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## **Ethiopia schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminthes control programme: Progress and prospects**

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Schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminths are among seventeen WHO prioritized neglected tropical diseases that infect humans. These parasitic infections can be treated using single-dose and safe drugs. Ethiopia successfully aped the distribution of these infections nationwide. According to the mapping, there are an estimated 37.3 million people living in schistosomiasis endemic areas, and 79 million in schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminths endemic areas. The Federal Ministry of Health successfully scaled up Schistosomiasis and schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminths intervention in endemic areas and treated over 19 million individuals in 2015. The Ministry of Health has made a huge effort to establish neglected tropical diseases, including schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminths program in the health system which helped to map majority of the worlds and initiate nationwide intervention. The National control programme is designed to achieve elimination for those diseases as a major public health problem by 2020 and aim to attain a transmission break by 2025. The programme focuses on reaching those school-aged children who are not attending school, integration between neglected tropical diseases programme, and further collaboration with the WASH actors.

### **Biography**

Ephrem Abiy Ejigu has completed his MSc at the age of 25 years from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. He was NTD program officer at RTI International Ethiopia office and currently working as Senior Project Coordinator at Vector control Abt projects in Ethiopia. He has about 7 publications that have been cited over 6 times and has been serving as an editorial board member of Siftdesk, OMICS Ebooks, and Sokoto Journal.

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