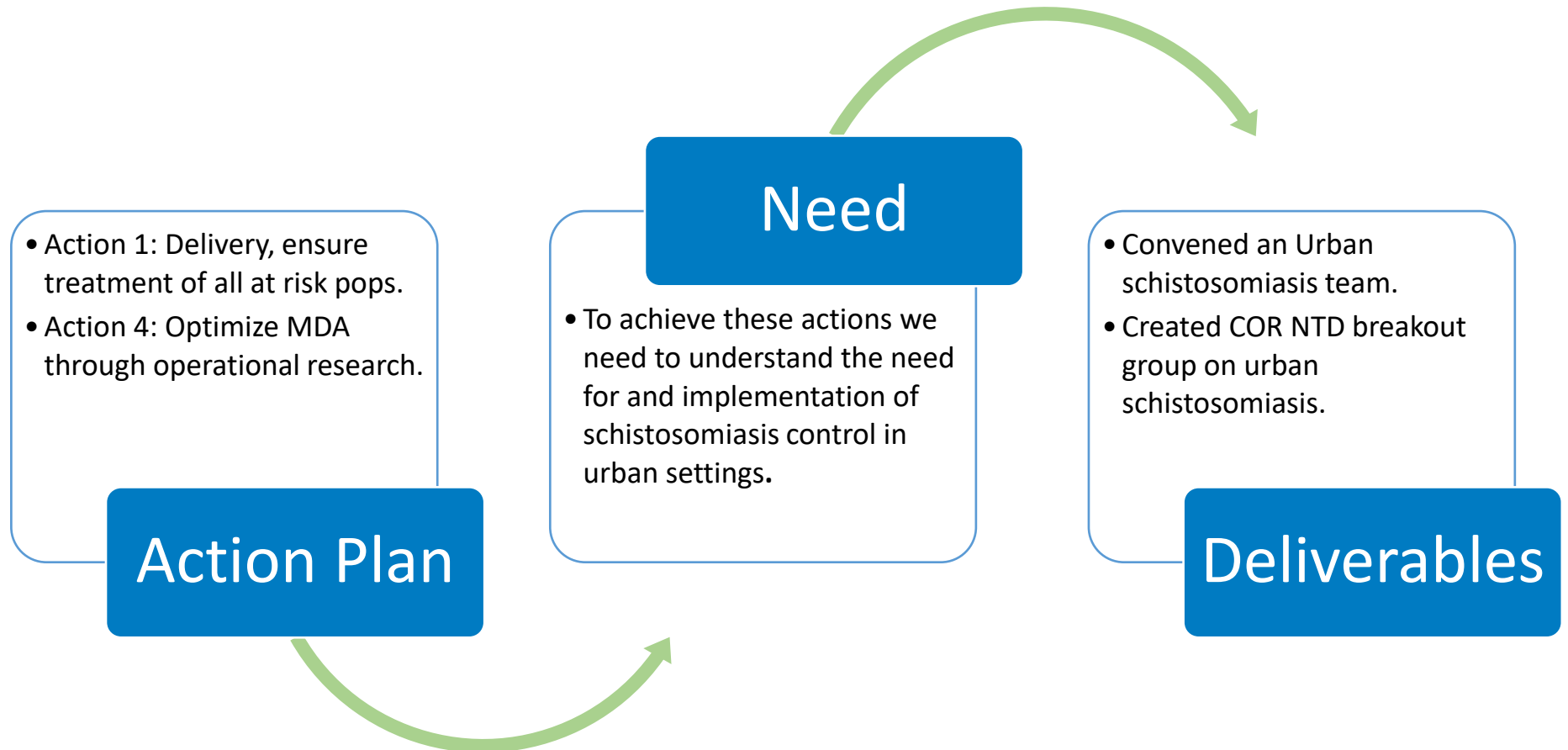
- Briefing paper on currently available diagnostics.
- Draft concept proposal for standardised sample repository for diagnostic evaluation..

Theme: Research

Urban schistosomiasis



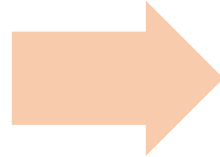
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Next Steps and Deliverables 2020

Next Steps

- Circulate draft literature review on urban schistosomiasis to work stream for input.
- Submit for publication.
- Review next steps and needs on delivering interventions for urban schistosomiasis.



