

# Act to End NTDs | East

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## **Act to End NTDs | East Program Overview**

The U.S. Agency for International Development Act to End Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) | East Program supports national NTD programs in reaching World Health Organization goals for NTD control and elimination through proven, cost-effective public health interventions. The Act to End NTDs | East (Act | East) Program also provides critical support to countries on their journey to self-reliance, helping them create sustainable programming for NTD control within robust and resilient health systems. The Act | East Program is being implemented by RTI International with a consortium of partners, led by RTI International and including includes The Carter Center; Fred Hollows Foundation; Light for the World; Results for Development (R4D); Save the Children; Sightsavers; and Women Influencing Health, Education, and Rule of Law (WI-HER).

**April 2022**

**ETHIOPIA**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI, Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF),  
Light for the World (LFTW)  
**COP:** [Redacted]  
**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 109,654,569

**Districts:** 870

**Endemic diseases:** LF (75), TRA (699), OV (222), SCH (424), STH (546)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	OV	STH	Trachoma
<b>MDA</b>	<b>0/1 district + 0/1 camp</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/1 camp)</li> <li>Oromia-FHF (0/1 district)</li> </ul>	<b>0/83 districts + 0/5 refugee camps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/16 districts)</li> <li>BG (0/5 camps)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/67 districts)</li> </ul>	<b>0/1 district</b>	<b>0/34 districts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gambella (0/6 districts)</li> <li>Oromia-FHF (0/28 districts)</li> </ul>
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	<b>Pre-TAS: 0/10 districts + 0/1 camp</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/5 districts)</li> <li>BG (0/1 refugee camp)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/5 districts)</li> </ul> <b>TAS1: 0/20 districts + 2/3 camps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/9 districts)</li> <li>BG (2/3 camps)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/11 districts)</li> </ul>			<b>TIS: 33/135 districts + 0/7 refugee camps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/2 districts)</li> <li>Gambella (0/3 districts)</li> <li>Gambella (0/7 camps)</li> <li>Oromia-FHF (33/101 districts)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/29 districts)</li> </ul> <b>TSS: 13/89 districts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/6 districts)</li> <li>Gambella (0/4 districts)</li> <li>Oromia-FHF (13/48 districts)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/31 districts)</li> </ul>

<b>MERLA</b>	<p><b>Sub-district level MDA and SCT data (Partners):</b> Data analysis has been completed for BG, Gambella and Oromia regions using FY21 Trachoma and Oncho MDA data.</p> <p><b>CES (FHF):</b> No updates.</p> <p><b>Gambella region-DQA (RTI)-</b> Draft report has been shared with RTI team for feedback and additional inputs.</p> <p><b>DSA Field Investigation (FHF):</b> Data collection finalized, and draft report is under review.</p>
<b>HSS</b>	<p><b>NTD Sustainability Plan -</b> Printing process delayed due to delay in countersignature by FMOH.</p> <p><b>Rapid GESI Assessment (RTI-Gambella) -</b> Data analysis is finalized and now working on report writing.</p> <p><b>Rapid GESI Assessment (FHF-Oromia) -</b> Data analysis is finalized and now working on report writing.</p> <p><b>GESI Behavior Change:</b> Conducted GESI behavioral activity in Adaba, Oromia.</p>

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Updated Trachoma surveys completed by FHF in Oromia.
- Updates to the MERLA and HSS activities.

**Highlights:**

- FHF completed trachoma surveys in 15 districts (7 TIS and 8 TSS) in Arsi and Jimma zones of Oromia during April 2022. Results are pending for 3 TIS and 4 TSS.
- FHF has conducted rapid DSA failure field investigation at Sebeta Hawas district of Oromia region and shared the draft report to RTI and FHF teams.
- LFTW team attended the two-day Oromia regional WASH NTD biannual review meeting at Metu Town. A major point of discussion in the meeting was on how to strengthen WASH NTD integration as a vital tool for sustainability.
- RTI distributed the integrated MDA registers to BG RHB and undertaking the remaining preparatory activities to conduct OV MDA in the region. Due to the U.S. Executive Order, OV MDA is on hold.
- RTI SCM Technical Advisor attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter inventory analysis meeting conducted in Addis Ababa from April 16 to 19. EPSA centers and hubs conducted a NTD inventory analysis to identify near expiry medicines to plan MDA and prepare distribution to use the medicines before expiry dates or redistribute medicines in areas of ongoing MDAs.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

Please note that MDA activities below are on hold due to recent guidance on the U.S. Executive Order.

- **Oromia Regional Review Meeting:** FHF has planned to conduct regional review meeting and GESI + CST Training in May 2022.
- **TIS/TSS trainings:** RTI will conduct graders and recorders refresher training in May 2022 in Gambella region.
- **TIS/TSS**
  - FHF will conduct TIS/TSS in the remaining districts of Arsi Zone in May 2022.
  - LFTW has distributed security assessment matrix to respective field team to conduct an assessment on security issues to decide TIS/TSS implementation, but the result is not yet finalized.
  - RTI will conduct TIS/TSS at 7 districts and 7 refugee camps of Gambella region in May 2022.
- **Trachoma MDA:**
  - FHF has planned to support Trachoma MDA campaign at Oromia in May 2022.
  - RTI has planned to support Trachoma MDA in six districts of Gambella region in May 2022.
- **OV MDA:**
  - LFTW has planned to finalize the preparatory activities, conduct Integrated MDA trainings (IMDA) at the zonal and district levels and OV MDA campaigns at the targeted 67 district of Oromia in May 2022.
  - RTI has planned to support OV MDA in 10 districts and 5 refugee camps of BG in May 2022.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/et>

National: <https://www.health.go.ug/covid/>

**April 2022**

**HAITI**

**Act | East Partners:** RTI, WI-HER

**COP:** [Redacted]

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 11.7 million (2020 est.)

**Districts:** 140 communes

**Endemic diseases:** LF (140) STH (140)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	STH
<b>MDA</b>	0/8 communes	0/8 communes
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	TAS3 in 0/1 EU	N/A

<b>MERLA</b>	National LF Pause and Reflect Meeting (completed December 2021) Pre-MDA census in 2 communes (completed) Coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 2 communes MDA real-time data collection in 7 communes
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**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:** None

**Highlights:**

- Act | East supported the MSPP to hold an MDA safety workshop from April 4–6<sup>th</sup> with participation from national and departmental MSPP staff, the MSPP pharmacovigilance (DPMT) and communications units, PAHO, WHO, Taskforce for Global Health, The Carter Center, CDC, and IMA World Health. TFGH and WHO shared updated guidance on WHO MDA safety guidelines, choking prevention, and ethical drug administration. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss gaps in SAE/AE management and formulate an action plan for enhancing MDA safety in Haiti, including a communications component.
- Act | East HQ and country staff cleaned pre-MDA census data from Arcahaie and Cabaret. The results were used during the microplanning sessions for both districts to plan locations of MDA posts and booths.
- Act | East intensified social mobilization efforts prior to MDA in the North Department by releasing health messages through sound trucks; in parallel, social mobilization was launched in the West department using media platforms (radio, TV). Act | East also prepared and delivered updated IEC materials in the North and Northwest Departments.
- Act | East recruited and trained a pool of supervisors who will be deployed to supervise MDA in the North, Northwest and West departments. The team also finalized a social mobilization supervision tool for better monitoring of social mobilization activities.
- In preparation for MDA, Act | East convened community leaders and promoters to discuss the social mobilization and MDA distribution strategies in line with recommendations from the Pause & Reflect.

- Act | East convened a planning meeting with communal staff in Caracol EU in preparation for TAS3 in May. The protocol is currently being finalized and the team is supporting MSPP to locate positive control for the stock of FTS that arrived in country.
- Prior to MDA in North, Act | East organized a launching event with participation from journalists, mayors and special guests from the four targeted districts. MDA officially commenced in the North department on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

Note: MOH relaxed the COVID restrictions and announced that mask wearing is now optional outdoors according to a communiqué from the Health Minister.

- Act | East will implement MDA training and MDA in the five communes in North department.
- Act | East will deliver IEC materials and MDA kits to Port de Paix, Arcahaie, and Cabaret in late May in preparation for MDA in those communes.
- Training of surveyors for TAS3 in Caracol EU is scheduled for mid-May, and data collection will be completed before early June when schools begin to close.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/amro/country/ht>

MSPP: [https://mspp.gouv.ht/site/downloads/Sitrep%20COVID-19\\_24-07-2021.pdf](https://mspp.gouv.ht/site/downloads/Sitrep%20COVID-19_24-07-2021.pdf)

**April 2022**

**INDONESIA**

Act | East Partner: RTI

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 274,859,094

Districts: 514

Endemic diseases: # ever endemic districts  
LF (236), SCH (2), STH (514)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF
DSAs (#EUs)	Pre-TAS : 11/ <b>17</b> EUs TAS : 8/ <b>18</b> EUs

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Updated number of surveys in accordance with revisions of the FY22 workplan and budget for Indonesia.

**Highlights:**

- Act | East Indonesia in collaboration with the MOH has revised plans for Q3 and Q4 of FY22 because of (1) delays in receiving guidance from WHO on how to assess progress in LF elimination within Brugia districts following continuing problems with the quality of the Brugia Rapid tests produced by Rezsonics, and (2) reductions in the MOH budgets for 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic response.

DSAs	Approved FY22 Workplan	Implemented in Q1 and Q2	Proposed for Q3 and Q4	New Total
Pre-TAS	12	11	6	17
TAS	23	8	10	18
Mini-TAS	1	0	0	0

- The Act | East technical team together with staff from the LF program at the MOH participated in the validation of two lots of the Brugia Rapid tests from Rezsonics by the University of Indonesia School of Medicine’s teaching laboratory on April 4 and 5 at the request of WHO. Results showed (1) insufficient quality controls by the manufacturer, (2) discrepancies in intensity and in sensitivity, and (3) adequate specificity. These results have been reported to WHO, and updated guidance on how to proceed is expected in May 2022.

**Upcoming activities:**

- Act | East Indonesia in collaboration with the MOH will implement a school-based TAS1 in Purwakarta using FTS beginning on May 24, 2022.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/id>

National: <https://covid19.go.id/>



**April 2022**

**MOZAMBIQUE**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI

**COP:** [Redacted]

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 30,881,854

**Districts:** 161

**Endemic diseases:** LF (113), OV (5), SCH (159), STH (151), Trachoma (65)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	<b>Trachoma</b>
<b>MDA</b>	0/10 districts
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	<b>TIS:</b> 0/4 EUs
<b>MERLA</b>	Act   East data officer is regularly working with MISAU and ASCEND project to update all NTD data in the integrated database from 2017 to present. Tool completion and updates are presented during technical meetings.

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:** None

**Highlights:**

- ITI has received the green light of CMAM (Central de Medicamentos e Artigos Médicos (Center for Drugs and Medical Supplies)) to ship Zithromax. Delivery is expected by late May.
- Act | East has procured Tetracycline Eye Ointment (TEO) locally in Mozambique from USAID-approved manufacturers in-country: 30K tubes will arrive in May and 41K tubes will arrive in June via airplane.
- The trachoma dossier meeting was held from April 20 to 22, 2022. Meeting participants included representation from of the MISAU NTD team, the Department of Water and Sanitation, the Ministry of Education, Sightsavers, Light for the World, and RTI. This was an opportunity to review the progress of the narrative and the excel file. The teams were divided into groups and updated all the sections of the dossier. The MISAU NTD Team also took the opportunity to present the situation of trachoma in Mozambique and to discuss in depth certain districts, despite the recommended strategies, do not manage to have prevalence below 5%.
- The LF dossier meeting was held from April 28 to 29, 2022. Meeting participants included representation from MISAU, Crown Agents, and Act | East. This meeting was an opportunity to review all the data related to lymphatic filariasis, to discuss the narrative template and the dossier excel file. The teams that facilitated this meeting assigned responsibilities to each participant in order to start filling out the documents.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- **TT smartphone tool testing:** Act | East will support the testing of the tool in two districts (Chemba district, Sofala province and Guro district, Manica province) in May 2022. RTI is working to address IRB feedback.
- **HMIS training:** Act | East will support the training of the NTD focal point in May in Maputo province.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/mz>

National: <https://www.misau.gov.mz/>

**April 2022**

**NEPAL**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI

**COP:** [Redacted]

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 30,201,100

**Districts:** 77

**Endemic diseases:** # ever endemic districts:  
LF (63), Trachoma (20) & STH (77)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Re-Pre-TAS: 5/10 districts TAS1 : 2/7 districts TAS2 : 16/16 districts TAS3 : 0/13 districts
<b>HSS</b>	Domestic Resource Mobilization Case Study GESI Behavior Change Activity

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:** None

**Highlights:**

- FY22 LF MDA was completed in 10 districts, with DEC and Albendazole (DA) in 5 districts (Jhapa, Bara, Lamjung, Parbat, Baglung) and with DEC, Albendazole and Ivermectin (IDA) in 5 districts (Morang, Kapilvastu, Dang, Banke and Kailali).
- LF MDA School Awareness Support Activities were completed in two districts (Bara and Jhapa). An evaluation of the program was conducted with positive results, preliminarily showing that school children absorbed and shared the information provided through school awareness programs and that health workers, teachers, family members and the community were also made more aware of LF MDA through this program. A final report of the program and evaluation is forthcoming.
- LF MDA technical support for two municipalities of Bara district was completed. Lessons learned from consultants who provided technical support in these areas will be documented and shared.
- Act| East FY22 Annual Review meeting was completed. The team discussed issues and challenges of FY22 workplan implementation and tentative activities for FY23.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- NTD domestic resource mobilization case study ethical approval process and data collection will begin in May.
- TAS 3 in 5 districts (Saptari, Siraha, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur Urban, Kathmandu) in June-July followed by 8 districts (Okhaldhunga, Kaski, Argakhachi, Pyuthan, Rolpa, Rukum East, Rukum West, Salyan) in August 2022.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/np>

National: <https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/>

**April 2022**

**NIGERIA**

Act | East Partner: RTI, The Carter Center

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 207.8 million

Districts (LGAs): 774

Endemic diseases: LF (553), OV (449), SCH (691), STH (415), Trachoma (143)

TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22

	LF	OV	SCH	STH
MDA	0/40 districts (0/39 TCC, 0/1 RTI)	1/98 districts (1/83 TCC, 0/15 RTI)	0/90 districts (TCC)	0/120 districts (TCC)
DSAs (#EUs)	Pre-TAS : 34/36 (TCC 34/35, RTI 0/1) TAS 1 : 1/38 (TCC 0/37, RTI 0/1)			

HSS	Cross River State health financing assessment- Data collection during key informant interviews completed
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**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Updated number of completed pre-TAS. LF Pre-TAS was conducted in 6 Act | East supported states.
- R4D and Act East consultant have completed data collection from key informant interviews.
- Oncho MDA was completed in 1 LGA in Imo state.

