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To: Addressees

**MALI REPORTS – 57% FEWER CASES; 66% CONTAINMENT**

During January – November 2004, Mali has reported 344 indigenous cases of dracunculiasis, which is a reduction of -57% from the 801 indigenous cases reported during the same eleven months of 2003. At the

## **FROM 100 CASES TO ZERO IN 1 OR 2 YEARS: HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?**

Table 1 summarizes the progression from more than 100 indigenous cases of dracunculiasis reported in one year to zero indigenous cases, for the seven countries that have achieved that status so far (except Kenya and Central African Republic, for which comparable data are not available). Four of the countries

reduction in cases in 15 of those districts during January-November 2004 is -31%, compared to the same

Table 3

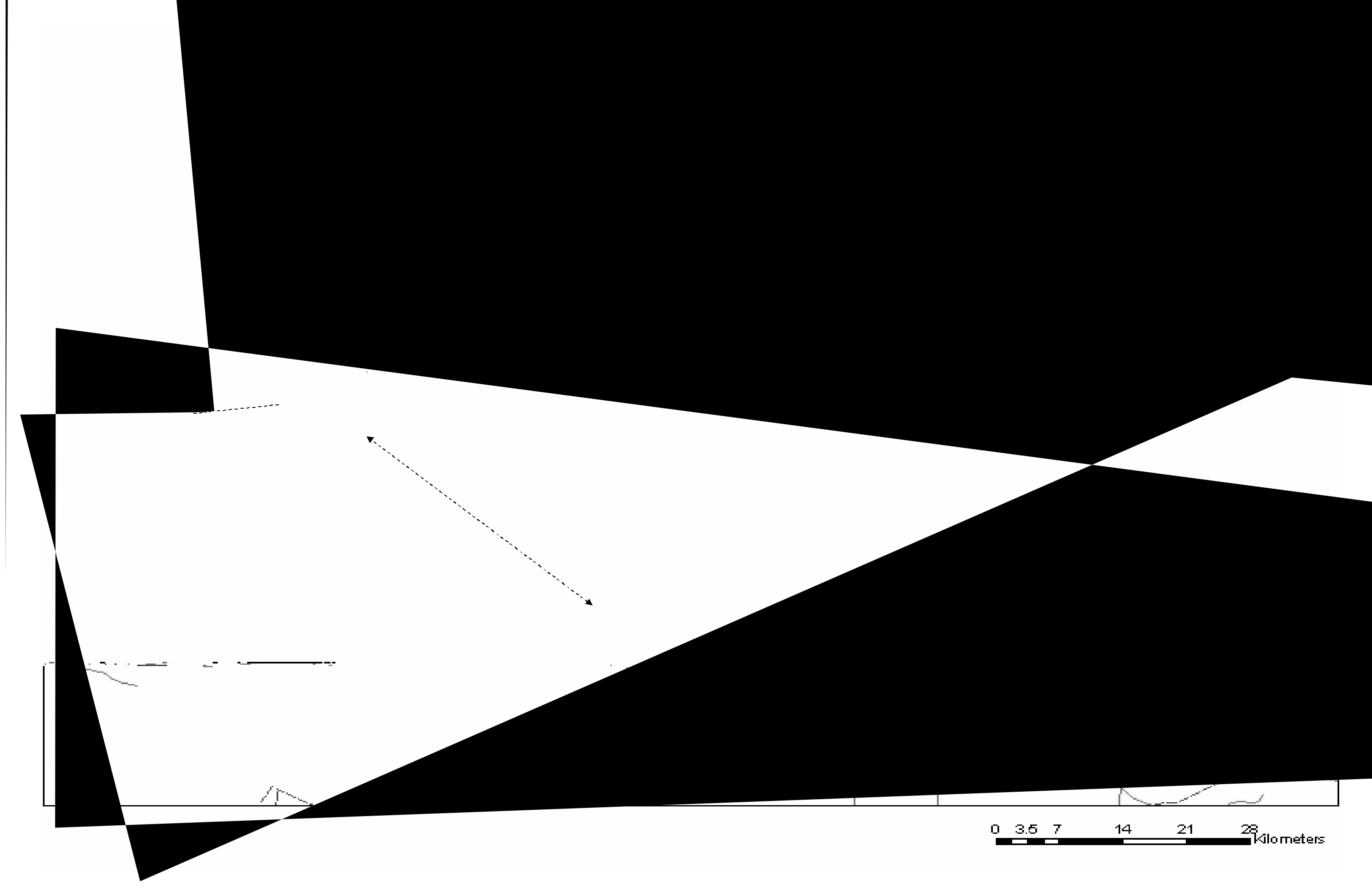
Number of cases contained and number reported by month during 2004\*

