Annual Report
2020 and
Operational
Strategy for
2021

February 2021





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The Global Schistosomiasis Alliance





The Global Schistosomiasis Alliance

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, in our Working Groups (WG) & through the GSA Members Network.













































*Observer status



GSA strategy and WHO roadmap

The GSA Schistosomiasis Strategic Action Plan developed by the schistosomiasis community informed the schistosomiasis targets and actions of the new WHO Road map. Following the launch of the WHO 2021-2030 road map the Alliance will develop a 5 year strategy to support the WHO 2030 schistosomiasis targets.

2018

- London GSA stakeholder meeting "Moving Schistosomiasis out of the red"
- Endorsement of a Schistosomiasis Strategic Action Plan to be housed by the GSA
- GSA activities and working groups aligned to GSA Strategic Action Plan

2019

- Addis Ababa GSA WHO stakeholder meeting "<u>Accelerating Progress for Schistosomiasis Control and</u> Elimination Post-2020"
- Inform WHO road map and schistosomiasis targets for 2030

2020

• COVID-19 pandemic and WHO 2030 NTD Road map draft released and endorsed by the WHA

2020

- Launch of the WHO Road map 2021 2030
- GSA 5 year strategy 2021-2025

2021



GSA COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Start of Pandemic

- Disruption caused by COVID-19
 Pandemic
- Pandemic interrupted treatment programmes. COVID-19 raised different challenges for organizations.
- Organizations were mobilizing different actions.
- Rapid communication and coordination was needed.

GSA Actions

- Rapidly coordinated, collated and disseminated impact of COVID-19 outbreaks and restrictions on partner activities to GSA network and schistosomiasis community, including ESPEN and WHO.
- Utilized GSA Ambassador
 Programme and GSA working
 groups for increased
 transparency on impact of COVID 19 on partner and country
 activities, related to
 interventions, M&E surveys and
 research projects.

Continued support & transparency

- Utilize GSA Ambassador
 Programme to inform alliance and countries of SCH programme status, challenges and strategies.
- Promote WHO guidance and courses for COVID-19 and NTDs.
- Facilitate coordination between partners and countries where necessary. Sharing of COVID-19 mitigation best practices.
- Increase clarity & transparency of differential impact of COVID-19 on SCH programmes, including additional costs for implementation and cross-cutting benefits (e.g. increased WASH provision).



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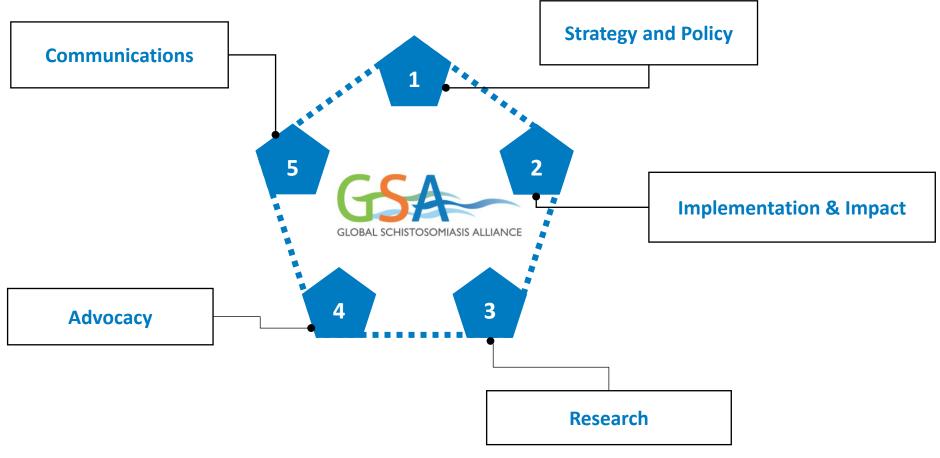
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GSA key interconnected themes

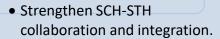
The GSA's activities fall into 5 interconnected themes. The following slides summarize key achievements in 2020 (green) and next steps for 2021 (orange).





Advisory Board Key Points and GSA Advice

Advisory Board 2020



- Defining "urban", "peri-urban" settings and defining different intervention needs in these settings.
- Strengthen and coordinate engagement national programme managers and teams in endemic countries.
- Consider online training and live communication platforms to strengthen community of practice and build capacity.
- Consider bringing together the community on schistosomiasis elimination and breaking transmission (IoT).