**Highlights:**

- Act | East held strategic planning meetings with all stakeholders in Imo, Abia, and Plateau States during the month of April. Participants, including Public Health Directors, LGA Directors of Primary Health Care, local government integrated health teams and Social Mobilization Officers. These meetings enabled participants to review state and LGA work plans, timelines and goals, verified village and ward listings and target populations.
- Act | East conducted state-level advocacy in preparation of LF MDA to MoH, MoE, UBEB and Ministry of LGAs & Chieftaincy in Enugu and Ebonyi. These meeting help to inform all levels of government and ministry about the upcoming MDA and ensure that all stakeholders are engaged.
- Act | East completed social mobilization for Pre-TAS in Imo, Abia, Ebonyi, Delta, Edo State and Enugu States.
- Pre-TAS training was conducted in Asaba, Delta State, with TCC, FMOH, SMOH and LGA staff in attendance. LF Pre-TAS were completed in 34 LGAs in 6 states (12 in Imo State, 1 in Abia State, 2 in Ebonyi State, 8 in Delta State, 6 in Edo State, 5 in Enugu State).
- TCC conducted OV MDA in Ohaji Egbema LGA of Imo State. Treatment data validation is ongoing.
- LF and Oncho treatments in IDPs and border villages of Plateau and Nasarawa States is ongoing.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Act | East will conduct FLHW and CDD training in Cross River state in May 2022 in preparation for LF re-MDA in Yala.
- Act | East will engage in community mobilization in Cross River State in May 2022 in preparation for LF re-MDA in Yala.
- Act | East will conduct LF re-MDA in Cross River State in May 2022.
- State-level advocacy and community level mobilization (Abia, Imo, Enugu, Plateau, Nasarawa, Edo and Delta States) in April/May 2022.
- State Strategic Planning Meeting in Ebonyi State in May 2022.
- TCC will conduct a training of health workers and CDDs for MDA in all 8 Act | East supported States in May to June 2022.
- TCC will continue SCH/STH MDA in Plateau and Nasarawa from May to June 2022.
- TCC will continue LF and Oncho MDA in Abia, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Enugu, and Imo states May to June 2022.
- LF TAS1 in 37 LGAs in Imo State (8 LGAs), Abia State (16 LGAs), Ebonyi State (4 LGAs) and Enugu State (9 LGAs) in July. This is subject to availability of FTS.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/ng>

National: <https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/>

**April 2022**

**PHILIPPINES**

Act | East Partner: RTI  
RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 112,919,769  
Districts/Provinces: 82  
Endemic diseases: # ever endemic districts. LF (47) SCH (29) STH (82)

**Activities supported by Philippines DOH in 2022**

	LF	SCH	STH
MDA	2/46	28/28 provinces	82 provinces
DSAs (#EUs)	TAS1 : 1/2 TAS2 : 0/6 TAS3 : 0/7		

**Activities supported by USAID in FY21**

HSS	NTD costing analysis and province/municipality TA
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**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:** None

**Highlights:**

- [Redacted], Assistant Regional Director of DOH CALABARZON Center for Health and Development, participated in a global webinar on domestic resource mobilization hosted by Act | East and NNN. The webinar shared lessons from a set of domestic resource mobilization for NTDs case studies in Philippines, Colombia, and Guatemala. The Philippines presentation included lessons on using evidence for advocacy and policy decision-making and discussed how local NTD programming might be sustained amidst the ongoing Universal Health Care focused health sector reforms at the national, subnational and community level.
- Act | East Philippines joined the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau Summit to orient the staff on the new structure and staff and share the vision of the proposed Omnibus Health Policy.
- Headquarters-based staff of Act | East visited the Philippines in late April-early May to be oriented to new staff and strategy at the DOH-DPCB. The visit included meetings with many new DOH officials, WHO, RITM, and USAID Philippines. A debrief meeting with USAID Washington is scheduled in May.

**Upcoming activities:**

- Act | East will provide support to DPCB in the development of a strategic plan for the integration of elimination of infectious diseases. The drafting is expected to take place in May with a consultation and finalization process taking place in June and July.
- Costing analysis on NTDs in Leyte province remains on hold through a period of vaccination campaigns in rural areas, followed by national elections.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://www.who.int/philippines/>

National: <https://www.bing.com/search?q=covid+tracker+philippines&FORM=AWRE>

<https://doh.gov.ph/covid-19/case-tracker>



April 2022

**SOUTHEAST ASIA (BANGLADESH, LAO PDR, VIET NAM)**

Act | East Partner: RTI, FHF in Vietnam

**Total population:** Bangladesh (173,346,194);  
Lao PDR (7,119,891); Viet Nam (95,913,875)

**Districts:** Bangladesh (64); Lao PDR (17); Viet Nam (63)

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

**Endemic diseases:** Bangladesh LF (19) STH (64);  
Lao PDR LF (1) STH (1), SCH (17); Viet Nam LF (4), STH (63), TRA (15).

TABLE: Activities in FY22, non-USAID funding

	LF	Trachoma
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Bangladesh TAS3: 1/1 (TAS3 supported by WHO)  Lao PDR TAS3: 1/1 (TAS3 supported by WHO)	Viet Nam TSS: focal areas of Lung Ho commune (TSS supported by FHF)

<b>MERLA</b>	Learning activity on dossier development models
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Summary and explanation of **changes** made to table above since last month: None

**Bangladesh**

**Highlights:**

- Final draft of the DIP report was shared with MOHFW for discussion and to agree on recommendations and next steps.
- A dossier stakeholder workshop is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> by the MOHFW and with support from WHO. Act | East will support the participation of [Redacted], regional dossier consultant.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Act | East regional dossier consultant, [Redacted], will travel to Bangladesh in May to work with the MOHFW on the dossier draft and attend the WHO workshop.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/bd>

National: <https://corona.gov.bd/>

## Lao PDR

### Highlights:

- WHO CO confirmed that CPME will resolve final comments in the draft dossier and prepare the documents for final submission to WHO at the end of May. WHO CO has also preliminarily shared a draft version of the dossier with WHO WPRO for review.

## Viet Nam

### Upcoming activities:

- VNEH, FHF and Act | East are coordinating the hybrid trachoma dossier workshop for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In April FHF coordinated with Tropical Data to complete the TSS in Lung Ho commune. Due to heavy rains in December 2020, the survey team failed to reach two villages and left parts of populations surveyed in two other villages. These same villages were reached in April 2022 to complete the survey.

### COVID-19 data monitoring sources:

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/wpro/country/vn>

**April 2022**

**TANZANIA**

Act | East Partner: RTI International

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 57.6 million (2022)

Districts: 184

Endemic diseases: LF (119), TRA (71), OV (28), SCH (184), STH (184)

TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22

	LF	OV	SCH	STH	Trachoma
<b>Mapping</b>	N/A	OV Elimination mapping: 0/4 districts OV Exclusion mapping: 0/2 districts	N/A	N/A	Desk review: 0/6 districts
<b>MDA</b>	0/6 districts	Round 1: 0/9 districts Round 2: 0/28 districts	0/35 districts	0/41 districts	0/9 districts (0/10 EUs)
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Re-Pre-TAS : 1/1 district TAS1 : 0/1 EU TAS3 : 9/23 EUs iTAS: 7/7 EUs	Pre-stop MDA survey (epi): 0/1 district Stop-MDA survey (epi & ent): 0/3 districts iTAS: 7/7 EUs	0/4 districts	N/A	TIS: 1/1 EU TSS: 2/2 EUs

<b>MERLA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 9 districts: 4/4 LF, 4/4 OV, 0/1 TRA</li> <li>▪ Trachoma DSA outcome investigation in 3/6 districts</li> <li>▪ Trachoma MDA microplanning in 0/10 EUs</li> </ul>
<b>HSS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop M&amp;E plan for the sustainability activities in the NTD Master Plan</li> <li>▪ Launch NTD Master Plan and Sustainability Plan</li> <li>▪ Support TZNTDCP integration into the health sector planning SWAp TWG</li> <li>▪ Support Comprehensive Council Health Plan (CCHP) development</li> <li>▪ Strengthen federal and district capacity for planning, budgeting, and resource mobilization</li> <li>▪ Advocacy Strategy Implementation: 1 high-level national and 1 regional/district level meeting</li> <li>▪ GESI iDARE/behavior change activity in 5 districts (4 TRA, 2 OV)</li> </ul>

Summary and explanation of **changes** made to table above since last month: None.

**Highlights:**

- In collaboration with NTDCP, Act | East conducted a Training of Trainers (ToT) to regional and district NTD teams in preparation for TRA, SCH and STH MDAs in Arusha, Dodoma, Manyara and Rukwa regions. The training involved participants from 12 district councils (6 from Arusha, 2 from Manyara, 3 from Dodoma, and 1 from Rukwa) and was conducted on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Morogoro region.
- From April 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Act | East and NTDCP held a national facilitators training on microplanning for trachoma MDA using the new WHO microplanning manual and tools in Morogoro. The national facilitators training involved participants from NTDCP and the President’s Office Regional

Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and was followed by a regional and district teams' training with the regional and district NTD coordinators from health and education departments, pharmacists, and One Health personnel (District Health Officers and District Livestock Officers).

- Act | East and NTDCP held a Joint Application Package (JAP) review meeting in Dodoma from April 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> in coordinate with Crown Agents (ARISE project). New participants were oriented on the JAP forms and the four forms for JAP submission were prepared and reviewed by the whole team. The NTDCP submitted the JAP to WHO on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Act | East also supported NTDCP to conduct an NTD quarterly review meeting in Dodoma on April 8<sup>th</sup> to review progress of activities conducted in Q1-2 and plan for activities in Q3-4.
- From April 19<sup>th</sup>, Act | East in collaboration with NTDCP commenced implementation of GESI activities in four trachoma councils in Arusha and Manyara (Longido DC, Monduli DC, Simanjiro DC, and Kiteto DC). Due to instructions from the Ministry of Health, the activity was postponed giving space for the polio and COVID-19 vaccination campaigns across the country. Three councils had started activities mainly at council levels, and the teams will resume the field work as from May 5<sup>th</sup> to continue with regional and community level activities.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Act | East will support microplanning in select wards in all 10 evaluation units that are planning to conduct Zithromax MDA for trachoma in June. Microplanning sessions will start on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The activity will be conducted in 2 phases; phase 1 will involve Chamwino DC, Kongwa DC, Mpwapwa DC and Kalambo DC from 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and phase 2 will involve Longido DC, Monduli DC, Ngorongoro DC, Kiteto DC and Simanjiro DC from 24<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022. Each field team will be comprised of 2 national facilitators, one regional facilitator, and 5 district facilitators.
- Act | East is supporting a cross border planning meeting in Arusha on May 11 – 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will convene district and regional officials from Ngorongoro and Longido districts in Tanzania and neighboring Kajiado and Narok Counties in Kenya, along with the national trachoma program managers and partners, to plan for synchronized trachoma MDA in June 2022.
- Following delays from Ramadan and the national polio vaccination campaign, OV MDA in 9 districts will now be implemented in May. Act | East and NTDCP will conduct enhanced supportive supervision of MDA in the 9 districts from May 8–21<sup>st</sup>.
- Act | East is supporting NTDCP to prepare protocols for OV elimination mapping in 4 district councils (Handeni DC, Kilindi DC, Iringa DC and Kilolo DC), OV pre-stop MDA surveys in 2 districts councils (Kilosa DC and Tunduru DC) and OV exclusion mapping in 2 district councils (Newala DC and Newala TC). The activity will start in June involving entomological and epidemiological evaluation of the districts and will involve training of research assistants and laboratory technicians and field data collection.
- Act | East and NTDCP will conduct IEC/BCC material and messages review and development from May 30 – June 11<sup>th</sup>. The needs assessment for the materials was previously conducted in March 2022. This technical meeting will include participants from NTDCP, Act | East, Health promotion section, government communication unit, other relevant sections of the MOH, PO-RALG,

representatives from regions and districts, other NTD implementing partners, and academic institutions.