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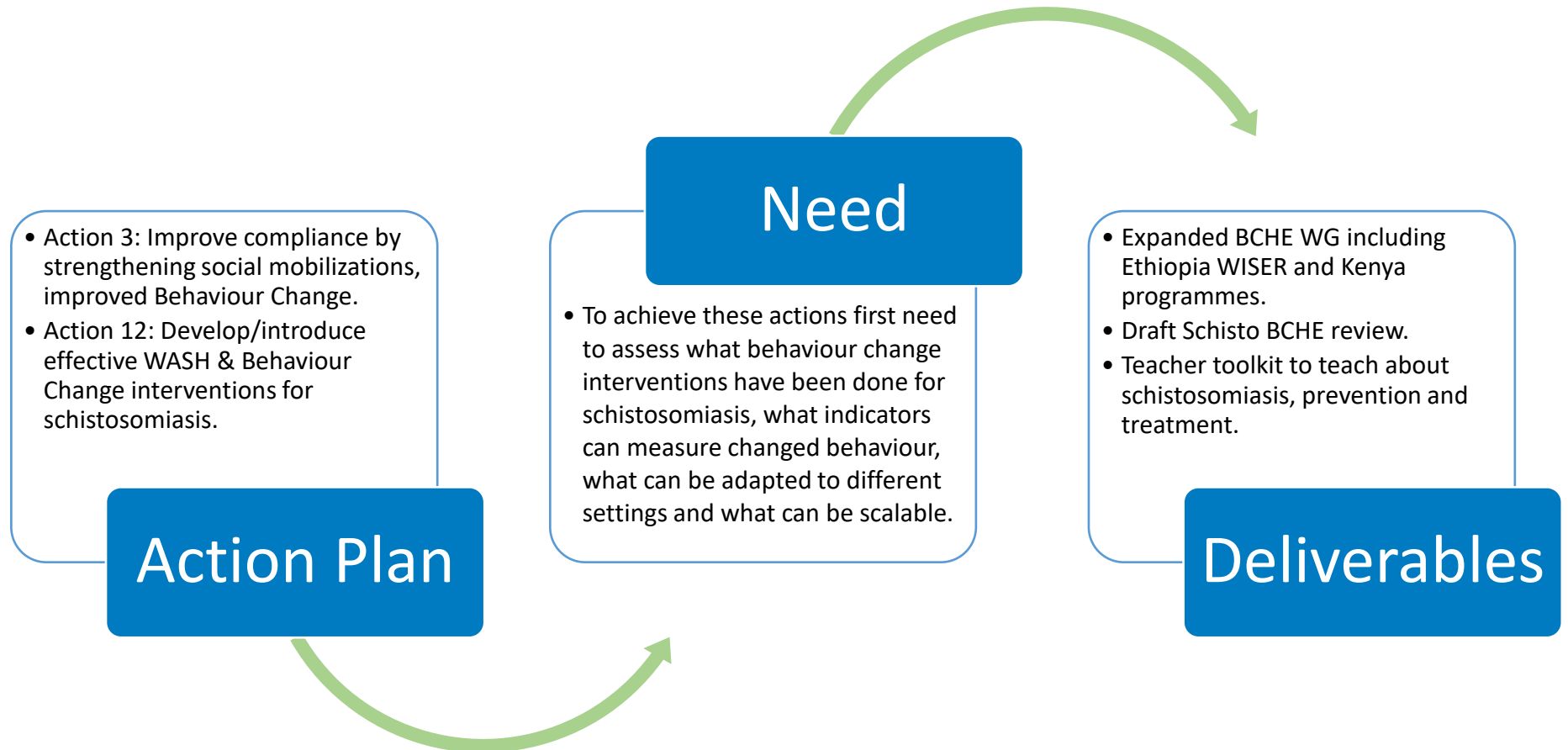
- Publication literature review on urban schistosomiasis.
- Key gaps identified for urban schistosomiasis.

Theme: Crosscutting Implementation & Impact and Research

Behaviour Change interventions and tools



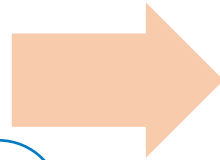
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Next Steps and Deliverables 2020

Next Steps

- BCHE WG to look at school-based teacher toolkit and discuss what other resources can be added to webpage.
- Link Teacher Toolkit to WASH toolkit.
- BCHE WG to publish review of SCH & BC.
- BCHE to engage with NNN WASH BC task team to develop SCH indicators.
- Team to look at NTD Support Center request for SCH BC operational research priorities and longitudinal designed studies.