Taken forward

- Working with STH Coalition & CWW on COR NTD workshop and communication piece.
- Published Urban Schistosomiasis review. Supported development of research project led by Benjamin Koudou.
- Set up GSA Ambassador Programme to engage with country teams. WG & WS expanding in country team representatives.
- Set up schistosomiasis webinars with ISNTD. Added Toolbox Forum to M&E WG. Set up GS CoP.
- Set up schistosomiasis elimination & IoT focused workshops with COR NTD, bringing country updates. Set up Elimination work stream.

How we will build on this

- Work with SCH-STH stakeholders on integration opportunities.
- Closed Urban work stream, considering incorporating urban in GSA WGs.
- Develop GSA Ambassador
 Programme, positive feedback
 on info sharing. Continue to
 expand WG & Ws with country
 reps.
- Continuing webinars. Add Toolbox Forum to other groups. Build online webinars and support online training where appropriate.
- Building Elimination work stream and ensure elimination & IoT crosses WGs (E.g. M&E Framework includes elimination & IoT).



Summary of key deliverables 2020 – by theme

Strategy & Policy

Elimination and Integration in the context of COVID-19

Fed into the WHO NTD Road Map

Fed into the WHO guidance for NTDs in the context of COVID-19

Implementation & Impact

Donor report on the operational research needs to support development of a SCH M&E Framework

COR NTD workshops on operational research for SCH Elimination & M&E Framework

Development of an Engineering Working Group

Information brief on SCH diagnostics

GSA-NNN WASH Behaviour change collaboration.

Research

Publication on treatment needs of all age groups

Publication on urban schistosomiasis review

Publication on economic evaluations of interventions

Development of a Snail research and control work stream

COR NTD workshop on Fake News and Trust in NTD Programs

Development of a Genital Schistosomiasis community of practice network.

Advocacy

Development of a GSA Ambassador Programme

Promoted World NTD Day 2020

WHO NTD Road map draft 2030

Promoted building back better from COVID-19

Promoted Research and Innovation needs for schistosomiasis elimination 2030.

Communication

COVID-19 communication

GSA Research Update newsletter

GSA – ISNTD Connect Webinars



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COVID-19 communication

 Rapidly coordinated, collated and disseminated impact of COVID-19 outbreaks and restrictions on partner activities to GSA network. Used by WHO AFRO and ESPEN and promoted greater communication and coordination between NTD partners and countries.

Diagnostics Information Piece on SCH Diagnostics

• GSA Diagnostic workstream created information piece on all current commercially available diagnostics. Disseminated to the GSA network and is on the website.

M&E Framework Development of SCH M&E Framework

COR NTD - GSA coordinated four meetings on operational research (OR) for SCH control and elimination and supported
defining the priority OR needs for the development of an M&E framework. The consolidated report was submitted to the COR
NTD donors.

Webinars

GSA – ISNTD Connect Webinars.

- GSA partnered with ISNTD to deliver a series of schistosomiasis focused webinars using the ISNTD Connect platform
- Eight webinars were delivered. For details see page 43.

New Groups GSA 4 i

GSA 4 new groups with specific remits

• GSA Ambassador Programme. Engineering Working Group. Snail Research and Control workstream. Community of Practice network on Genital Schistosomiasis.

Trust in NTDs

COR NTD workshop on Fake News and Trust in NTD Programs

 Research WG COR NTD premeeting workshop and meeting breakout group set up to discuss reported challenges from stakeholders of community trust in health programs (public health and biomedical research), lessons learns and potential tools to mitigate misinformation and mistrust.



GSA Multi-Stakeholder Platform

Examples of work undertaken upon request from the community to use the GSA platform.

WHO

- SCH Operational Research Inventory.
- Panellist in WHO Partnership Webinar.
- Consultation on the WHO COVID-19 -NTD guidance.

COR NTD

 Content coordinator for schistosomiasis sessions at COR NTD.

ESPEN

 Support Training and Programme Managers Meeting.

Stakeholders

• Community of Practice to share updates, challenges, learnings for Genital Schistosomiasis.



Summary of key deliverables 2021 – by theme

Strategy & Policy

GSA 5 year strategy supporting WHO NTD Road map 2030

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Performance Framework for GSA operational strategy.

