

deworm the world

Deworm the World improves access to education through supporting, coordinating, and advocating for school-based deworming programs.

Together with all partners, Deworm the World will reach at least 10 million children in 2009.

Why school-based deworming?

- Over 400 million school-age children worldwide are infected with parasitic worms (soil-transmitted helminths or schistosomes).
- Worm infections negatively affect children's health, nutrition and cognitive development, threatening their learning, educational access and achievement.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has a target of deworming 75% of at-risk children by 2010, but as of 2006 only 10% had been treated.
- For less than \$0.50 per child per year, mass school-based deworming is a safe, simple, inexpensive and highly effective intervention; it is one of the most cost-effective methods of improving attendance and overall schooling.



Benefits of deworming

- Deworming can reduce school absenteeism by as much as 25%.
- Worm infected children scored significantly lower on reasoning tasks than children who were dewormed or uninfected to begin with.
- Children persistently infected with worms were 13% less likely to be literate and earned 43% less as adults.
- School-based deworming is now recognized as a significant contributor to achieving Education For All and the Millennium Development Goals.



Highlights to date

- **Deworm the World in Washington, DC:** the American Institutes for Research (AIR) is providing office space, technical support, and administrative and IT support to DtW to ensure effective operations.
- Feed the Children (FTC) has donated 300 million pills to treat soil-transmitted helminths. DtW is working with partners to use this donation to scale-up mass school-based deworming.
- SKS, a major microfinance organization in India, will use their distribution network to treat children in-country. The pilot program will target one million children in Andhra Pradesh. Additionally, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is now promoting mass school-based deworming in their 2009 education plans.
- Save the Children is supporting the Ministry of Education's efforts to deworm 1 million children in Ethiopia through their national school health program.
- The Government of Kenya is currently scaling up deworming activities through their national school health program and will treat 3 million children in the most at-risk areas of the country in 2009. DtW is providing operational and technical assistance to support Ministry of Education efforts.
- DtW is supporting national plans to roll out deworming of all school-age children in Guyana.
- To date, DtW has coordinated the distribution of approximately 5 million deworming pills to Haiti, Honduras, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

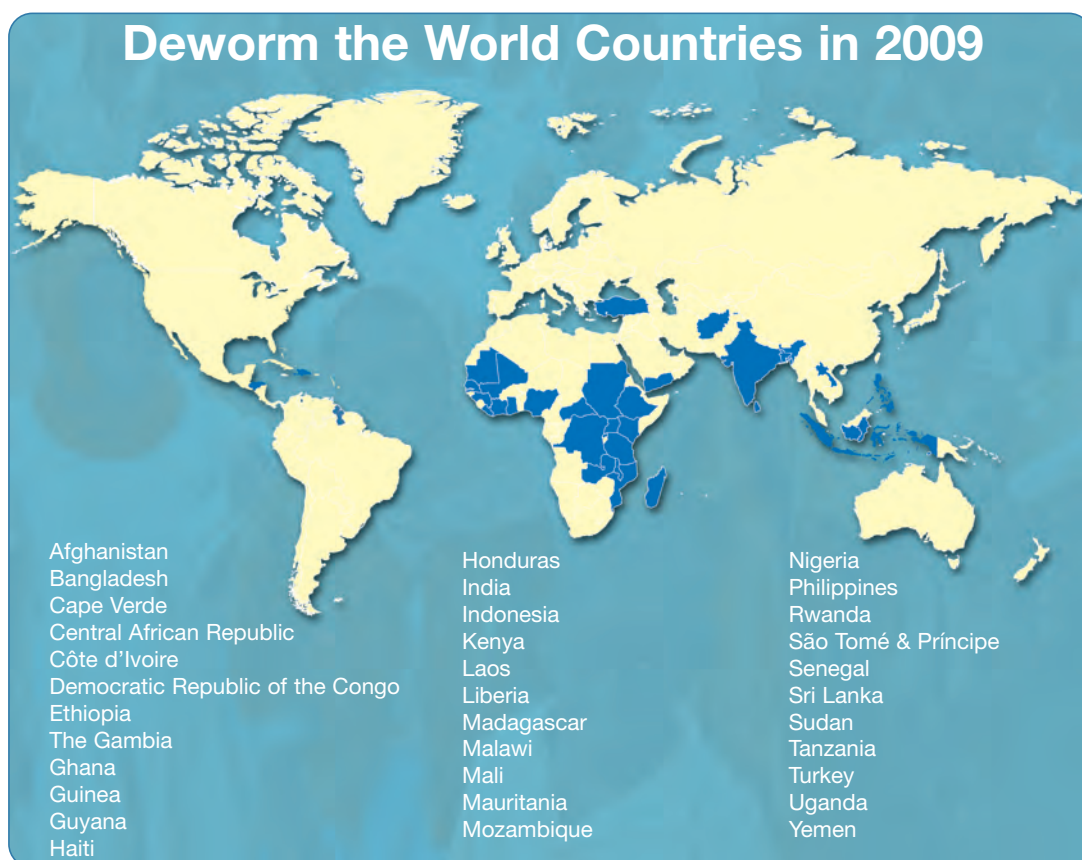
Deworm the World is coordinating action to deworm children in 35 countries in 2009

One of the highlighted announcements at the 2008 Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Annual Meeting was the education mega-commitment on school feeding and deworming aimed at improving the education and health of millions of children worldwide. Under this commitment, Deworm the World, together with the American Institutes for Research, Feed the Children, Save the Children, the World Bank, and the World Food Programme (among others), will expand deworming programs to reach 10 million children in 35 countries in 2009 (see map below).

DtW will coordinate action among implementing partners to link pill donations to in-country programs and raise additional funds for their distribution where required. With extra funding for activities such as shipping and training, there is the potential to reach up to 75 million children. This would increase worldwide treatment coverage from 10% to 30% over 3 years.

Deworm the World is committed to supporting the World Health Organization's target of 75% treatment coverage in all 130 countries endemic for parasitic worms by 2010.

Please contact DtW for more information on how you can take action to advance global deworming efforts.



Launched by the Education Task Force of the Young Global Leaders at the 2007 World Economic Forum at Davos, Deworm the World works closely with a coalition of partners, including Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, American Institutes for Research, Feed the Children, Innovations for Poverty Action, and Partnership for Child Development.

Deworm the World also partners with the following organizations:

Asian Center of International Parasite Control, Children Without Worms, Eastern and Southern Africa Centre of International Parasite Control, Forum of Young Global Leaders, Foundation for Community Development, Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases, Harvard University, Kenya Medical Research Institute, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Right to Play, Save the Children, Schistosomiasis Control Initiative, SKS Microfinance, United Nations World Food Programme, West African Centre for International Parasite Control, World Bank, World Health Organization.

To learn more about how you can take action, visit www.dewormtheworld.org or email contact@dewormtheworld.org.