- GESI coaching activities will continue in all 6 councils (Longido DC, Monduli DC, Simanjiro DC, Kiteto DC, Ulanga DC and Mlimba DC) in Arusha, Manyara, and Morogoro regions.
- Act | East will support NTDCP to participate in the next SWAp meeting once the date is set.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

**WHO:** <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/tz>

**National:** <https://www.moh.go.tz/en/covid-19-info>

**April 2022**

**UGANDA**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI, The Carter Center, WI-HER, R4D, Save the Children **Total population:** 41,740,474 (2019)

**COP:** [Redacted]

**Districts:** 134

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Endemic diseases:** LF (64), TRA (51), OV (32), SCH (92), STH (134)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	OV	SCH	STH	Trachoma
<b>MDA</b>	N/A	9/9 districts (R1) 0/11 districts (R2)	N/A	N/A	5/5 districts (Oct 2021) 0/2 districts (Sept 2022)
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	TAS3: 7/16 EUs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>MERLA</b>	Trachoma coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 3 districts (completed) Data quality assessment in Moroto (completed) NTD data management training using DHIS2
<b>HSS</b>	Develop national NTD program advocacy strategy (in progress) Targeted cost analysis National and district funds flow analysis Finalize and institutionalize GESI MDA training curriculum Develop national SBC packages for NTDs and GESI GESI behavior change activity in two districts SCH/STH partner mapping exercise

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- TAS3 completed in 2 EUS in April, bring FY completed total to 7 EUs
- Data quality assessment in Moroto completed.

**Highlights:**

**RTI**

- **Cross border strategy meeting:** Act | East supported MOH to attend a cross border strategic planning meeting in Eldoret, Kenya from 11–12 April 2022. The meeting was attended by Senior MOH Officials, technical and political district leaders, and partners supporting trachoma elimination in the region. This meeting reviewed the region’s trachoma situation, action points from the FY21 cross-border meeting that took place in Mbale, and the new Trachoma Expert Committee (TEC) recommendations. The highlight of the meeting is that both countries agreed to have joint MDA launch on 15 June 2022 in Turkana region of Kenya.
- **Data Quality Assessment (DQA):** Act | East also supported MOH to conduct a DQA in Moroto District from 25 April to 4 May 2022. Act | East and MOH staff conducted interviews at national,

district, subcounty, parish, and community level to assess data systems and gaps that affect the quality NTD data. The team also conducted data verification using standard tools to establish the variance in data captured and the reasons for variance. Preliminary recommendations include the necessity for enhanced supervision for data verification, early MDA registration, and use of EDC where possible. Act | East and MOH staff will discuss these and other findings during upcoming MDA micro-planning meetings.

- **TAS3 in 2 EUs:** Act | East supported Ministry of Health to conduct community-based TAS 3 in two EUs (Luuka and Buyende) to complete seven EUs that were targeted in the approved protocol. The activity was implemented from 3-13 April 2022. Results will be reported in the BELF.

#### WI-HER

- **GESI behaviour change activities:** With technical support from WI-HER, GESI behavior change activities are underway in Nabilatuk, Amudat, and Moroto where district level and facility-based root agents are providing ongoing coaching and support to the identified cohorts of individuals who missed/refused MDA. This coaching will be ongoing until the June MDA.

#### Save the Children (StC)

- **Airing of radio spot messages and radio talk shows:** StC supported the airing of 52 spot messages on trachoma prevention and control, with a focus on facial cleanliness and environmental improvement, on two radio stations, Heritage FM and Ateker FM. Messages targeted both nomadic and non-nomadic communities in three districts (Nabilatuk, Moroto and Nakapiripirit). The same radio stations also hosted three talk shows with District Health Educators and District NTD Focal persons from Nabilatuk, Moroto and Nakapiripirit to sensitize communities within the catchment areas on adoption of latrine use and sustainability of Open Defecation Free communities. StC, in collaboration with MOH and Act | East Uganda, drafted radio messages on MDA which will be broadcasted on three local stations to sensitize communities in the same three districts, Amudat, and border communities in Kenya.
- **Community dialogues:** StC provided financial and technical support for 41 community dialogues across the four districts (Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Amudat and Nabilatuk) reaching a total 2,030 community members (M=839, F=1,191). These dialogues were organized to discuss community behaviors that accelerate transmission of trachoma and agree on actionable points to achieve environmental improvement and facial cleanliness among the target population.
- **Selection of villages and community resource persons for implementing the Clean Household Approach:** StC, with support from the District NTD focal persons of Moroto and Nabilatuk districts, selected 120 villages and 240 VHTs that will be engaged in conducting household sanitation improvement activities within their villages using the lessons learned from the USAID/Food for Peace Apolou and Nuyok programs (in Moroto and Nabilatuk districts, respectively.)
- **VHT support supervision and community follow-up:** StC supported community follow-up visits in seven selected villages in Amudat and Nabilatuk to monitor the implementation of action plans on facial cleanliness and home improvement, as well as documentation of success stories.

## TCC

- TCC supported the MOH to train Community Drug Distributors (CDDs) from 9 districts (Kasese, Adjumani, Nwoya, Omoro, Kitgum, Lamwo, Gulu, Moyo, Lira).
- FAA funds for training of CDDs in Oyam district have not been released to-date which is attributed to the government processes.
- The National Medical Stores (NMS) delayed delivery of ivermectin (IVM) to districts, so TCC facilitated the pickup of IVM from NMS for delivery to all the 11 districts targeted for the second round of MDA.

## Upcoming activities requiring COVID-19 protocols:

### RTI

- **Pre-MDA Activities.** From 30 May to 14 June 2022, Act | East will support MOH to conduct pre-MDA activities in preparation for June trachoma MDA in Moroto, Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit, Amudat and Buliisa. These activities include drug transportation, trainings of trainers, including teachers in schools; MDA registration; and social mobilization.
- **Data Review and Annual Work planning Meetings.** Act | East will support MOH to conduct a data review and FY23 work-planning from 23–25 May 2022.
- **Joint MDA Launch in Turkana Kenya.** Act | East will support MOH to attend the Joint MDA launch in Kenya which is scheduled to take place on 15 June 2022. Senior MoH officials, District representatives from Karamoja region and partners are expected to attend the function.
- **Workshops for coaching and strengthening local capacity for planning, budgeting, and resource mobilization efforts.** Act | East, working with R4D’s country consultant, will provide financial and technical support to MOH for a 2-day workshop with district leaders, from five districts (Nebbi, Buliisa, Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, and Amudat), who prepare and negotiate NTD budgets. The workshops are planned for May 16-20 and are designed to strengthen national and district administrative capacity for planning, budgeting, and domestic resource mobilization for NTD programming.
- **Targeted advocacy sessions.** Using the advocacy strategy and reports from the financing and programmatic activities, NTDCP and the NTD advocacy subcommittee will continue to conduct high- and subnational-level advocacy and engagement activities with senior management of relevant ministries and six targeted local governments (Nebbi, Buliisa, Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, and Amudat) from April through to August 2022.
- **Support the national multisectoral coordination (NTD Secretariat) meeting:** The MOH VB&NTDs Division, with technical and financial support from the Act | East program will hold a 1-day National Multisectoral coordination (NTD Secretariat meeting) for 35 participants. On top of the agenda for this meeting, it will also be used to validate and disseminate the Uganda NTD program Advocacy Strategy to the stakeholders and get updates from NTDCP and partners on NTD control and elimination.
- **Address the multi-sectoral coordination agenda in extended District Health Management Team meetings.** Act | East will support NTDCP to meet the costs of one (out of four) extended District Health Management Team meeting in each of the five districts (Buliisa, Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, and Amudat) for 15 participants per district. These meetings are anticipated to take place



from 9–20 May 2022. The meetings will also be used to update the stakeholders and district leaders on the upcoming MDA activities and advocate for their support in preparations and implementation.

- **NTD Data management training using DHIS2:** Act | East will support Ministry of Health to train district biostatisticians, health facility medical records assistants, NTD data management training, Health facility In-charges and Central supervisors in four districts on the use of DHIS2 to manage NTD MDA data. It will emphasize use of the revised NTD tools, data entry into the DHIS2, indicators and reports are different levels. In addition, emphasis will be put on importance of GESI to reach key populations as a part of reporting and health services delivery. The hands-on trainings will target Moroto, Amudat, Nakapiripirit, and Nabilatuk and facilitated by staff from the MOH-DHI. The activity is scheduled to be implemented from 19 – 20 May 2022.

#### Save the Children

- **Production and Broadcasting SAFE SBCC spot messages.** Save the Children will contract two local stations in Moroto and Amudat to produce MDA spot messages in the local languages (Ngakarimojong, Pokot, Swahilli). The messages will be pre-tested and broadcasted three to four times a day on three radio stations targeting both nomadic and non-nomadic communities across the four target districts throughout the month of May.
- **Dissemination of partner mapping findings.** Save the Children has addressed comments from the final draft partner mapping report. Dissemination of findings both at the national and sub-national (Karamoja sub region) will commence once the final report has been approved by Act | East HQ. A meeting has been scheduled for 6 May 2022 where Save the Children will be presenting the partner mapping findings to the Trachoma Programme Manager at the Ministry of Health.

#### TCC

- **MDA with IVM.** TCC will support the MOH to conduct OV MDA with IVM in 9 districts in May.

#### COVID-19 data monitoring sources:

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/ug>

National: <https://www.health.go.ug/covid/>

May 2022

ETHIOPIA

Act | East Partner: RTI, Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF),  
Light for the World (LFTW)

Total population: 109,654,569

COP: [Redacted]

Districts: 870

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Endemic diseases: LF (75), TRA (699), OV (222), SCH (424), STH (546)

TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22

	LF	OV	STH	Trachoma
MDA	<b>0/1 district + 0/1 camp</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/1 camp)</li> <li>Oromia-FHF (0/1 district)</li> </ul>	<b>0/83 districts + 0/5 refugee camps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/16 districts)</li> <li>BG (0/5 camps)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/67 districts)</li> </ul>	<b>0/1 district</b>	<b>0/34 districts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gambella (0/6 districts)</li> <li>Oromia-FHF (0/28 districts)</li> </ul>
DSAs (#EUs)	<b>Pre-TAS: 0/10 districts + 0/1 camp</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/5 districts)</li> <li>BG (0/1 refugee camp)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/5 districts)</li> </ul> <b>TAS1: 0/20 districts + 2/3 camps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/9 districts)</li> <li>BG (2/3 camps)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/11 districts)</li> </ul>			<b>TIS: 34/135 districts + 0/7 refugee camps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/2 districts)</li> <li>Gambella (1/3 districts)</li> <li>Gambella (0/7 camps)</li> <li>Oromia-FHF (33/101 districts)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/29 districts)</li> </ul> <b>TSS: 26/89 districts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BG (0/6 districts)</li> <li>Gambella (4/4 districts)</li> <li>Oromia-FHF (22/48 districts)</li> <li>Oromia-LFTW (0/31 districts)</li> </ul>

MERLA	<p><b>Sub-district MDA and SCT data:</b> Major findings being organized for MDA adaptation as part of FY23 work planning.</p> <p><b>CES (FHF):</b> Cancelled due to the U.S. Executive Order.</p> <p><b>Gambella region-DQA (RTI):</b> Complete.</p> <p><b>DSA Field Investigation (FHF):</b> Major findings being organized for MDA adaptation as part of FY23 work planning.</p>
HSS	<p><b>NTD Sustainability Plan</b> - Awaiting signature of the document by FMOH.</p> <p><b>Rapid GESI Assessment (RTI-Gambella)</b> - Data analysis is finalized and now working on report writing.</p> <p><b>Rapid GESI Assessment (FHF-Oromia)</b> - Data analysis is finalized and now working on report writing.</p> <p><b>GESI Behavior Change:</b> Ongoing technical support to Behavioral Change Team in Adaba, Oromia.</p>

Summary and explanation of **changes** made to table above since last month:

- Updated Trachoma surveys completed by RTI & FHF in Gambella and Oromia regions.
- Updated MERLA and HSS activities.