Implementation & Impact

Praziquantel Coordination Tool

Elimination work stream and opinion piece

M&E draft Survey Standards

Refinement and consultation on SCH M&E Framework

Collection of current Engineering practices for prevention of SCH

Research

GSA meeting on elimination research

Biobank concept document for diagnostics

Online snail research protocol and resource collection

Genital SCH CoP meeting

Advocacy

World NTD Day

Coordination of Praziquantel

Building back better from COVID-19

Effective & efficient integration of SCH and STH with health systems

Cross-sectoral training and capacity building for SCH elimination

Communication

Launch of WHO NTD Road map 2030 in collaboration with WHO

GSA campaigns to promote GSA Platform, webinars and Resource Collections.

GSA website review with action plan for improved visibility & traffic.



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Theme: Strategy and Policy

With the end of the previous WHO NTD road map, launch of the new WHO 2021-2030 NTD road map and supporting strategy documents on sustainability, M&E and SCH guidelines, this is the opportune time to review progress made against the GSA Strategic Action Plan, and develop a 5 year strategy for the Alliance.

- Strategy and policy plans for 2020 were put on hold as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded and communication & coordination in the context of COVID-19 took priority.
- Following the launch of the WHO 2021-2030 NTD road map on the 28th of January this is the opportune time to review progress and develop new strategies and policies for schistosomiasis elimination.
- Strategy & Policy next steps and deliverables planned for 2021 are:
 - Review progress made against the GSA Strategic Action Plan
 - GSA stakeholder consultation meeting to develop strategic plan for 2021-2025 and beyond.
 - GSA 5 year strategy 2021-2025



GSA influence and outputs format

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 collaborations with WHO WG/activities. The outputs are covered by 3 slides: Two on the 2020 outputs and 1 on next steps and deliverables for 2021. The format will be repeated for each output.

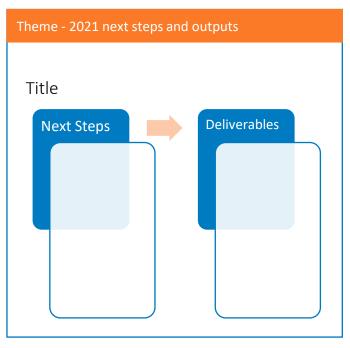
First slide summarizes the key 2020 output



Second slide highlights details of the 2020 output



Third slide outlines next steps and deliverables for 2021





Developing an M&E Framework





Developing an M&E Framework: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

- Action 2: Improve data quality and mapping to support targeting and tracking progress.
- Action 4: Optimize MDA through operational research and adjustments based on existing research.

Action Plan

Need

 A M&E framework that encompasses both Elimination as a Public Health Problem (EPHP) and Interruption of Transmission (IoT) and that enables Ministries of Health to measure programmatically meaningful progress toward achieving their goals and empowering strategic, evidence-based decision-making.

- GSA coordinated four large meetings on operational research (OR) for SCH elimination and the development of an M&E framework. Access here.
- Developed OR priority needs for the development of an M&E framework.
- The consolidated report was submitted to the COR NTD donors. Access here.



Developing an M&E Framework: Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- GSA partners, M&E WG & wider community discussion and feedback on the need for a M&E framework and identified operational research needs.
- GSA M&E WG, working with WHO, ESPEN and the wider SCH community to develop a set of M&E survey standards to coordinate M&E between partners and countries.

- Potential M&E WG deliverables: A community consultation on a draft M&E framework.
- Draft set of survey standards for countries and partners.



Improve treatment distribution based on good quality data





Improve treatment distribution based on good quality data: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

- Action 1: Delivery achieve full scale-up of treatment coverage among populations requiring interventions.
- Action 2: Improve data quality and mapping to support targeting and tracking progress.

Action Plan

Need

 Effectively coordinate PZQ supplies and distribution across multiple organizations and countries, to ensure effective use of PZQ, facilitate inventory check, identify gaps and avoid duplication of effort.

- Reviewed previous Donor
 Coordination Tool and drafted potential leveraging of this tool,
 NTDeliver and GeoConnect to track
 PZQ supply and distribution, and support inventory management.
- Identified and engaged stakeholders for a workstream to develop a PZQ Coordination Tool.
- <u>Economic Evaluations of</u>
 <u>Schistosomiasis Interventions</u>
 publication.