Deliverables

- Publish review of SCH BC.
- Promote GSA Teacher Toolkit and related health education & behaviour change tools/resource.
- Establish collaboration with NNN WASH BC task team on SCH indicators.

Theme: Communication and Advocacy



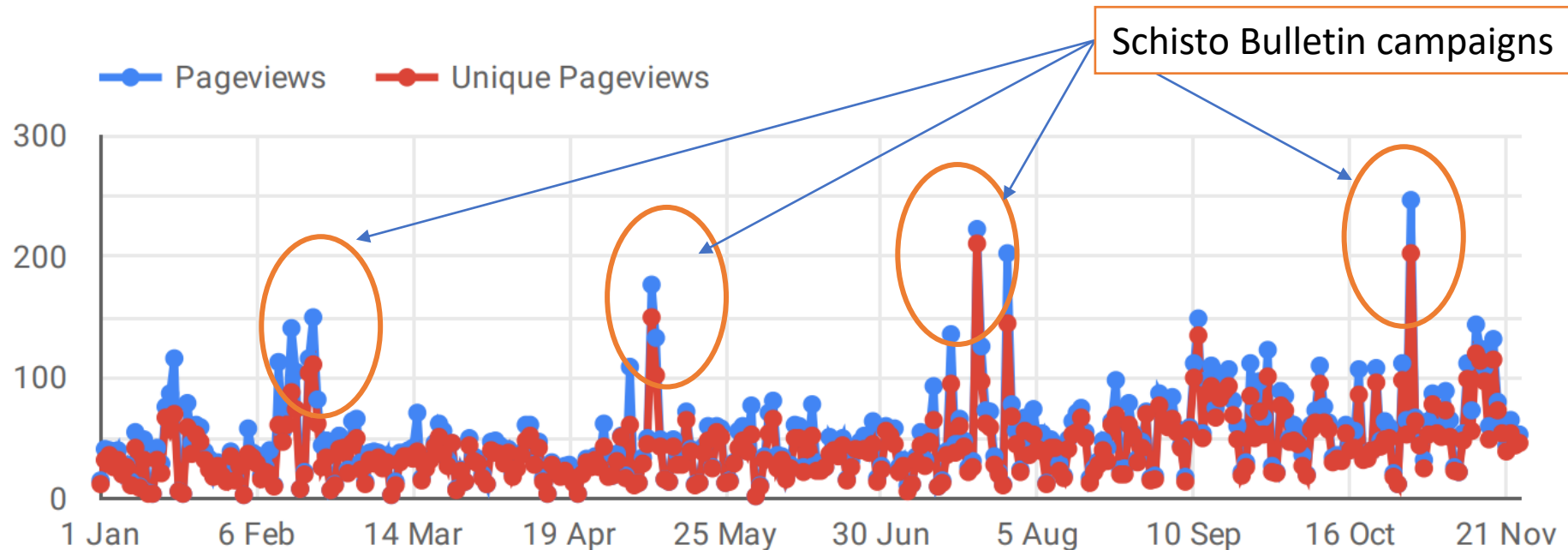
GSA Website Redesign

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



- The new website was launched on 24th of October 2018 with the aim of being the One-Stop-Shop for all things schistosomiasis.
- 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 to enable schistosomiasis collaborations.

GSA Website Use and Mailing List Campaigns



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16,520

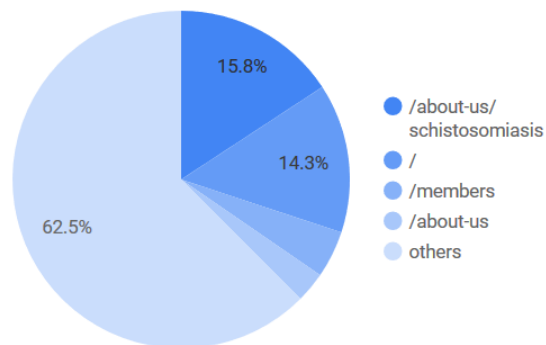
Unique Pageviews
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Avg. Time on Page
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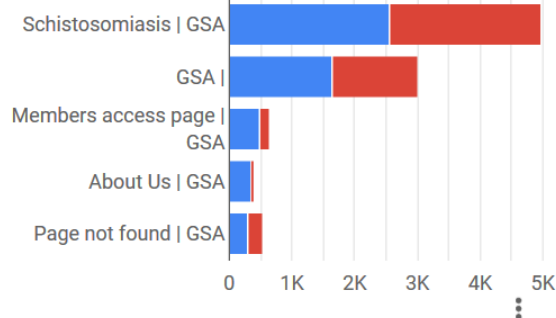
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Page	Pageviews
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2. /	2,904
3. /members	916
4. /about-us	591
5. /working-groups	519
6. /resources	451
7. /news-events	422
8. /news-events/events/female-gen...	373
9. /user/register	349
10. /working-groups/research	285