**Highlights:**

- FHF completed trachoma surveys in 13 districts (1 TIS and 12 TSS) in Arsi, Buno Bedele and Jimma zones of Oromia.
- RTI completed trachoma impact surveys in Oromia and Gambella.
  - 4 districts in Jimma and North Shoa zones of Oromia as part of the RTI dSIF funded TT algorithm study.
  - 5 districts (1 TIS and 4 TSS) of Gambella region. Survey teams faced insecurity when attempting to complete the remaining TIS in Dimma and Jor districts; these surveys have been postponed to June.
- All Act | East supported MDA has been cancelled due to the U.S. Executive Order. LFTW conducted OV MDA in 3 districts from non-Act | East funds to ensure use of near expiry drugs that had already been distributed to districts.
- RTI participated in the National Trachoma Action Plan development meeting, which was organized to increase regional and sub-regional level program ownership and promote incorporations of the sustainability plan into disease specific action plans.
- Act | East participated in the National Trachoma Task Force (NTTF) meeting organized to finalize the child MDA guidelines (treating children 1-9 years old in a second MDA four weeks after the regular community wide MDA) and develop an implementation plan to pilot in selected districts. The NTTF also discussed confirmatory mapping in urban and pastoralists areas.
- RTI SCM Technical Advisor participated a workshop organized by the Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Supply Service to integrate NTD medicines and campaign-based medicine management into the Electronic Resource Planning business process management system.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- **FY23 Work Planning Meeting:** Act| East will conduct the FY23 work planning meeting in June 2022 at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Addis.
- **TIS/TSS**
  - FHF will conduct TIS/TSS in the remaining districts of Arsi, Finfine Zuriya and Illu Aba Bora Zones in June 2022.
  - RTI will conduct TIS at 7 refugee camps of Gambella region in June 2022.
- **Trachoma MDA:**
  - FHF will support Trachoma MDA with non-Act | East funds in Oromia, June/July 2022. This is contingent upon Zithromax POS availability.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/et>

National: <https://covid19.ephi.gov.et/>

**May 2022**

**HAITI**

**Act | East Partners:** RTI, WI-HER

**COP:** [Redacted]

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 11.7 million (2020 est.)

**Districts:** 140 communes

**Endemic diseases:** LF (140) STH (140)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	STH
<b>MDA</b>	5/8 communes	5/8 communes
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	TAS3 in 1/1 EU	N/A

<b>MERLA</b>	National LF Pause and Reflect Meeting (completed December 2021) Pre-MDA census in 2 communes (completed) Coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 2 communes MDA real-time data collection in 8 communes
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**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Act | East and MSPP completed MDA in 5 of 8 planned communes
- Act | East and MSPP completed TAS3 in 1 of 1 planned commune

**Highlights:**

- Act | East and MSPP launched MDA in the North Department and completed the 10-day drug distribution in 4 communes: Quartier Morin, Milot, Acul du Nord, and Plaine du Nord.
- In preparation for MDA in the Northwest and West Departments, Act | East intensified social mobilization efforts by releasing health messages through sound trucks and media platforms like radio and TV, and prepared and delivered IEC materials.
- Act | East convened community leaders and promoters to discuss the social mobilization and MDA distribution strategies in line with recommendations from the Pause & Reflect (P&R) meeting in Port de Paix.
- Act | East convened and held a refresher training for the pool of supervisors tasked to support MDA in Port de Paix and organized an MDA launch event on May 25<sup>th</sup> to kickstart the campaign. MDA was completed in Port de Paix after 10 days.
- Act | East convened a two-day training for surveyors to prepare for TAS3 in Caracol, and successfully conducted TAS from May 16 – 31<sup>st</sup>. Only one positive was identified out of 309 surveyed.
- Act | East conducted a virtual After-Action Review meeting after completion of MDA in the 4 communes of the North Department to assess the implementation of the P&R strategy. The team identified challenges, successes, and recommendations for changes to make for MDA in the remaining communes.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Act | East will launch MDA in the two more communes (Arcahaie & Cabaret) on June 9<sup>th</sup> and MDA will be completed by June 19<sup>th</sup>. The last commune planned for MDA, Chansolme, will implement focal MDA in 4 enumeration areas in July.
- Act | East will attend the MSPP coordination meeting with all NTD implementing partners on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- MSPP and Act | East will hold the FY23 work planning meeting from June 22 – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/amro/country/ht>

MSPP: [https://mspp.gouv.ht/site/downloads/Sitrep%20COVID-19\\_24-07-2021.pdf](https://mspp.gouv.ht/site/downloads/Sitrep%20COVID-19_24-07-2021.pdf)

**May 2022**

**INDONESIA**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI

**COP:** [Redacted]

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 274,859,094

**Districts:** 514

**Endemic diseases:** # ever endemic districts  
 LF (236), SCH (2), STH (514)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Pre-TAS : 11/17 EUs TAS : 9/18 EUs

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Updated number of TAS surveys completed.

**Highlights:**

- Act | East Indonesia in collaboration with the MOH has successfully implemented a school-based TAS1 in Purwakarta using FTS from May 24 through June 2, 2022. A total of 1660 samples from 30 schools across the district were tested, with 0 positive results.
- The MOH has executed a further round of re-organization during early May, which has included appointing a new acting Director for Communicable Disease Control, a new Head of the NTD Work Team (formerly referred to as the Subdit), and several new staff for the NTD Work Team as well.

**Upcoming activities:**

- Act | East Indonesia in collaboration with the MOH will implement three Pre-TAS surveys in June 2022, beginning in the district of Aceh Jaya on June 13, followed by the district of Aceh Timur on June 20; and the district of Warapan also beginning on June 20, 2022.
- Act | East Indonesia will actively engage the new NTD Work Team at the MOH in scheduling activities for the remainder of FY22 and planning a full work plan for FY23.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/id>

National: <https://covid19.go.id/>

**May 2022**

**MOZAMBIQUE**

Act | East Partner: RTI

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

**Total population:** 30,881,854

**Districts:** 161

**Endemic diseases:** LF (113), OV (5), SCH (159),  
STH (151), Trachoma (65)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	Trachoma
MDA	0/8 districts
DSAs (#EUs)	TIS: 0/8 EUs
MERLA	Act   East data officer is regularly working with MISAU and ARISE project to insert all NTD indicators on the HMIS. The monitoring of the completion of the data are presented on a weekly basis and during technical meetings.

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Decreased targeted MDA districts from 10 to 8 following Zithromax production delays.
- Increased number of TIS from 4 to 8 with the approval of surveys in Cabo Delgado (Mecufi, Metuge, Balama, and Montepuez districts).

**Highlights:**

- CMAM (Central de Medicamentos e Artigos Médicos (Center for Drugs and Medical Supplies)) is working with the airport custom authorities to collect the Zithromax, arriving from Brussels.
- Act | East planned to implement additional MDA in Chinde and Pebane districts of Zambezia province rather than TIS in FY22. While this plan was initially approved at the March Trachoma Expert Committee meeting, ITI has notified the Mozambique program of Zithromax production delays requiring postponement of Zambezia MDA to October 2022.
- From May 31 to June 3, MISAU hosted the HMIS provincial-level training, facilitated by trainers from the *Departamento de Informação para a Saúde* (Department of Health Information [DIS]). Attendees included the NTD provincial focal points, USAID, ARISE, and Act | East staff. Topics discussed included: indicators to be inserted, presentation of the platform itself, data flow, data entry, data visualization, reporting, and next steps. Currently all NTD case management indicators are available in the HMIS. The DIS will insert epidemiological, therapeutic, and geographic coverage MDA indicators into the platform next month. Weekly meetings with MISAU, ARISE, USAID, and Act | East M&E staff will be held to follow up on this process.
- A consultant was recruited to develop the 2022-2030 NTD strategic plan. The consultant will work very closely with the NTD focal point at MISAU and the Act | East COP. Weekly meetings will be held to guide the progress and quality of the document. Act | East expects the consultant to complete work in July and present to MISAU and partners.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- **TT smartphone tool testing:** Act | East will support the testing of the tool in two districts (Chemba district, Sofala province and Guro district, Manica province) in July 2022. RTI is working to address IRB feedback.
- **Trachoma Assessments Using Rational and Uniform Surveys (TAURUS) Study:** Act | East will support the collection of conjunctival swabs and dry blood spots during TIS in four districts (Mossuril, Ilha Mozambique, Nacala-A-Velha (Nampula province), Inhassunge (Zambezia province)) in June and July 2022. Longitudinal monitoring of TF, Ct infection and pgp3 will be conducted in an additional four districts (Guro, Tambara (Manica province), Chinde (Zambezia province)).
- **TIS:** Act | East will support TIS in eight districts in Cabo Delgado, Nampula, and Zambezia Provinces in July 2022.
- **MDA:** Act | East will support re-MDA in eight districts (Macossa, Tambara, Guro, Erati, Liupo, Ilha de Mogincual, Moma, and Memba) in August 2022.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/mz>

National: <https://www.misau.gov.mz/>



**May 2022**

**NEPAL**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI

**COP:** [Redacted]

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 30,201,100

**Districts:** 77

**Endemic diseases:** # ever endemic districts:  
LF (63), Trachoma (20) & STH (77)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Re-Pre-TAS: 5/10 districts TAS1 : 2/7 districts TAS2 : 16/16 districts TAS3 : 0/13 districts
<b>HSS</b>	Domestic Resource Mobilization Case Study: <b>ongoing</b> GESI Behavior Change Activity: <b>June 2022- September 2022</b>

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Updated completed and ongoing surveys.
- Updated dates for HSS activities

**Highlights:**

- Act | East Nepal reviewed initial draft reports of completed LF MDA school awareness support activities in two districts (Bara and Jhapa) and LF MDA technical support activity in two municipalities of Bara district. These activities were designed to strengthen MDA by increasing awareness among new populations and providing additional technical support, two areas of weakness identified in these districts. Act | East teams reviewed the draft reports to understand reach of the activities, opportunities for replication, as well as challenges faced during implementation. The draft reports were returned to grantees for additional inputs and revisions and new draft reports are expected to be submitted in early June.
- Act | East Nepal met with WHO and EDCD to discuss LF program priorities and proposed activities for FY23. Discussion included review of FY22 LF MDA and DSAs, drug requirements for FY23 LF MDA and other activities that Act| East might support in the coming year.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- NTD domestic resource mobilization case study discussions with USAID Nepal Mission and application for local ethical review and municipality data collection will begin in June/July.
- TAS 3 in 5 districts (Saptari, Siraha, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur Urban, Kathmandu) targeted for late June, followed by 8 districts (Okhaldhunga, Kaski, Argakhachi, Pyuthan, Rolpa, Rukum East, Rukum West, Salyan) in July- August.
- [Redacted] will represent Act | East at the SEARO RPRG meeting taking place in New Delhi, India June 28- July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/np>

National: <https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/>

**May 2022**

**NIGERIA**

Act | East Partner: RTI, The Carter Center

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 207.8 million

Districts (LGAs): 774

Endemic diseases: LF (553), OV (449), SCH (691), STH (415), Trachoma (143)

TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22

	LF	OV	SCH	STH
MDA	<b>1/40 districts</b> (0/39 TCC, <b>1/1</b> RTI)	<b>1/98 districts</b> (1/83 TCC, 0/15 RTI)	<b>0/90 districts</b> (TCC)	<b>0/120 districts</b> (TCC)
DSAs (#EUs)	<b>Pre-TAS : 34/36</b> (TCC 34/35, RTI 0/1) <b>TAS 1 : 1/38</b> (TCC 0/37, RTI 0/1)			

HSS	Cross River State health financing assessment- <b>Draft Report of Fund Flow Analysis completed.</b>
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**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- LF re-MDA was conducted in Yala LGA of Cross River State
- R4D presented a draft report of the Fund Flow Analysis

**Highlights:**

- Act | East supported the CRS NTD team to finalize plans re-MDA activity in Yala LGA: activity timeline was jointly reviewed by RTI and State team to conduct final advocacy activities, cascaded training of personnel, flag-off ceremony, medicine distribution, electronic data capture and supervision of community treatment.
  - Act | East and the state NTD team jointly conducted advocacy visits to Western Yala Traditional Leaders and the Yala chapter of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN). These advocacy efforts helped to secure the buy-in of the community leaders for a successful re-MDA in Yala. Over 45 Traditional leaders and the CAN executives attended the flag-off ceremony where they publicly swallowed IVM and ALB as a mark of support for the re-MDA. This demonstrated sense of ownership and trust and safety of the medicines and helped to reduce refusals during community treatment.
  - As part of health system strengthening for MDA in Yala, Act | East supported the cascaded training of healthcare workers at State, LGA, Health Facility and Community levels. A total of

- five (5) members of the State and six (6) members of the LGA NTD team, 125 FLHF workers and 864 CDDs were trained to implement the re-MDA in Yala.
  - Electronic Data Capture (EDC) was deployed to capture and transmit treatment data directly from community health facilities in Yala to a cloud-based server, from whence dashboard was observed to aid targeted field supervision. This is documented as first-time experience on Act | East MDA implementation in Nigeria. Challenges and recommendations have been documented for learning.
- Act | East Nigeria shared experience on EDC preparatory processes at RTI Technical Round Table held on the May 5, 2022. Lessons from Nepal and Haiti helped to enrich the Nigeria EDC deployment in Yala re-MDA.
- Act | East participated in the 14th National Onchocerciasis Elimination Committee (NOEC) meeting held on 18th to 20th of May 2022. The meeting discussed how to mitigate Onchocerciasis elimination gaps, cross-border transmission, status reclassification for states based on outcome of recent assessments, backlog of Dried Blood Spot (DBS) Samples and need for more Onchocerciasis laboratories in the country. FMOH shared some next steps to set-up laboratory in Abuja where samples could be processed. Concerns were raised over Benue and Cameroon borders with Cross River. The need for collaborative implementation of activities along border communities was recommended to sustain the gains of Onchocerciasis elimination efforts in Cross River state.
- Act | East participated on a national data Snapshot update meeting held in WHO office on the 25th and 26th of May 2022. Data gaps were identified and jointly updated by FMOH and implementing partners. Updated Snapshot will be disseminated by FMOH for subsequent program planning by partners at national and State-level. Joint work-plan development between partners, FMOH and State NTD teams was recommended.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Act | East FY23 workplan development meetings with CRS State and National NTD Programs in Nigeria in June 2022.
- LF Technical Working Group Meeting in June 2022.
- FMOH Supervision and Monitoring of CMS in Nigeria in June 2022.