Improve treatment distribution based on good quality data: Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- Bring together identified key stakeholders and ESPEN to review PZQ Coordination Tool.
- Collate feedback and explore development of current PZQ Coordination tool.
- Bring together identified key stakeholders for Interruption of Transmission (IoT).
- Develop an Elimination workstream for countries and their supporting partners who are transitioning to Interruption of Transmission targets.

- Development and roll-out of PZQ Coordination Tool version 1
- Establish an Elimination workstream with a workplan for countries to share strategies and protocols to reach Interruption of Transmission (IoT).



Behaviour Change interventions and tools





Behaviour Change interventions and tools: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

- Action 3: Improve compliance by strengthening social mobilizations, improved Behaviour Change.
- Action 12: Develop/introduce effective WASH & Behaviour Change interventions for schistosomiasis.

Action Plan

Need

• To achieve these actions first need to assess what behaviour change interventions have been done for schistosomiasis, what indicators can measure changed behaviour, what can be adapted to different settings and what can be scalable.

- Updated SCH BCHE review.
- NNN-GSA Behaviour Change project survey- mapped current projects.
- NNN and GSA partners working on Behaviour change tool kit.
- SCH behaviour change logic model developed and reviewed by GSA BCHE WG.



Behaviour Change interventions and tools: Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- Submit SCH Behaviour Change review.
- Working with the NNN develop first version of NNN Behaviour Change Toolkit and circulate for feedback.
- GSA BCHE WG to review first version of Behaviour change Toolkit.

- Publish review of SCH BC.
- Working with the NNN First version of NNN Behaviour Change Toolkit at NNN meeting



Diagnostics for schistosomiasis interventions and surveillance





Diagnostics for schistosomiasis interventions and surveillance: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

- Action 6: Develop/introduce revised diagnostics for implementation.
- Action 9: Develop/introduce revised diagnostic approach for elimination certification.

Action Plan

Need

 Understand what diagnostics are currently available, diagnostics in the pipeline, what are the use cases and criteria (for TPP) and what are the current bottlenecks for diagnostics development. Produced and circulated information piece on current commercially available diagnostics.
 Accessible here.



Diagnostics for schistosomiasis interventions and surveillance: Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- Consult with schistosomiasis and other biobank experts on regulatory and legal requirements for repository.
- Draft concept proposal on sample repository for schistosomiasis diagnostic evaluation.
- Consult and review on the element of access to diagnostics.

- Draft concept proposal for standardised sample repository for diagnostic evaluation.
- Increased awareness of diagnostics under development and the requirements of the new Target Product Profile (TPP)



Engineering Working Group





Engineering Working Group: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

- Action 12: Develop/ introduce effective WASH & Behaviour Change interventions for schistosomiasis.
- Action 14: Develop multisectoral schistosomiasis action plans including WASH & Behaviour Change.

Action Plan

Need

 Need for technical guidance on prevention of schistosomiasis in infrastructure development and operation. Bring together engineers and non-engineers working on prevention of schistosomiasis focusing on the construction and operation of infrastructure or creation of new technologies.



Engineering Working Group: Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- Engineering Group with members from endemic countries and WASH sector.
- Collate relevant existing information
- Draft/share best practices
- Identify gaps in knowledge, and promote research

- Survey and analysis on what is current practice for preventing schistosomiasis in the design and implementation of infrastructure.
- To disseminate the best practices to relevant national (e.g. Ministries of Water, Health) and international organisations (e.g. WHO, NGO WASH teams).



Research Working Group: COVID-19 Pandemic and Misinformation Workshop





Research Working Group: COVID-19 Pandemic and Misinformation: Deliverables 2020

 Disruption caused by Covid-19 Pandemic.

Context

Need

- Pandemic spread of misinformation. Trust in health programs and biomedical research key to compliance and effective intervention.
- Need for tools and sharing of best practice to create resilient communities and effective health programs.

 Research WG developed and delivered a <u>COR NTD session</u> on <u>Fake News and Trust in the</u> <u>NTD Health Programs</u> working with Sightsavers, University of Glasgow, John Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs and Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation of Cameroon.