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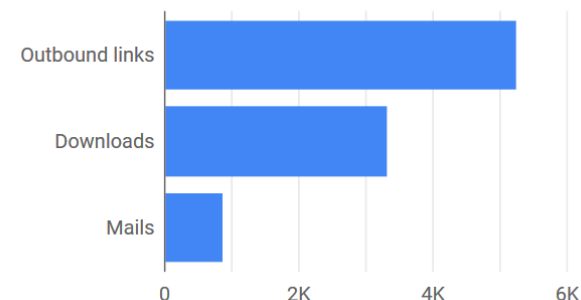
Page Title



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1. Schistosomiasis GSA	3,231
2. GSA	2,980
3. Members access page GSA	966
4. About Us GSA	591
5. Working Groups GSA	539
6. Resources GSA	457
7. Female Genital Schistosomiasis: ...	450
8. News & Events GSA	425
9. Page not found GSA	397
10. Register GSA	351

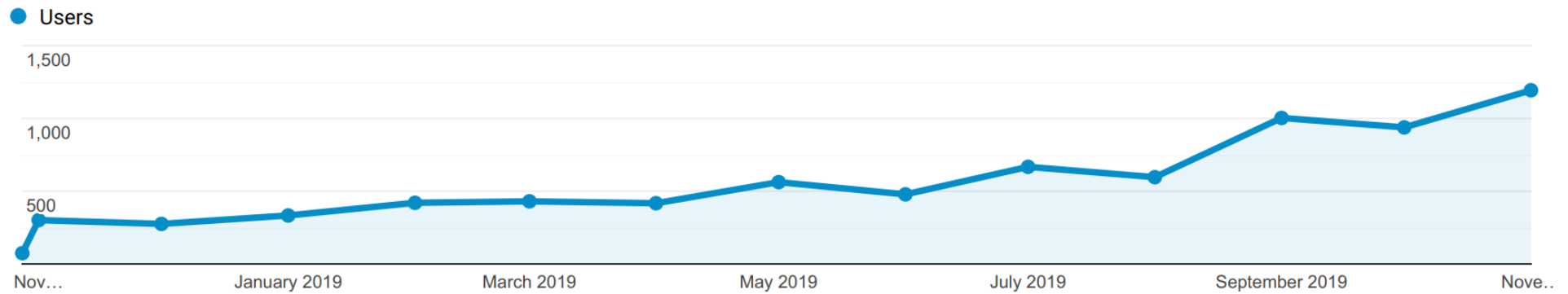
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Event Category