**Upcoming activities not requiring COVID protocols:**

- Commodity reverse logistics for Yala re-MDA
- Data review, analysis and reporting for Yala re-MDA

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/ng>

National: <https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/>

**May 2022**

**PHILIPPINES**

Act | East Partner: RTI  
RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 112,919,769  
Districts/Provinces: 82  
Endemic diseases: # ever endemic districts. LF (47) SCH (29) STH (82)

**Activities supported by Philippines DOH in 2022**

	LF	SCH	STH
MDA	2/46	28/28 provinces	82 provinces
DSAs (#EUs)	TAS1 : 1/2 TAS2 : 0/6 TAS3 : 0/7		

**Activities supported by USAID in FY21**

HSS	NTD costing analysis and province/municipality TA
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**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:** None

**Highlights:**

- Act | East headquarters-based staff debriefed USAID Washington on meetings from their April-May visit to the Philippines. The meeting also covered proposed activities and strategy for ongoing partnership with the DOH into the next fiscal year of the project. Act | East staff has shared proposed activities with the DOH Disease Prevention and Control Bureau for feedback and comment.
- Act | East provided comment on the NTD components of the Omnibus Health Guidelines via the DPCB International Health Partners group. Act | East recommended the Guidelines provide a longer-term vision for NTD programming within the guidelines.
- National elections took place on May 9<sup>th</sup>. It is likely that there will some impact on DOH staffing with new political appointments and potentially further staffing changes once the new administration is in place, expected in July.
- Act | East's Technical Program Advisor, [Redacted] resigned his position with RTI at the end of May. Based on consultation with the DOH and USAID Washington, Act | East will re-advertise the position after new DOH staff settle in and priorities for Act | East support are further clarified, likely in Q1 of FY23. Ongoing FY22 activities will be supported by existing staff or consultants.

**Upcoming activities:**

- Costing analysis on NTDs in Leyte province will be revisited in June.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://www.who.int/philippines/>

National: <https://doh.gov.ph/covid-19/case-tracker>

**May 2022**

**SOUTHEAST ASIA (BANGLADESH, LAO PDR, VIET NAM)**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI, FHF in Viet Nam

**Total population:** Bangladesh (173,346,194); Lao PDR (7,119,891); Viet Nam (95,913,875)

**Districts:** Bangladesh (64); Lao PDR (17); Viet Nam (63)

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Endemic diseases:** Bangladesh LF (19) STH (64); Lao PDR LF (1) STH (1), SCH (17); Viet Nam LF (4), STH (63), TRA (15).

**TABLE: Activities in FY22, non-USAID funding**

	LF	Trachoma
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Bangladesh TAS3: 1/1 (TAS3 supported by WHO)  Lao PDR TAS3: 1/1 (TAS3 supported by WHO)	Viet Nam TSS: focal areas of Lung Ho commune (TSS supported by FHF) (complete)

<b>MERLA</b>	Learning activity on dossier development models
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**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:** None

**Bangladesh**

**Highlights:**

- [Redacted]’s visit and the WHO-coordinated stakeholders’ workshop for dossier finalization were delayed until June to accommodate various schedules. The workshop dates are set for June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and [Redacted] will travel to Dhaka to work with MOHFW and Act | East consultant from June 6<sup>th</sup> onwards.
- Act | East consultant in Bangladesh and [Redacted] coordinated available data, existing dossier drafts and perceived gaps ahead of the visit.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Act | East regional dossier consultant, [Redacted], will travel to Bangladesh June 6-13 to work with the MOHFW on the dossier draft and attend the WHO-coordinated stakeholders’ workshop.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/bd>

National: <https://corona.gov.bd/>

## Lao PDR

### Highlights:

- WHO CO prepared and submitted an official letter of submission for the LF dossier for the Minister of Health's signature. Once that letter is signed, the dossier will be officially submitted. It is expected to be ready by the end of the first week of June.

## Viet Nam

### Upcoming activities:

- VNEH, FHF and Act | East supported a trachoma dossier workshop on May 20<sup>th</sup>. VNEH officials at the national level and regional officials from Ha Giang province attended the workshop from the government. Act | East was represented by [Redacted] and the FHF Viet Nam team. Other participants included the WHO Country Office, USAID Viet Nam, and ITI. The workshop clarified the process of reviews and approvals required within the MOH and set out a clear timeline for the process. There are still gaps in surgery data required for the dossier data to be considered complete. This data is held at the regional level. Act | East will coordinate with VNEH to ensure that those data gaps are filled before the second dossier workshop, which will take place in FY23.

### COVID-19 data monitoring sources:

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/wpro/country/vn>

**May 2022**

**TANZANIA**

Act | East Partner: RTI International

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 57.6 million (2022)

Districts: 184

Endemic diseases: LF (119), TRA (71), OV (28), SCH (184), STH (184)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	OV	SCH	STH	Trachoma
<b>Mapping</b>	N/A	OV Elimination mapping: 0/4 districts OV Exclusion mapping: 0/2 districts	N/A	N/A	Desk review: 0/6 districts
<b>MDA</b>	0/6 districts	Round 1: 9/9 districts Round 2: 0/28 districts	0/35 districts	0/41 districts	0/9 districts (0/10 EUs)
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Re-Pre-TAS : 1/1 district TAS1 : 0/1 EU TAS3 : 9/23 EUs iTAS: 7/7 EUs	Pre-stop MDA survey (epi): 0/2 districts Stop-MDA survey (epi & ent): 0/3 districts iTAS: 7/7 EUs	0/4 districts	N/A	TIS: 1/1 EU TSS: 2/2 EUs

<b>MERLA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 9 districts: 4/4 LF, 4/4 OV, 0/1 TRA</li> <li>Trachoma DSA outcome investigation in 3/6 districts</li> <li>Trachoma MDA microplanning in 8/10 EUs</li> </ul>
<b>HSS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop M&amp;E plan for the sustainability activities in the NTD Master Plan</li> <li>Launch NTD Master Plan and Sustainability Plan</li> <li>Support TZNTDCP integration into the health sector planning SWAp TWG</li> <li>Support Comprehensive Council Health Plan (CCHP) development</li> <li>Strengthen federal and district capacity for planning, budgeting, and resource mobilization</li> <li>Advocacy Strategy Implementation: 1 high-level national and 1 regional/district level meeting</li> <li>GESI iDARE/behavior change activity in 5 districts (4 TRA, 2 OV)</li> </ul>

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Act | East supported NTDCP to conduct OV MDA in 9 district councils.
- Act | East plans to support NTDCP to **conduct** OV pre-stop MDA survey in 2 district councils (revised from 1 district council).
- Act | East supported NTDCP to conduct microplanning for trachoma MDA in 8 EUs.

**Highlights:**

- In collaboration with NTDCP, Act | East conducted microplanning meetings using the new WHO microplanning manual in selected health facilities of Ngorongoro DC, Monduli DC, Longido DC,



Simanjiro DC, Kongwa DC North, Chamiwino DC South, Mpwapwa DC North and Kalambo DC EUs from 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Sites for microplanning were selected based on TF prevalence, low coverage, and characteristics like scattered, pastoralist/mobile, and hard to reach populations, and communities with high rates of refusal of MDA.

- Act | East supported a cross-border MDA planning meeting with Kenya in Arusha region to plan for synchronized MDA in June 2022. The meeting resulted in an action plan and timeline for implementation of pre-MDA and MDA activities in border districts. Act | East and NTDCP will also participate in a follow-up virtual cross border planning meet with Kenya in June head of the joint MDA planned at the end of May.
- Act | East and NTDCP conducted a workshop for development of a creative brief for IEC/BCC material and messages development from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 and involved participants from MoH (i.e., NTDCP, National Malaria Control Program, Health Promotion Support, National AIDS Control Program), PO-RALG, Crown Agents (ARISE project) and RTI International. The creative brief development workshop preceded the IEC/BCC material and messages workshop that is planned from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- Act | East and NTDCP conducted supportive supervision for IVM MDA for Oncho in 9 councils of Bumbuli DC, Mkinga DC, Korogwe DC, Muheza DC, Lushoto DC, Ulanga DC, Mlimba DC, Malinyi DC and Ifakara TC from 9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
- Act | East in collaboration with NTDCP commenced implementation of GESI behavior change activities in four trachoma-endemic councils (Longido DC, Monduli DC, Simanjiro DC and Kiteto DC). In the two regions of Arusha and Manyara, 30 Regional Health Management Team members were oriented on GESI concepts. This capacity building was cascaded down to 61 Council Health Management Team members, 36 GESI council implementers, 420 Community IDARE teams and 601 community members. Preliminary findings indicate the following:
  - More health education is needed on preventive chemotherapy for trachoma, and social mobilization should begin several weeks before the campaign;
  - Some communities still relate MDA with possibilities of infertility, impotence and other harmful outcomes;
  - Women may need permission to take the preventive medication from their husbands;
  - Communities are wary of any medication given out in a campaign modality and have more trust in receiving medications directly from health facilities;
  - Maasai communities proposed pasturing in rotation to allow those who are out to come back for MDA if it is held during the dry season (June-December); and
  - Involvement of traditional and influential community leaders, such as the Laigwanani for the Maasai, up to the Hamlet leaders in the government system is highly important for a positive behavior change towards improved uptake of preventive medication.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Complete microplanning for trachoma MDA in Kiteto districts (Kiteto DC North and Kiteto DC South EUs) from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

- Conduct OV pre-stop MDA survey in 2 district councils of Kilosa and Tunduru DCs, including training of research assistants and laboratory technicians. Fieldwork is planned from June 19-27<sup>th</sup>.
- Conduct OV elimination mapping in 4 district councils (Handeni DC, Kilindi DC, Iringa DC and Kilolo DC) and OV exclusion mapping in 2 district councils of Newala DC and Newala TC.
- Following the IEC/BCC materials and messages workshop in June, Act | East will support NTDCP to pre-test and refine messages in the field.
- Conduct advocacy and sensitization meetings prior to MDA in four district councils (Ngorongoro, Longido, Kalambo and Mpwapwa).
- Carry out enhanced supportive supervision for trachoma MDA in 9 districts (10 EUs).
- Support NTDCP to conduct MDA training of trainers sessions for OV, SCH, STH and LF MDAs planned in Septembers. These TOT sessions will kick off in mid-June and run through the end of the month.
- The FY23 work planning meeting is scheduled for June 8-9<sup>th</sup> in Morogoro and virtually.
- Conduct GESI coaching activities in 6 councils (Longido DC, Monduli DC, Simanjiro DC, Kiteto DC, Ulanga DC and Mlimba DC) in Arusha, Manyara and Morogoro regions.
- Through a local consultant, complete the sustainability advocacy strategy.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

**WHO:** <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/tz>

**National:** <https://www.moh.go.tz/en/covid-19-info>

**May 2022**

**UGANDA**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI, The Carter Center, WI-HER, R4D, Save the Children **Total population:** 41,740,474 (2019)

**COP:** [Redacted]

**Districts:** 134

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Endemic diseases:** LF (64), TRA (51), OV (32), SCH (92), STH (134)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	OV	SCH	STH	Trachoma
<b>MDA</b>	N/A	9/9 districts (R1) 3/11 districts (R2)	N/A	N/A	5/5 districts (Oct 2021) 0/5 districts (June 2022)
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	TAS3: 7/16 EUs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>MERLA</b>	Trachoma coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 3 districts (completed) Data quality assessment in Moroto (completed) NTD data management training using DHIS2 (completed)
<b>HSS</b>	Develop national NTD program advocacy strategy (completed) Targeted cost analysis National and district funds flow analysis Finalize and institutionalize GESI MDA training curriculum Develop national SBC packages for NTDs and GESI GESI behavior change activity in two districts SCH/STH partner mapping exercise

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- NTD data management training using DHIS2 was completed.
- Development of a national NTD program advocacy strategy was completed
- OV MDA completed in 3 districts.
- Trachoma MDA targets updated to reflect twice annual TRA MDA.

**Highlights:**

**RTI**

- **Data Review and Annual Work planning Meetings.** From May 20–22, Act | East supported MOH to conduct the FY23 data review and annual work-planning. The meeting was chaired by the Ag. Asst. Commissioner of Health services and attended by NTD Program managers, District representatives and Act | East consortium partners including Wi-HER, R4D, The Carter Center and StC.

- **NTD Data Management training using DHIS2:** From May 19-20, Act | East provided financial and technical support to the Ministry of Health, Division of Health Information to train district biostatisticians, health facility medical records personnel and NTD FPs in the districts of Buliisa, Moroto, Amudat, Nabilatuk and Nakapiripirit on the use of DHIS2 to manage NTD MDA data from 2022. One of the main recommendations from the training was how to combine the age ranges in the HMIS form used for Trachoma MDA data entry so that it can be entered into DHIS2.
- **Workshops for coaching and strengthening local capacity for planning, budgeting, and resource mobilization efforts.** From May 16-17, Act | East, through partner R4D, provided financial and technical support to MOH to conduct a 2-day workshop with 30 district leaders, from Nebbi, Buliisa, Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, and Amudat, to strengthen national and district administrative capacity for planning, budgeting, and domestic resource mobilization for NTD programming. Participants included the District Heads of Finance, District Health Officers, District Planners, Biostatisticians, Senior Accounts Assistants and NTD Focal Persons.
- **Targeted advocacy session for the development of Cabinet Paper on NTDs.** On May 11, following a request from the Hon. Minister of Health for a cabinet paper on NTDs in Uganda, Act | East supported the NTD Program Managers and the MOH Policy Department to hold a meeting in our boardroom to draft the Cabinet Paper and submit to the Hon. Minister of Health by early June.