Research Working Group: Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

piece

- Fake News & Trust in NTD Programs opinion/communication
- Develop schistosomiasis elimination research focused meeting
- Explore how to support early career researchers

- Schistosomiasis elimination research meeting
- Delivery of Genital Schistosomiasis Community of Practice and Snail Research & Control work stream (outlined in the following slides)



Genital Schistosomiasis Focus





Genital Schistosomiasis Focus: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

- Action 1: Delivery, ensure treatment all at risk populations.
- Action 4: Optimize MDA through operational research
- Action 6: Develop/introduce revised diagnostics for implementation.

Action Plan

Need

 Numerous research projects are being undertaken to tackle
 Female Genital Schistosomiasis, from prevention, diagnostics and integration into health services. A forum is needed to disseminate findings, discuss challenges and share learnings.

- GSA Genital Schistosomiasis Community of Practice (CoP) network.
- Creation of online resource
 GSA Genital Schistosomiasis
 Collection



Genital Schistosomiasis Focus: Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- Set up first CoP call and establish regular opportunities to share information, findings and progress on diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.
- Online collection will be reviewed and new resources, reports and items added.
- Discussion to set up a wider network to disseminate updates, news and materials on GS to all stakeholders in the NTD, HIV, Cervical Cancer and reproductive health spheres

- Updated online resource collection for Genital Schistosomiasis
- Potential Sign-up form for those interested in receiving information on GS



Snail Research and Control work stream





Snail Research and Control workstream: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

 Action 10: Develop/ launch safer, cheaper and effective snail control technology.

Action Plan

Need

 Convene together those working on snail based control technologies and snail experts to map current projects, share protocols, and methodology and to build capacity.

- Workstream focused on Snail Research
- Liaising with WHO regarding Nagoya Protocol implications on molecular research for snails of biomedical importance.
- <u>VEuPathDB</u> has agreed to host snail genomes on their online database.



Snail Research and Control workstream: Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- Collecting protocols and databases for snail research.
- Setting up malacology expert group.
- Develop online resource collection with protocols and standard operating procedures for snail research and control.

- Snail Resource Collection on GSA website.
- Established malacology experts network across countries.



Urban schistosomiasis Work stream





Urban schistosomiasis: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

- Action 1: Delivery, ensure treatment of all at risk pops.
- Action 4: Optimize MDA through operational research.

Action Plan

Need

 To achieve these actions we need to understand the need for and implementation of schistosomiasis control in urban settings.

- Publication literature review on urban schistosomiasis – IN PRESS
- Workstream closed.



GSA and International Society for NTDs partnership on webinars





GSA and International Society for NTDs partnership on webinars: Action Plan and Deliverables 2020

Covid-19 restrictions on travel.
 Working from home meant
 reduced opportunities for
 symposiums, lectures and
 meetings.

Context

Need

 Promote and share schistosomiasis technical expertise, research findings and interventions activities across global health community. GSA – ISNTD new initiative to bring schistosomiasis focused webinars to the global health community. This year we ran a total of 8 webinars, covering Female Genital Schistosomiasis, WASH, climate change, pediatric praziquantel and more. Watch here.



ISNTD Connect GSA Series webinars



April 2020 164 live attendees / 575 YouTube views



September 2020 149 live attendees / 132 YouTube views



June 2020
177 live attendees / 183
YouTube views



October 2020 149 live attendees



July 2020

142 live attendees / 140

YouTube views



November 2020
214 live attendees / 164
YouTube views



August 2020 154 live attendees / 198 YouTube views



December 2020 155 live attendees / 249 YouTube views



Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- Plan next ISNTD webinars invite talks from the SCH community.
- Focus talks on early career researchers, SCH public health practitioners on the ground and new resources/tools to reach the WHO 2030 Roadmap goals.
- Explore French webinars and other languages (e.g. Lusophone)
- Discuss possibility of training webinars.

- Deliver diverse range of webinars for SCH community.
- Increase visibility & traffic to GSA website.