(Countries arranged in descending order of cases in 2003)

COUNTRIES REPORTING CASES	NUMBER OF CASES CONTAINED / NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED													CONT.	%
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL*		
SUDAN	34 / 237	46 / 271	31 / 248	62 / 653	158 / 1194	192 / 1324	171 / 1149	91 / 728	35 / 538	6 / 118	/	/	826 / 6460	13	
GHANA	645 / 1224	673 / 1133	623 / 991	581 / 907	678 / 905	372 / 518	131 / 257	85 / 115	20 / 37	126 / 227	129 / 438	/	4063 / 6752	60	
NIGERIA	81 / 102	64 / 73	40 / 48	25 / 31	63 / 69	31 / 37	17 / 23	11 / 12	0 / 0	13 / 15	41 / 45	/	386 / 455	85	
MALI	1 / 1	0 / 1	0 / 1	0 / 0	5 / 5	9 / 12	22 / 27	44 / 62	64 / 111	57 / 73	26 / 54	/	228 / 347	66	
TOGO	35 / 46	20 / 29	18 / 47	12 / 21	17 / 20	16 / 22	4 / 6	1 / 3	9 / 9	19 / 19	27 / 28	/	178 / 250	71	
NIGER	1 / 1	2 / 2	1 / 1	3 / 4	4 / 9	13 / 16	24 / 28	21 / 28	30 / 34	40 / 51	23 / 49	/	162 / 223	73	
BURKINA FASO	1 / 1	1 / 2	0 / 0	2 / 2	5 / 5	3 / 4	7 / 12	5 / 8	10 / 15	4 / 7	1 / 2	/	39 / 58	67	
COTE D'IVOIRE	1 / 2	5 / 5	0 / 5	1 / 4	0 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 2	0 / 2	/	7 / 21	33	
BENIN	0 / 0	2 / 2	1 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	/	3 / 3	100	
ETHIOPIA	0 / 0	1 / 1	0 / 0	2 / 2	6 / 6	3 / 5	2 / 2	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	/	14 / 16	88	
UGANDA	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	1 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	/	3 / 3	0	
MAURITANIA	1 / 1	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	2 / 2	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	/	3 / 3	100	
KENYA	/	/	/	/	1 / 1	2 / 2	/	1 / 1	1 / 1	/	/	/	5 / 5	100	
TOTAL*	800 / 1615	814 / 1519	714 / 1342	688 / 1624	938 / 2216	643 / 1942	378 / 1504	260 / 958	170 / 746	265 / 512	247 / 618	0 / 0	5917 / 14596	41	
% CONTAINED	50	54	53	42	42	33	25	27	23	52	40		41		