**National multisectoral coordination meeting (NTD Secretariat):** On May 5, Act| East provided technical and financial support to the MOH VB & NTDs Division to hold a one-day National Multisectoral coordination (NTD Secretariat meeting) for 35 participants. This meeting was widely attended including by Hon. Members of Parliament on the Parliamentary Forum on Malaria, who were following up on the need to include NTDs as part of that forum. The meeting was also used to validate and disseminate the Uganda NTD Program Advocacy Strategy to the stakeholders and feedback was returned to the consultant.

- **Multi-sectoral coordination in District Health Management Team meetings.** From May 10- 13, Act | East provided technical and financial support for one-day District Health Management Team meetings in Buliisa, Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, and Amudat for 40 participants per district. The meetings were used to provide feedback from the coverage evaluation survey; discuss the last MDA data; discuss findings on the barriers to MDA access and uptake from the GESI behavior change activity cohort members; and conduct advocacy for stakeholder and district leadership involvement in the June MDA. Additionally, each district received the NTD sustainability plan 2020 – 2025 and the Health Financing consultant took the stakeholders through sustainable financing approaches.

#### WI-HER

- **GESI behavior change activities:** With technical support from WI-HER, GESI behavior change activities continued in Nabilatuk, Amudat, and Moroto where district level and facility-based root agents provide ongoing coaching and support to the identified cohorts of individuals who missed/refused MDA. This coaching will be ongoing until the June MDA.

- **GESI MDA materials training curriculum:** Act | East, through partner Wi-HER began to draft the GESI training addendum. Plan is for final integration and updates to materials in FY23 as these materials are only updated at a specific time once per year.

#### Save the Children (StC)

- **Airing of radio spot messages and radio talk shows:** Ahead of the June MDA, StC supported the airing of a total of 240 spot messages which aired four times per day in Pokot, Ngakarimojong, Swahili and English, targeting both nomadic and non-nomadic communities in Amudat, Nabilatuk, Moroto and Nakapiripirit districts. Messages aired on three local radio stations including a Kenyan based station (Heritage FM, Ateker FM and Kenyan based Kalya FM). StC also conducted three radio talk shows on Heritage and Ateker FM with district political leadership, the Chairperson Local Council [Redacted] (political head of the district) and Town Council Mayor, as well as technical persons from the District Health Office, District Health Educators and Health Assistants. The talk shows lasted for one-hour and aimed to sensitize communities within the endemic communities about trachoma MDA and benefits of community compliance to the administered medicines.

#### TCC

- OV MDA was completed in the districts of Lira, Omoro and Kasese, with over 95% MDA coverage registered in all 3 districts.
- Community Drug Distributors were trained in Amuru, Pader, and Oyam districts ahead of upcoming MDAs.

#### Upcoming activities requiring COVID-19 protocols:

##### RTI

- **Pre-MDA activities.** Act | East will support MOH to conduct pre-MDA activities in preparation for June trachoma MDA in Moroto, Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit, Amudat and Buliisa. These will include microplanning, TOT, registration of communities, and social mobilization (usage of IEC materials, radio talk shows, messages and jingles, mobile vans and megaphones).
- **MDA implementation.** Act | East will support MOH to implement Trachoma Mass Drug Administration in five districts: Amudat, Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit, Moroto and Buliisa. This is scheduled to take place from 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.
- **MDA data collection and reporting.** Act | East will support MOH to conduct Data collection and reporting in all the five districts implementing MDA. VHTs/CMDs and Parish supervisors will be supported to collect data from communities after treatment and submitted to different levels for review. District Biostatisticians will also be supported to ensure that MDA data is entered into DHIS2.
- **Targeted advocacy sessions.** Using the final NTD program advocacy strategy and reports from the financing and programmatic activities, NTDCP and the NTD advocacy subcommittee will continue to conduct high- and subnational-level advocacy and engagement activities with senior

management of relevant ministries and six targeted local governments (Buliisa, Moroto, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, and Amudat) from June through to September 2022.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop for coaching and strengthening local capacity for planning, budgeting, and resource mobilization efforts.** Act | East will provide technical and financial support to MOH-NTDCP to conduct a 2<sup>nd</sup> follow on workshop with the Heads of Finance, District Health Officers, District Planners, Biostatisticians, Senior Accounts Assistants and NTD Focal Persons from the targeted District Local Governments to finalize on the NTD priorities to include in the upcoming budget and build their capacity to negotiate with the district decision makers. This is anticipated to take place in August before the start of the budget conferences in September.

#### WI-HER

- **MDA campaign support:** The GESI Behavior Change Influencers will be trained together with the VHTs during the VHT training in Amudat, Nabilatuk and Moroto so they can support in pre-MDA and MDA activities.

#### Save the Children

- **Conducting radio talk shows:** Starting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, StC will continue to engage two local radio stations to broadcast three radio talk shows in Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit, and Moroto districts. T
- **Community dialogues:** Starting 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022, a total of 60 community dialogues targeting Kraal leaders, natural leaders, household heads, women and men among other community members will be conducted in Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, Moroto and Amudat districts.

#### Other upcoming activities:

- **Broadcasting SAFE SBCC spot messages:** StC will continue to engage three local stations in Nakapiripirit, Moroto and Amudat to broadcasting MDA spot messages in the local languages
- **Dissemination of partner mapping findings:** Save the Children presented a draft partner mapping report to MOH team and RTI. Feedback from the presentation was incorporated and the final report has been shared with RTI. With guidance from RTI, the report will be presented to STH/SCH expert committee at national level, and key stakeholders at the sub-national level in Karamoja.

#### TCC

- OV MDA will be conducted in Moyo, Adjumani, Amuru, Nwoya, Gulu, Pader, Lamwo, Oyam, and Kitgum districts starting from June 2022.

#### COVID-19 data monitoring sources:

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/ug>

National: <https://www.health.go.ug/covid/>

**June 2022**

**ETHIOPIA**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI, Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF),  
Light for the World (LFTW)

**Total population:** 109,654,569

**COP:** [Redacted]

**Districts:** 870

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Endemic diseases:** LF (75), TRA (699), OV (222), SCH (424), STH (546)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	OV	STH	Trachoma
<b>MDA</b>	<b>0/1 district + 0/1 camp</b> • BG (0/1 camp) • Oromia-FHF (0/1 district)	<b>0/83 districts + 0/5 refugee camps</b> • BG (0/16 districts) • BG (0/5 camps) • Oromia-LFTW (0/67 districts)	<b>0/1 district</b>	<b>0/34 districts</b> • Gambella (0/6 districts) • Oromia-FHF (0/28 districts)
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	<b>Pre-TAS: 0/10 districts + 0/1 camp</b> • BG (0/5 districts) • BG (0/1 refugee camp) • Oromia-LFTW (0/5 districts)  <b>TAS1: 0/20 districts + 2/3 camps</b> • BG (0/9 districts) • BG (2/3 camps) • Oromia-LFTW (0/11 districts)			<b>TIS: 38/135 districts + 6/7 refugee camps</b> • BG (0/2 districts) • Gambella (1/3 districts) • Gambella (6/7 camps) • Oromia-FHF (37/101 districts) • Oromia-LFTW (0/29 districts)  <b>TSS: 35/89 districts</b> • BG (0/6 districts) • Gambella (4/4 districts) • Oromia-FHF (31/48 districts) • Oromia-LFTW (0/31 districts)

<b>MERLA</b>	<b>Sub-district level MDA and SCT data (Partners):</b> Major findings being organized for MDA adaptation as part of FY23 work planning <b>CES (FHF):</b> Cancelled due to the U.S. Executive Order. <b>Gambella region-DQA (RTI)-</b> Complete <b>DSA Field Investigation (FHF):</b> Major findings being organized for MDA adaptation as part of FY23 work planning.
<b>HSS</b>	<b>NTD Sustainability Plan (RTI) –</b> The plan is approved by FMOH, printing under process. <b>Rapid GESI Assessment (RTI-Gambella)</b> - Data analysis is finalized; report write up ongoing. <b>Rapid GESI Assessment (FHF-Oromia)</b> - Data analysis is finalized; report write up ongoing. <b>GESI Behavior Change:</b> Ongoing technical support to Behavioral Change Team in Adaba, Oromia.

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Updated Trachoma surveys completed by RTI & FHF in Gambella and Oromia regions.
- Updated status of NTD sustainability plan.

**Highlights:**

- FHF completed trachoma surveys in 13 districts (4 TIS and 9 TSS) in Arsi, North Shewa, Finfine Zuriya and Illu Aba Bora zones of Oromia region.
- RTI completed trachoma impact survey in 6 refugee camps of Gambella region.
- RTI conducted an Act | East FY23 planning meeting in collaboration with partners and RHBs, during which FY22 activities performance progress and FY23 priorities were major discussion points. FY23 draft work plan narrative and budget documents from RTI, LFTW and FHF submitted to the Act | East HQ team for review.
- RTI SCM Technical Advisor provided support in pre-annual inventory and annual report preparation activities of EPSA.
- RTI supported Oromia RHB in the development of 3<sup>rd</sup> regional NTD strategic plan through its HSS TA.
- RTI HSS Technical Advisor provided technical support to revise GESI-SCT integrated tool for use during MDA campaign supervision activities.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

*Current activities paused pending outcome of Executive Order*

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/et>

National: <https://covid19.ephi.gov.et/>



**June 2022**

**HAITI**

**Act | East Partners:** RTI, WI-HER

**COP:** [Redacted]

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 11.7 million (2020 est.)

**Districts:** 140 communes

**Endemic diseases:** LF (140) STH (140)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	STH
<b>MDA</b>	7/8 communes	7/8 communes
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	TAS3 in 1/1 EU	N/A

<b>MERLA</b>	National LF Pause and Reflect Meeting (completed December 2021) Pre-MDA census in 2 communes (completed) Coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 4 communes MDA real-time data collection in 8 communes
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**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Act | East and MSPP completed MDA in 7 of 8 planned communes
- Act | East will conduct CES in 4 communes, increased from 2 communes in the work plan.

**Highlights:**

- Act | East Haiti in collaboration with MSPP launched the last series of MDA in Arcahaie and Cabaret in the West Department. As in the other communes, MDA lasted 10 days and was completed on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Act | East supported reverse logistics to collect unused drugs and commodities after MDA. All medicines and materials are being stored in the RTI office in Port-au-Prince.
- In collaboration with MSPP, Act | East convened the FY23 work planning meeting from June 22-23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting was conducted in-person in Port-au-Prince with HQ and partners joining virtually to discuss and agree on proposed FY23 activities.
- Act | East attended an NTD coordination meeting held by the MSPP. Partners discussed recent achievements and timeline for upcoming NTD activities. This helped Act | East team to finalize FY23 activities.
- MOH convened implementing partners to a virtual meeting to lay out their vision on MMDP and to push for the establishment of an LF surveillance system. It was noted that there is unused potential for LF surveillance within other departments of the MOH, specifically the Directorate of Epidemiology, Laboratory & Research and the National Public Health Laboratory, both of which are well equipped in terms of laboratory and technical capacity.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Organize a national GESI workshop planned for July 25-26 in Port-au-Prince to share learning from the GESI behavior change activity in Acul-du-Nord and review existing MDA training materials and social mobilization approaches to devise a plan for GESI integration in FY23.
- Launch MDA materials procurement for Chansolme which will implement door-to-door focal MDA in 4 enumeration areas in August.
- Draft the protocol for CES in 4 communes planned for August.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/amro/country/ht>

MSPP: [https://mspp.gouv.ht/site/downloads/Sitrep%20COVID-19\\_24-07-2021.pdf](https://mspp.gouv.ht/site/downloads/Sitrep%20COVID-19_24-07-2021.pdf)

**June 2022**

**INDONESIA**

Act | East Partner: RTI

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 274,859,094

Districts: 514

Endemic diseases: # ever endemic districts  
 LF (236), SCH (2), STH (514)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Pre-TAS : 14/17 EUs TAS : 9/18 EUs

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Updated number of Pre-TAS surveys completed.

**Highlights:**

- Act | East Indonesia in collaboration with the MOH has implemented three Pre-TAS surveys in June 2022, beginning in the district of Aceh Jaya on June 13, followed by the district of Aceh Timur on June 20; and the district of Waropen also beginning on June 20, 2022. The Pre-TAS in Waropen utilized FTS and with only 3 positive samples identified, the district is considered to have passed. The Pre-TAS surveys in Aceh Jaya and Aceh Timur utilized mf detection in night blood, with samples currently being analyzed in the relevant BBTLKs.
- WHO SEARO organized a NTD program managers meeting in conjunction with the RPRG from June 28 to July 1. The newly appointed Head of NTD Work Team and another staff member attended the meeting. Extensive discussions were held on how to implement surveys in Brugia endemic areas without a valid rapid diagnostic tool. Results of these discussions will be incorporated into plans for the remainder of FY22 and in the Act | East FY23 work plan.