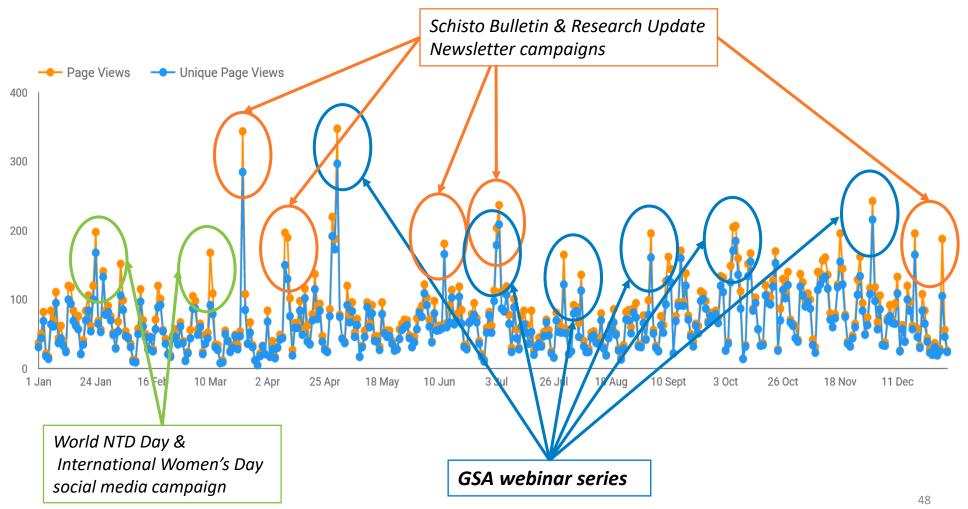
GSA website as a schistosomiasis news & resource hub







Daily Website Use linked to digital campaigns

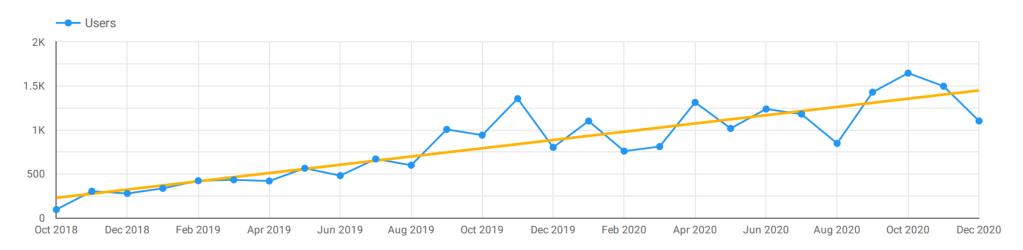






Users Sessions 20.9K 28.1K

1 Oct 2018 - 31 Dec 2020



Website use increase since 2018 launch

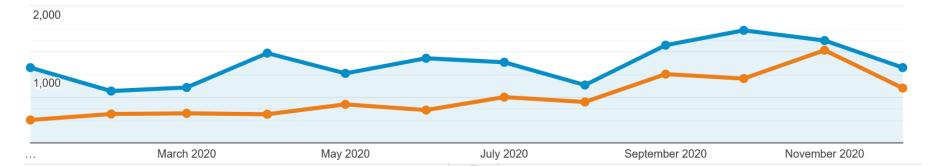




Monthly website use-Comparison 2020 to 2019

Hourly Day Week Month

01-Jan-2020 - 31-Dec-2020: • Users **01-Jan-2019 - 31-Dec-2019:** • Users



Users

73.61%

13,031 vs 7,506

Sessions

76.06%

17,330 vs 9,843

Page Views

49.08%

27,819 vs 18,661



Next Steps and Deliverables 2021

Next Steps

- Review meta data to increase visibility of GSA website on search engines and develop a plan to increase website use.
- Use social media and digital comms to promote new WHO 2030 Roadmap.
- Use social media and GSA newsletters to promote GSA website as a source of SCH resources.
- Support and promote online/remote training and courses for knowledge management.

- Increased visibility of website & website traffic.
- Increased social media and digital communications impact & reach.
- Support remote training and capacity building.



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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 on sabbatical)
- Ms. Kat Gulyas (Part-time digital communications support)

Assurance

• The GSA enters its sixth 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 2021 and to ensure priorities are determined and objectives achieved.