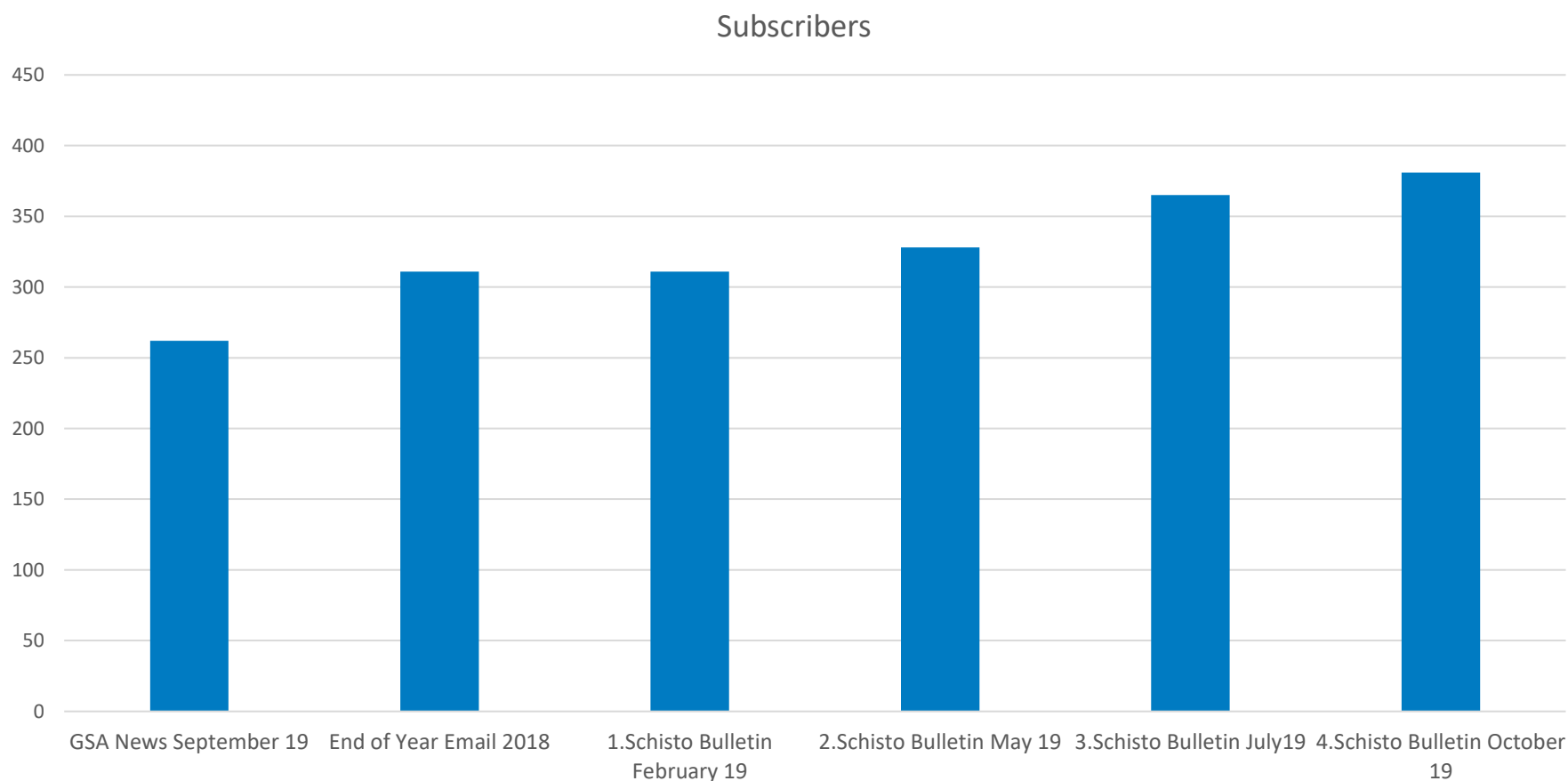


Event Category	Pageviews
1. Outbound links	5,259
2. Downloads	3,325
3. Mails	885

GSA Website - Users



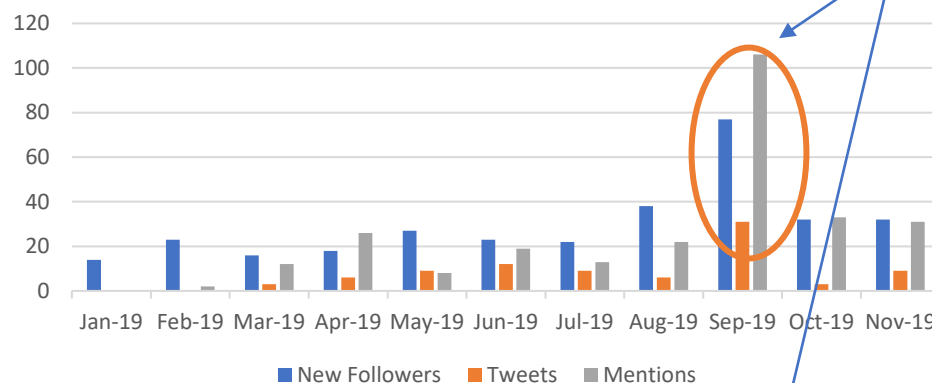
GSA Mailing List Campaigns - subscribers