**Upcoming activities:**

- Act | East Indonesia in collaboration with the MOH will implement a Pre-TAS in Melawi beginning on July 18, which will include participation of a professional photographer to document the entire process of a mf survey using night blood samples, including when samples reach the regional lab. Interviews from a selection of implementors and participants will also be organized.
- Act | East Indonesia in collaboration with the MOH will also implement a Pre-TAS in FakFak district also beginning on July 18, 2022.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/id>

National: <https://covid19.go.id/>

**June 2022**

**MOZAMBIQUE**

Act | East Partner: RTI

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

**Total population:** 30,881,854

**Districts:** 161

**Endemic diseases:** LF (113), OV (5), SCH (159), STH (151), Trachoma (65)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	<b>Trachoma</b>
<b>MDA</b>	0/8 districts
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	<b>TIS:</b> 0/8 EUs
<b>MERLA</b>	Act   East data officer is regularly working with MISAU and ARISE project to insert all NTD indicators on the HMIS. The monitoring of the completion of the data are presented on a weekly basis and during technical meetings.

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:** None

**Highlights:**

- Zithromax for the MDA planned in Manica province (Macossa, Tambara, Guro districts) and Nampula province (Erati, Ilha de Mogincual, Liupo, Moma, Memba districts) is stocked at the CMAM (Central de Medicamentos e Artigos Médicos (Center for Drugs and Medical Supplies)).
- Ongoing discussion with MISAU NTD staff to finalize the introduction of NTD indicator on the HMIS platform. The upcoming MDA data will be insert in the HMIS platform.
- Act East COP and Finance Manager visited the province of Nampula and Manica with the Acting NTD Coordinator to i) present the approved USAID budget to the health provincial management staff, ii) confirm the quantification of the human and materials needs and iii) discuss the MDA timeline. A decision was made to postpone the trachoma MDA until the last week of August 2022, in order to accommodate the polio campaign.
- An Act | East consultant is working on the 2022-2030 NTD strategic plan section, in collaboration with the NTD focal point at MISAU, Act | East Mozambique, ARISE and WHO teams. Weekly meetings are held both virtually or in person to discuss the progress and quality of the document.
- Act | East HQ staff–Program Manager, Project Coordinator, MERLA focal point–visited Mozambique in mid-June. The objectives of their visit were to work with the Act | East Mozambique staff on the FY23 narrative and budget work plan and to meet the MISAU staff.
- **Participated in the MEEC (June 10):** Sightsavers hosted the Mozambican Eyes Care Coalition (MECC), chaired by Olhos do mundo. Sightsavers, RTI, Light for the World, and MISAU ophthalmology program staff were present. This was an opportunity for each of the participant to present their FY22 activities. Sightsavers confirmed that they will conduct 3,000 TT surgeries in 8 provinces (Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Niassa, Tete, Inhambane, Sofala, Gaza e Manica). Light for the World will fund ophthalmological courses for medical doctors. Act | East presented the upcoming surveys that are part of the operational research project TAURUS.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- **TT smartphone tool testing:** Act | East will support the testing of the tool in two districts (Chemba district, Sofala province and Guro district, Manica province) in August 2022. RTI is working to address IRB feedback.
- **Trachoma Assessments Using Rational and Uniform Surveys (TAURUS) Study:** Act | East will support the collection of conjunctival swabs and dry blood spots during TIS in four districts (Mossuril, Ilha Mozambique, Nacala-A-Velha (Nampula province), Inhassunge (Zambezia province)) in July and August 2022. Longitudinal monitoring of TF, Ct infection and pgp3 will be conducted in an additional four districts (Guro, Tambara (Manica province), Chinde (Zambezia province)).
- **MDA:** Act | East will support re-MDA in eight districts (Macossa, Tambara, Guro, Erati, Liupo, Ilha de Mogincual, Moma, and Memba) in August 2022.
- **TIS:** Act | East will support TIS in eight districts in September 2022, in Cabo Delgado province and, depending on the level of security concerns, in Nampula and Zambezia provinces.
- **Steering committee meeting:** Act | East will support a 2-day meeting in Maputo in September 2022 for the participants of the 11 provinces and the partners involved with NTDs, where program performance will be reviewed.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/mz/>

National: <https://www.misau.gov.mz/>

**June 2022**

**NEPAL**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI

**COP:** [Redacted]

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Total population:** 30,201,100

**Districts:** 77

**Endemic diseases:** # ever endemic districts:  
LF (63), Trachoma (20) & STH (77)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Re-Pre-TAS: 5/10 districts TAS1 : 2/7 districts TAS2 : 16/16 districts TAS3 : 0/13 districts
<b>HSS</b>	Domestic Resource Mobilization Case Study: ongoing GESI Behavior Change Activity: June 2022- September 2022

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:** none

**Highlights:**

- Act| East Nepal team had a meeting with the NGO FAIRMED to discuss the potential for collaboration that would use their community level presence and expertise to improve LF MDA social mobilization activities. FAIRMED Nepal will submit a concept paper to Act | East, with proposed social mobilization activities for FY23.
- Act| East Nepal team along with R4D consultant had a meeting with USAID Nepal mission to discuss NTD domestic resource mobilization case study. The Mission made helpful suggestions on establishing a study oversight committee to encourage ongoing input from the EDCD team and offered to facilitate introductions to the Ministry of Finance and accompany the research team on provincial visits to collect data. Act | East will continue to consult with the Mission as the activity progresses, and especially at critical moments like submission of the activity for ethical approval to NHRC.
- Act | East Nepal team participated in the FY22 LF MDA review meeting organized by EDCD on 23 June 2022. Selected municipal health personnel as well as all district health officers and LF focal persons from LF MDA districts, provincial health directorate officials, EDCD officials, WHO Nepal and Act | East staff participated in the meeting. Participants shared their learning and experiences of MDA campaign and possible ways forward to improve coverage and compliance in FY23 LF MDA. Key learnings shared by participants are follows:
  - Concerns about the increased number of tablets when including Ivermectin to the drug regimen did not prove to be an issue in districts that participated in IDA MDA.
  - Use of a measuring tape to determine appropriate dosing for IDA generated interest among community members and encouraged participation in the MDA campaign.
  - Ivermectin should be made available in different strengths if possible.

- Coverage was still lower among urban populations and increasing demand for MDA in these areas should be prioritized for next year.
  - Opportunities to engage local teachers in MDA planning right from the municipality level planning stage should be explored.
  - Some participants suggested sub-municipality level assessment and MDA planning to better target areas that struggle with low coverage and/or compliance.
  - Advocacy from federal government involving other ministries such as Ministry of Education, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration also need to be strengthened.
  - LF MDA awareness activities should be conducted throughout the year not just in the month or two preceding MDA.
  - Locally targeted social mobilization activities suggested by local level should be supported at municipality level.
- Act | East Nepal CoP participated in SEARO RPRG meeting on 27 June -1 July 2022. This meeting was organized by WHO SEARO in New Delhi, India for program managers of LF, STH and Schisto from countries of this region. This annual meeting provides an opportunity to member countries of the region to hear about global and regional developments, share their successes and challenges over the last year with other countries in the region, and seek advice from global disease experts. Expert members of the RPRG provide their valuable suggestions and guidance to improve the programs in respective countries. All countries, including Nepal, were asked to present an overview of the program's work via a poster presentation. Countries gave more detailed oral presentations on specific challenges including on continued transmission and repeated TAS failures. In Nepal's case, the expert group suggested Nepal continue surveillance and implementation of IDA in all districts.
  - Act | East Nepal CoP and EDCD officials also had side meetings with WHO HQ LF focal point [Redacted] on technical topics including conducting TAS 3 in a district that was part of an EU that previously failed Tas3 (Sindhuli) and ongoing monitoring of positive cases in districts that pass TAS with some positive cases. Additional side meetings on operational research opportunities took place with [Redacted] of Taskforce for Global Health. EDCD expressed interest in participating in OR opportunities using geospatial analysis and new diagnostics.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols**

- NTD domestic resource mobilization case study discussions with USAID Nepal Mission; application for local ethical review and municipality data collection will begin in July-Sept.
- Implementation of TAS 3:
  - July 2022 in 5 districts (Saptari, Siraha, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur Urban, Kathmandu)
  - September 2022 in 8 districts (Okhaldhunga, Kaski, Argakhachi, Pyuthan, Rolpa, Rukum East, Rukum West, Salyan), pending FAA approval.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/np>

National: <https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/>



**June 2022**

**NIGERIA**

Act | East Partner: RTI, The Carter Center

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 207.8 million

Districts (LGAs): 774

Endemic diseases: LF (553), OV (449), SCH (691), STH (415), Trachoma (143)

TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22

	LF	OV	SCH	STH
MDA	1/40 districts (0/39 TCC, 1/1 RTI)	1/98 districts (1/83 TCC, )	0/90 districts (TCC)	0/120 districts (TCC)
DSAs (#EUs)	Pre-TAS : 34/36 (TCC 34/35, RTI 0/1)  TAS 1 : 1/38 (TCC 0/37, RTI 0/1)	Epi/Ento surveys: (RTI 0/15)		

HSS	Cross River State health financing assessment- Draft report of Fund Flow Analysis completed.
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Summary and explanation of **changes** made to table above since last month: None

**Highlights:**

**RTI**

- Act | East participated in CRS NTD Stakeholders meeting held in CRS on the 2nd and 3rd of June 2022. The meeting deliberated on State Technical Advisory Committee issues, resumption of support for NTD activities by Evidence Action (focusing on School-based treatment for SCH and STH), NTD and WASH coordination, joint planning with CRS Ministry of Education, and aligning school-based MDAs and DSAs with the school calendar.
- Act | East participated on NTD-WASH data-merge stakeholders meeting held in Abuja from 15th to 17th June 2022. The meeting was organized by FMOH in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Water Resources. NTD-WASH data dashboard was introduced to stakeholders in the WASH and NTD sectors for data upload and utilization. The dashboard will serve as a tool for joint program decision making, collaborative planning and implementation by NTD and WASH partners in the country. The need for capacity building for the users of the dashboard at different levels was identified.
- Act | East participated in the second Trachoma Quarterly Review Meeting held on 22nd & 23rd of June in Abuja. A total of 72 persons representing implementing partners, States NTD teams, WASH Partners, Federal Ministries of Health, Education, Environment and Water Resources attended the meeting. The meeting reviewed the progress of SAFE strategy implementation in trachoma endemic districts and status of Trachoma dossier updates. Recommendations made include the need to report TT cases managed at static centers, need for expanded funding sources for TT surgeries, need

to build capacity of TT Case-Finders to identify and report suspected TT cases ONLY (while referring other eye cases to eye care centers), and the needed for Act | East to support TT-only survey or case-finding in Ezza-North, Ebonyi State.

- RTI liaised with the various NTD program units of the FMOH to identify intervention gaps and generate list of activities to be supported by Act | East in FY23. The workplan development meeting with RTI HQ team took place in Nigeria from 27th of June to 1st of July 2022. The various NTD units which submitted list of activities for potential support include the Supply Chain Management unit, M&E, Trachoma, Lymphatic Filariasis and Onchocerciasis. There is ongoing prioritization of the list of activities for potential support and integration into the Act | East FY23 Workplan.

#### TCC

- Conducted a training of SIHTs, LIHTs, FLHWs, CS, and CDDs in preparation for LF MDA in Imo and Edo states.
- Implemented state level trainings of SIHTs and LIHTs on MDA in Plateau and Nasarawa.
- Distributed NTD medicines and training materials to LGAs in Plateau, Nasarawa and Ebonyi states.
- Completed community mobilization and sensitization for MDA in Plateau, Nasarawa, Ebonyi, Enugu, and Edo states.

#### Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:

##### RTI

- FMOH Supervision and Monitoring of CMS in Lagos, Nigeria in July.
- Act | East FY23 workplan collaboration meetings with CRS State and National NTD Programs in Nigeria in CRS in August 2022.
- OV survey planning meeting in CRS in August 2022.
- LF Technical Working Group Meeting in August, location TBD.
- South-East and South-South Zonal NTD Review Meetings in September, locations TBD.

##### TCC

- TAS1 in 38 LGAs in Abia, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo states in July 2022.
- LF MDA in Plateau, Nasarawa and Ebonyi states in July 2022.
- State strategic planning meeting in Ebonyi state in July 2022.
- Social mobilization in 5 LGAs of Delta state in July 2022.
- Training of FLHWs and CDDs in Delta state in July 2022.

#### Upcoming activities not requiring COVID protocols:

##### RTI

- Data review, analysis and reporting for Yala re-MDA.