\* PROVISIONAL

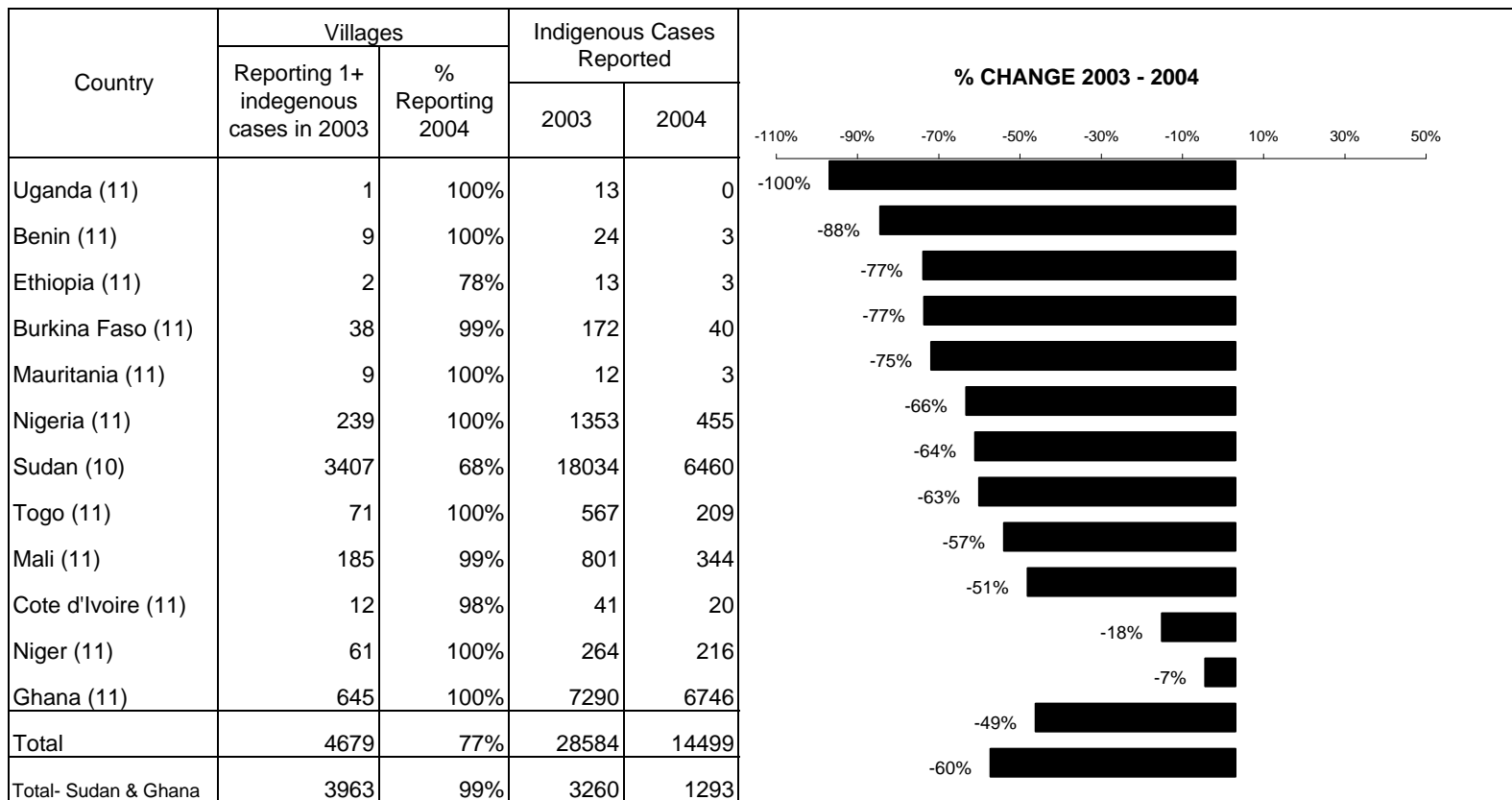
Shaded cells denote months when zero indigenous cases were reported. Numbers indicate how many imported cases were reported and contained that month.



0 3.5 7 14 21 28 kilometers

Figure 1

Number of Villages/Localities Reporting Cases of Dracunculiasis in 2003, Percentage of Endemic Villages Reporting in 2004\*, Number of Indigenous Cases Reported During the Specified Period in 2003 and 2004\*, and Percent Change in Cases Reported



(11) Indicates month for which reports were received, e.g., Jan. - Nov. 2004

\* Provisional



**Togo.** TV Togo, the country's national television station, broadcast a special 45-minute long program on Guinea worm eradication on December 6 & 9, during peak evening viewing hours. The program included a tape of the Prime Minister visiting an endemic village earlier this year and his reading of a message from the President of Togo, footage from

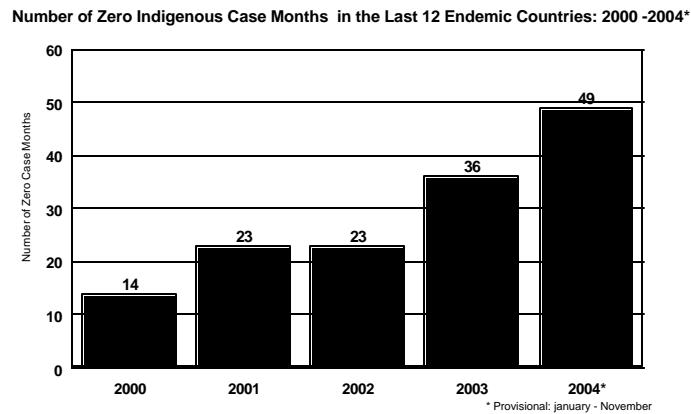


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## NEW CARTER CENTER REPRESENTATIVE IN NAIROBI

Effective October 1, 2004, Ms. Glenna Snider has replaced Mr. Mark Pelletier as the Carter Center representative in Nairobi for the Operation Lifeline Sudan Southern Sector part of Sudan's Guinea Worm Eradication Program. Ms. Snider has worked for The Carter Center in Kenya and Sudan since January 2002, when she was appointed Field Coordinator, based in Lokichikio, Kenya. WELCOME, Glenna! Mr. Mark Pelletier returned to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at the end of September. THANK YOU Mark!

Figure 3



## MEETINGS

The dates proposed for the next meeting of Program Managers of GWEPs are April 4-6, 2005. The Government of Ghana has agreed to host this important meeting in Accra and is now considering these proposed dates.

The next annual National Program Review for Mali's Guinea Worm Eradication Program will be held in BaN dates.s08 Tcv2n8 /g2004, 53a1r04,