GSA Social Media – Twitter and Facebook

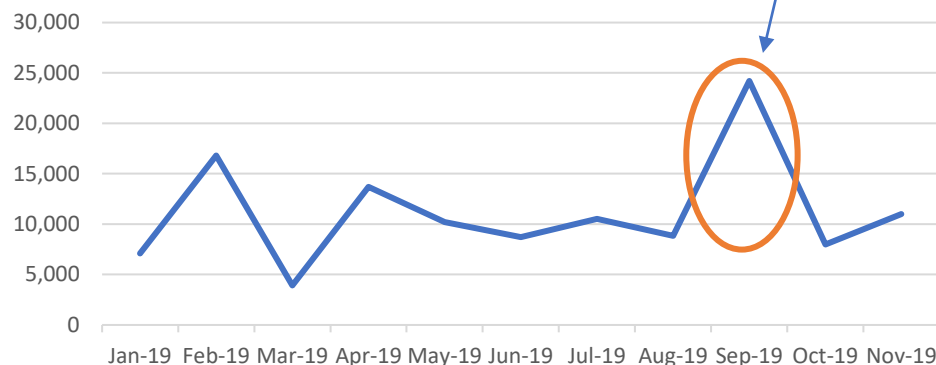
GSA at NNN & ECTMIH

Twitter



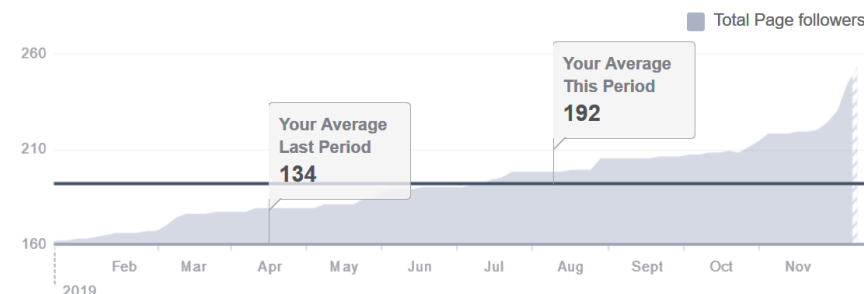
Twitter: @elimin8schisto, joined in January 2016 and has 1,335 followers and counting.

Tweet Impressions



Facebook: Global Schistosomiasis Alliance page, 253 followers, 240 like this page.

Total Page followers as of today: 253



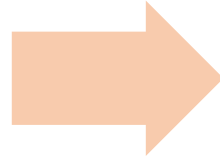
Examples of use of GSA platform in 2019



Next Steps and Deliverables 2020

Next Steps

- Review use of website, what is being used, what can be improved, and develop a plan to increase website use.
- Trial a SCH Research Update email.
- Develop online training opportunities for GSA partners and schistosomiasis community.
- Promote new WHO 2030 Roadmap.
- Promote World NTD Day.
- Promote 2020 achievements for schistosomiasis.



Deliverables

- Implement plan to accelerate increase in website traffic and improve online communication (including online training).
- Introduce a customer relations management (CRM) system to track GSA communications and requests from partners and stakeholders.

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GSA leadership and organization

Leadership & Operations

- Prof. David Rollinson (Director)
- Dr. Johannes Waltz (Strategy and Finance Director)
- Dr. Anouk N. Gouvras (Communications and Programme Manager)
- Ms. Katharina Klohe (Programme Manager)

Assurance

- The GSA enters its fifth full year of operations. It relies 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 works closely with schistosomiasis stakeholders, WHO observers, and the NTD community to lead and coordinate the delivery of the key themes and outputs for 2020 and to ensure priorities are determined and objectives achieved.