#### COVID-19 data monitoring sources:

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/ng>

National: <https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/>

**June 2022**

**PHILIPPINES**

Act | East Partner: RTI  
 RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 112,919,769  
 Districts/Provinces: 82  
 Endemic diseases: # ever endemic districts. LF (47) SCH (29) STH (82)

**Activities supported by Philippines DOH in 2022**

	LF	SCH	STH
MDA	2/46	28/28 provinces	82 provinces
DSAs (#EUs)	TAS1 : 1/2 TAS2 : 0/6 TAS3 : 0/7		

**Activities supported by USAID in FY21**

HSS	NTD costing analysis and province/municipality TA
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Summary and explanation of **changes** made to table above since last month: None

**Highlights:**

- Act | East worked closely with WHO WPRO to plan and prioritize activities to take place for the remainder of FY22 (July- September 2022) and for the upcoming FY23 workplan, given shifting timelines and priorities in the newly re-structured DOH. The activities for FY22 include:
  - Supporting IDA MDA planning meetings for Oriental Mindoro and three municipalities in Sultan Kudarat planning IDA MDA in (September) 2022. These meetings will take place in August/September 2022 and Act | East will provide operational and technical support for the meetings. WHO will also provide technical support.
    - Act | East also participated in discussions with WHO and DOH to clarify and encourage use of dose poles in the IDA MDA.
  - Supporting TAS planning meeting in Zamboanga Del Norte in September ahead of the anticipated TAS1.
  - Supporting sub-national level meetings to support planning for integrated malaria and filaria hubs in two TBD locations.

**Upcoming activities:**

- Costing analysis on NTDs in Leyte province will be revisited in July. The team is seeking permission for R4D consultant to travel to Leyte province to collect financial data.
- Oriental Mindoro IDA MDA Planning Meeting, August 15-19.
- Sultan Kudarat IDA MDA Planning Meeting, August 29- September 2.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://www.who.int/philippines/>

National: <https://www.bing.com/search?q=covid+tracker+philippnes&cvid=b368868aa4584b8498713f2be9385525&aqs=edge..69i57j0.3720j0j1&pglt=547&FORM=ANSAB1&PC=DCTS>

<https://doh.gov.ph/covid-19/case-tracker>

June 2022

**SOUTHEAST ASIA (BANGLADESH, LAO PDR, VIET NAM)**

Act | East Partner: RTI, FHF in Vietnam

**Total population:** Bangladesh (173,346,194);  
Lao PDR (7,119,891); Viet Nam (95,913,875)

**Districts:** Bangladesh (64); Lao PDR (17); Viet Nam (63)

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

**Endemic diseases:** Bangladesh LF (19) STH (64);  
Lao PDR LF (1) STH (1), SCH (17); Viet Nam LF (4), STH (63), TRA (15).

TABLE: Activities in FY22, non-USAID funding

	LF	Trachoma
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Bangladesh TAS3: 1/1 (TAS3 supported by WHO)  Lao PDR TAS3: 1/1 (TAS3 supported by WHO)	Viet Nam TSS: focal areas of Lung Ho commune (TSS supported by FHF) (complete)

<b>MERLA</b>	Learning activity on dossier development models
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Summary and explanation of **changes** made to table above since last month: None

**Bangladesh**

**Highlights:**

- [Redacted] travelled to Dhaka to meeting with MOHFW/DGHS officials and WHO Bangladesh and to attend a stakeholder meeting on the Bangladesh LF Elimination Dossier. [Redacted] also worked closely with Act | East consultant [Redacted] to collect and fill data gaps in the current draft of the LF dossier. [Redacted] will share an updated draft of the dossier with Act | East HQ staff to review and finalize in July. Government of Bangladesh, WHO and Act | East will work together to finalize and submit the dossier as soon as possible.

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/searo/country/bd>

National: <https://corona.gov.bd/>

## Lao PDR

### Highlights:

- Act | East continues to follow up with WHO Country office on when the official LF elimination dossier submission letter will be signed by the Minister of Health and subsequently submitted to WHO for review.
- An unofficial version of the LF elimination dossier was shared with WHO WPRO NTD focal point for pre-review.

## Viet Nam

### Upcoming activities:

- Act | East through FHF Viet Nam worked closely with VNEH to plan activities for FY23, including dossier finalization activities and validation activities.

### COVID-19 data monitoring sources:

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/wpro/country/vn>

**June 2022**

**TANZANIA**

Act | East Partner: RTI International

COP: [Redacted]

RTI HQ Team: [Redacted]

Total population: 57.6 million (2022)

Districts: 184

Endemic diseases: LF (119), TRA (71), OV (28), SCH (184), STH (184)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	OV	SCH	STH	Trachoma
<b>Mapping</b>	N/A	OV Elimination mapping: 0/4 districts OV Exclusion mapping: <b>2/2 districts</b>	N/A	N/A	Desk review: 0/6 districts
<b>MDA</b>	0/6 districts	Round 1: 9/9 districts Round 2: 0/28 districts	0/35 districts	0/41 districts	0/9 districts (0/10 EUs)
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	Re-Pre-TAS : 1/1 district TAS1 : 0/1 EU TAS3 : 9/23 EUs iTAS: 7/7 EUs	Pre-stop MDA survey (epi): <b>2/2 districts</b> Stop-MDA survey (epi & ent): <b>postponed to FY23</b> iTAS: 7/7 EUs	0/4 districts	N/A	TIS: 1/1 EU TSS: 2/2 EUs

<b>MERLA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 9 districts: 4/4 LF, 4/4 OV, 0/1 TRA</li> <li>Trachoma DSA outcome investigation in 3/6 districts</li> <li>Trachoma MDA microplanning in <b>10/10 EUs</b></li> </ul>
<b>HSS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop M&amp;E plan for the sustainability activities in the NTD Master Plan</li> <li>Launch NTD Master Plan and Sustainability Plan</li> <li>Support TZNTDCP integration into the health sector planning SWAp TWG</li> <li>Support Comprehensive Council Health Plan (CCHP) development</li> <li>Strengthen federal and district capacity for planning, budgeting, and resource mobilization</li> <li>Advocacy Strategy Implementation: 1 high-level national and 1 regional/district level meeting</li> <li>GESI iDARE/behavior change activity in 5 districts (4 TRA, 2 OV)</li> </ul>

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- Act | East completed OV exclusion mapping and pre-stop MDA surveys in 2 councils, respectively. The OV stop MDA survey is postponed to FY23.
- Microplanning for trachoma MDA was completed in the remaining 2 councils (10 total councils).

**Highlights:**

- In collaboration with NTDCP, Act | East conducted OV exclusion mapping survey in Newala DC and Newala TC and OV pre-stop MDA survey in Kilosa DC and Tunduru DC.

- In collaboration with NTDCP, Act | East conducted training of trainers for OV, STH and SCH in 19 districts and 5 regions on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Mbeya region.
- Act | East and NTDCP held the FY23 work planning meeting from June 6–9<sup>th</sup> in Morogoro to agree on FY23 activities for LF, trachoma, OV, SCH/STH and HSS. Act | East HQ and USAID staff participated virtually.
- Act | East and NTDCP conducted district advocacy and community sensitization meetings from June 22-27<sup>th</sup>, targeting nomadic pastoralist groups in 5 district councils in the Arusha and Manyara regions ahead of MDA in July.
- Act | East and NTDCP conducted a workshop to finalize the new IEC/BCC material and messages, which are now ready for pre-testing in the field. The new IEC/BCC materials will be ready for FY23 MDAs after pre-testing and printing.
- Act | East supported coaching visits with the GESI behavior change teams in Ulanga and Mlimba councils following OV MDA. The teams noted that MDA uptake among those who refused medication previously was up to 98.8% and GESI and NTDs were integrated into village governance systems, whereby CDDs were invited to discuss the work during village meetings. In Mlimba DC, iDARE teams expanded GESI to other hamlets.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- Act | East and NTDCP are planning for trachoma MDA in 9 districts in July 2022. MDA will begin with a cross border MDA launch event in Narok, Kenya on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Conduct MDA training of trainers for LF, STH and SCH to 6 districts and 4 regional NTD team members from Lindi, Mtwara, Pwani and Tanga regions on July 6<sup>th</sup> in Dar es Salaam.
- Conduct OV elimination mapping in 4 district councils (Handeni DC, Kilindi DC, Iringa DC and Kilolo DC).
- Conduct TAS3 in 8 EUs (Ulanga DC, Malinyi DC, Gairo DC, Ifakara TC, Mlimba DC, Ludewa DC, Mbinga DC, Mbinga TC and Nyasa DC).

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

**WHO:** <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/tz>



**June 2022**

**UGANDA**

**Act | East Partner:** RTI, The Carter Center, WI-HER, R4D, Save the Children **Total population:** 43,290,897 (2021)

**COP:** [Redacted]

**Districts:** 134

**RTI HQ Team:** [Redacted]

**Endemic diseases:** LF (64), TRA (51), OV (12), SCH (92), STH (134)

**TABLE: Activities supported by USAID in FY22**

	LF	OV	SCH	STH	Trachoma
<b>MDA</b>	N/A	9/9 districts (R1) 8/11 districts (R2)	N/A	N/A	5/5 districts (Oct 2021) 0/5 districts (June 2022)
<b>DSAs (#EUs)</b>	TAS3 : 7/16 EUs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>MERLA</b>	Trachoma coverage evaluation survey (CES) in 3 districts (completed) Data quality assessment in Moroto (completed) NTD data management training using DHIS2 (completed)
<b>HSS</b>	Develop national NTD program advocacy strategy (completed) Targeted cost analysis National and district funds flow analysis Finalize and institutionalize GESI MDA training curriculum Develop national SBC packages for NTDs and GESI GESI behavior change activity in two districts SCH/STH partner mapping exercise

**Summary and explanation of changes made to table above since last month:**

- OV MDA completed in 5 districts in June for a total of 8 districts complete.

**Highlights:**

**RTI**

- **Pre-MDA activities.** From June 1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Act |East supported MOH and districts to conduct pre-MDA activities in preparation for Trachoma MDA scheduled for later in June in Moroto, Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit, Amudat and Buliisa districts. The activities implemented include microplanning, training of trainers at district level, training of sub-county supervisors and health workers, training of parish supervisors and CMDs/VHTs, and registration of communities and schools. In addition, social mobilization activities were undertaken. These included sensitizations of sub-county leadership, community dialogues, radio talk shows, radio spot messages, and community MDA announcements using megaphones and mobile vans.
- **Pre-TAS Visit.** From June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Act |East supported MOH to conduct pre-TAS visits to 13 districts to plan with district leaders on the TAS scheduled for June, August and September in the

respective districts. The team obtained a list of communities in each implementation unit, discussed the target group, timing of the activity and availability of district staff.

- **SCH/STH Data Review Meeting:** MOH-NTDCP, with financial and technical support from Act | East, conducted a SCH/STH data review meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June at the Act | East office boardroom. The meeting objective was to review and organize the available SCH/STH data for development of disease prevalence maps and use in the next Schistosomiasis/Soil Transmitted Helminths Expert Committee (SEC) meeting due 1-2 August 2022.

#### WI-HER

- GESI behavior change activities were carried out in Nabilatuk and Amudat districts, with scale-up in Moroto. Check-in and coaching meetings with district GESI teams and community influencers were conducted in preparation for the upcoming MDA. The influencers also participated in the pre-MDA activities such as training of VHTs, sensitization of the communities on the upcoming MDA orientation of Behavior Change Team members on IEC materials to create awareness on face washing as well as home hygiene and sanitation.
- Together with the MOH-NTDCP Focal Person, Act | East participated in the National SBC Standards development workshop in Kampala (June 21-23) to identify opportunities for incorporating GESI-integrated NTD inputs into national-level package which will then be finalized and applied at district levels. Act | East will continue to provide ongoing technical support for inclusion and finalization of GESI NTD inputs this national-level package.

#### Save the Children (StC)

- **Airing of radio spot messages and radio talk shows:** Ahead of July MDA, StC supported the airing of a total of 360 spot messages four times per day in Pokot, Ngakarimojong, Swahili and English, targeting both nomadic and non-nomadic communities in Amudat, Nabilatuk, Moroto and Nakapiripirit districts. Messages aired on three local radio stations including a Kenyan based station (Heritage FM, Ateker FM and Kenyan based Kalya FM).
- **Radio Talk shows.** StC conducted three radio talk shows on Heritage and Ateker FM with district political leadership, the Chairperson Local Council V (political head of the district) and Town Council Mayor, as well as technical persons from the District Health Office, District Health Educators and Health Assistants. The talk shows aimed to sensitize communities within the endemic communities about the upcoming trachoma MDA and benefits of community compliance.
- **Community Dialogues.** Save the Children supported district health workers and local leadership at sub-county and parish level to conduct community dialogues on Trachoma MDA reaching community members in four districts of Moroto, Amudat, Nabilatuk and Nakapiripirit. Key participants targeted for the community dialogues included: Manyatta leaders, Kraal leaders, household heads, women, and men.
- **Baseline data collection.** From July 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, StC collected baseline data for the project in the four districts (Moroto, Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit and Amudat) to provide critical reference point for

assessing the outcomes and effectiveness of Act | East activities led by Save the Children. The survey focused on key F&E aspects of the SAFE strategy, as well as access to clean water and sanitation facilities. Data was collected from households across four districts through field interviews.

**TCC**

- OV MDA was completed in five districts of Adjumani, Moyo, Gulu, Pader, and Nwoya with over 90% MDA coverage.

**Upcoming activities requiring COVID protocols:**

- OV MDA is ongoing in the remaining three districts of Amuru, Kitgum and Lamwao during the month of July.

**Other upcoming activities:**

**COVID-19 data monitoring sources:**

WHO: <https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/ug>

National: <https://covid19.gou.go.ug/>