Working group & work stream chairs



Dr Fiona Fleming Monitoring & Evaluation



Prof Louis-Albert Tchuem-Tchuente Monitoring & Evaluation



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Dr Poppy Lamberton Research



Ms Willemijn Zaadnoordijk Behaviour Change



Dr Michael Templeton Engineering

Working Group Chairs



Diagnostic work stream: Dr Bonnie Webster & Dr Lisette van Leishout



Snails: Dr Nic Wheeler



Genital Schistosomiasis Network: Dr Amaya Bustinduy



GSA Working groups and Work streams



Implementation

Praziquantel Coordination

Elimination



Monitoring and Evaluation



Research

Snail Research & Control

Genital Schistosomiasis CoP

Diagnostics work stream



Behaviour Change & Health Education



Engineering



GSA Ambassador Programme

In the global effort to control and eliminate schistosomiasis there is an increasing need for countries to unite and share expertise in order to meet the goals and targets set by the new WHO NTD Roadmap 2021-2030 for schistosomiasis.

A multidisciplinary and multisectoral approach requires coordination and good communication to maximise benefits.

GSA Ambassadors enable a close interaction between GSA and MoH.



GSA Ambassador Programme launched



17 Ambassadors in 14 countries:

Benin, Cameroon, Eritrea, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Uganda, Zimbabwe



Current ambassadors are either the SCH focal point of programmes or experts that work with the programmes



Profiles can be viewed here:

https://www.eliminateschisto.org/workingtogether/how-we-work-an-alliance-workingtogether/gsa-ambassador-programme



GSA executive and management team



Prof. David Rollinson, Director, Schistosomiasis expert with extensive experience relating to the biology of schistosomes and snails and the control and elimination of disease in Africa.



Dr. Johannes Waltz, the GSA's strategic and finance director alongside his work at Merck



Dr. Anouk Gouvras,
Communications and
Programme Manager,
Schistosomiasis expert,
experienced communications
and programme manager

Katharina Klohe, Programme

Manager. Experienced global health consultant and science programme

manager. On Sabbatical

Operational support:

Kat Gulyas will take on the role of part-time digital communications support for 2021.



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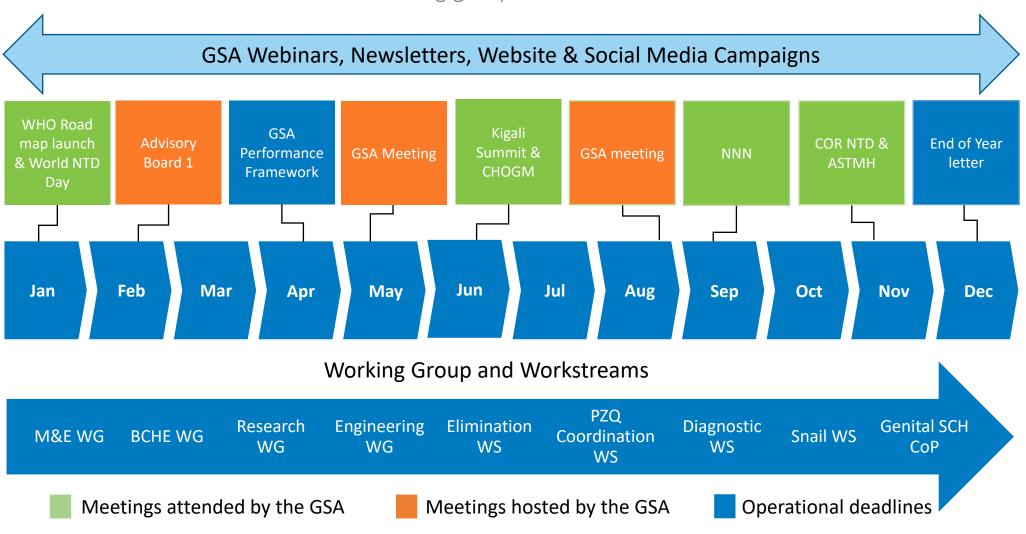
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Key milestones for 2021

Additional activities fall within working groups and workstreams.





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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
- ESPEN Expanded Special Project for Elimination of NTDs
- EPHP Elimination as a Public Health Problem
- FGS Female Genital Schistosomiasis
- GSA Global Schistosomiasis Alliance
- ISNTD International Society for NTDs
- IoT Interruption of Transmission
- 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
- WS Work stream
- WHA World Health Assembly
- WHO World Health Organization
- WHO HQ WHO Headquarters in Geneve, Switzerland
- WHO AFRO WHO Regional Office for Africa
- WHO EMRO WHO Regional Office for Easter Mediterranean
- WHO SEARO WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia
- WHO WPRO WHO Regional Office for Western Pacific