Working group & work stream chairs

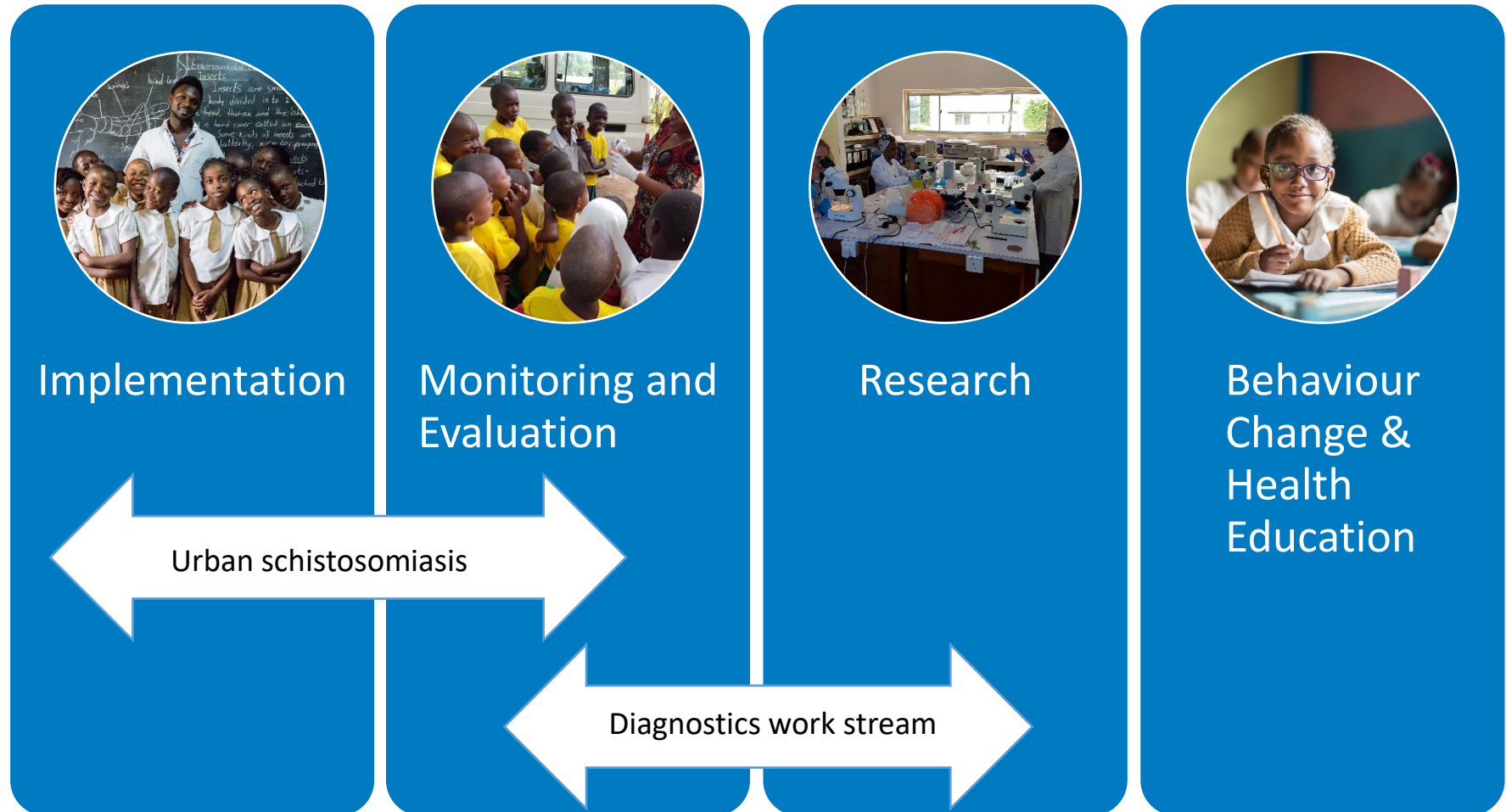


Diagnostic work
stream: Ms Sarah
Nogaro & Mr Moses
Adriko (2019)



Urban
schistosomiasis: Dr
Benjamin Koudou &
Ms Katharina Klohe

GSA Working groups and streams



GSA executive and management team

Prof. David Rollinson, Director



Merit researcher and head of the WHO collaborating centre on schistosomiasis at the Natural history Museum of London

Dr. Johannes Waltz, Strategy and Finance Director



The GSA's strategic and finance director alongside his work at Merck

Dr. Anouk Gouvras, Communication and Programme Manager



Schistosomiasis expert, experienced communication and programme manager

Ms. Katharina Klohe, Programme Manager



Experienced global health consultant and science programme manager

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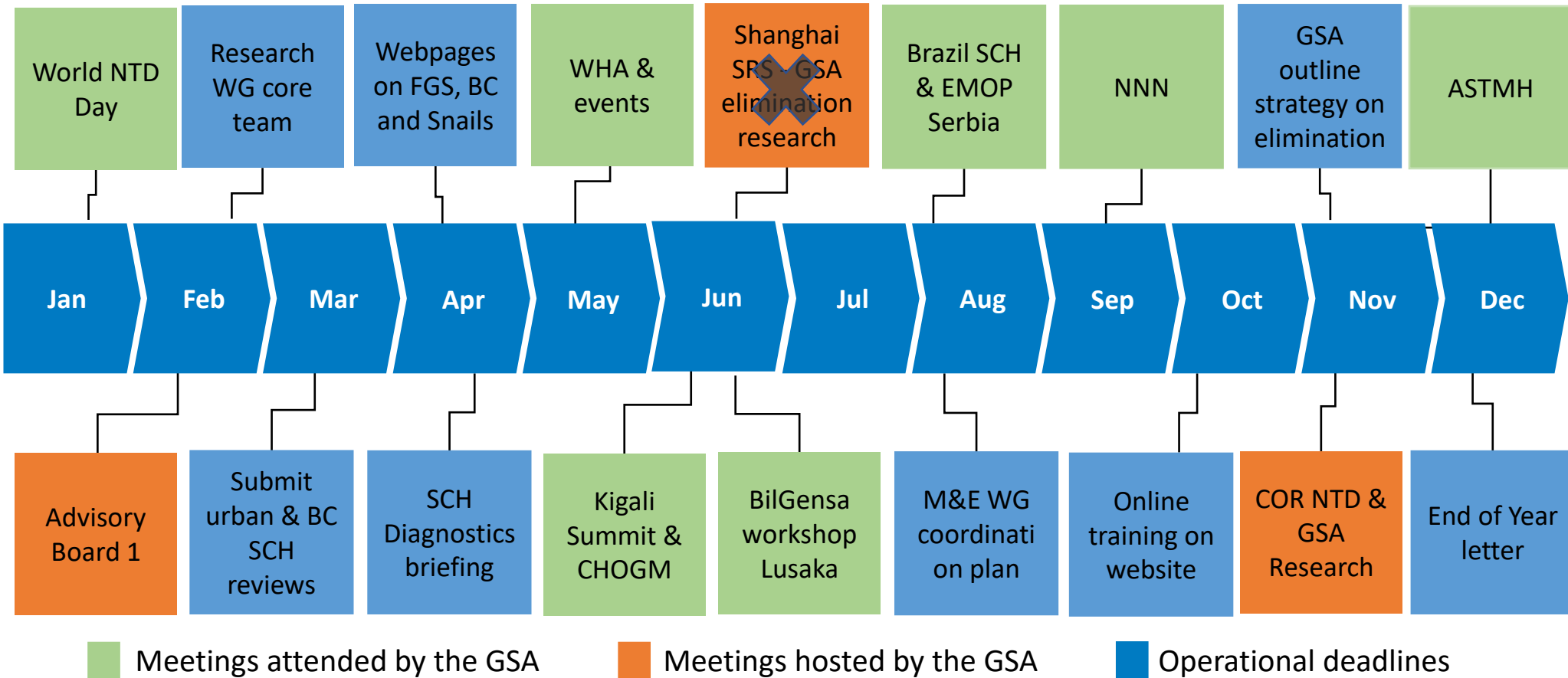
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Key milestones have been identified for GSA in 2020

Additional activities fall within working groups.



 Cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

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- ASTMH – American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
- BCHE – Behaviour Change Health Education
- BC – Behaviour Change
- CIFF – Children’s Investment Fund Foundation
- CDC – USA Center of Disease Control
- CHOGM – Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
- COR NTD – Coalition for Operational Research for NTDs
- DFID – UK Department For International Development
- ECTMIH – European Congress Tropical Medicines and International Health
- EMOP – European Multicolloquium of Parasitology
- ESPEN – Expanded Special Project for Elimination of NTDs
- FGS – Female Genital Schistosomiasis
- GSA – Global Schistosomiasis Alliance
- Kenya BTS – Kenya Breaking Transmission Strategy
- MDA – Mass Drug Administration
- M&E – Monitoring and Evaluation
- NIPD – China National Institute for Parasitic Diseases
- NTDs – Neglected Tropical Diseases
- NNN – NTD NGO Network
- OR – Operational Research
- PC – Preventative Chemotherapy
- SCI – Schistosomiasis Control Initiative Foundation
- SCH – Schistosomiasis
- Shanghai SRS – Shanghai Surveillance and Response Systems
- STAG – Strategic and Technical Advisory Group
- Swiss TPH – Swiss Tropical Medicine and Public Health Institute
- USAID – U.S. Agency for International Development
- WASH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- WISER – Water Infrastructure for Schistosomiasis Endemic Regions
- WG – Working Group
- WHA – World Health Assembly
- WHO – World Health Organization
- WHO HQ – WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland
- WHO AFRO – WHO Regional Office for Africa
- WHO EMRO – WHO Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean
- WHO SEARO – WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia
- WHO WPRO – WHO Regional Office for Western Pacific