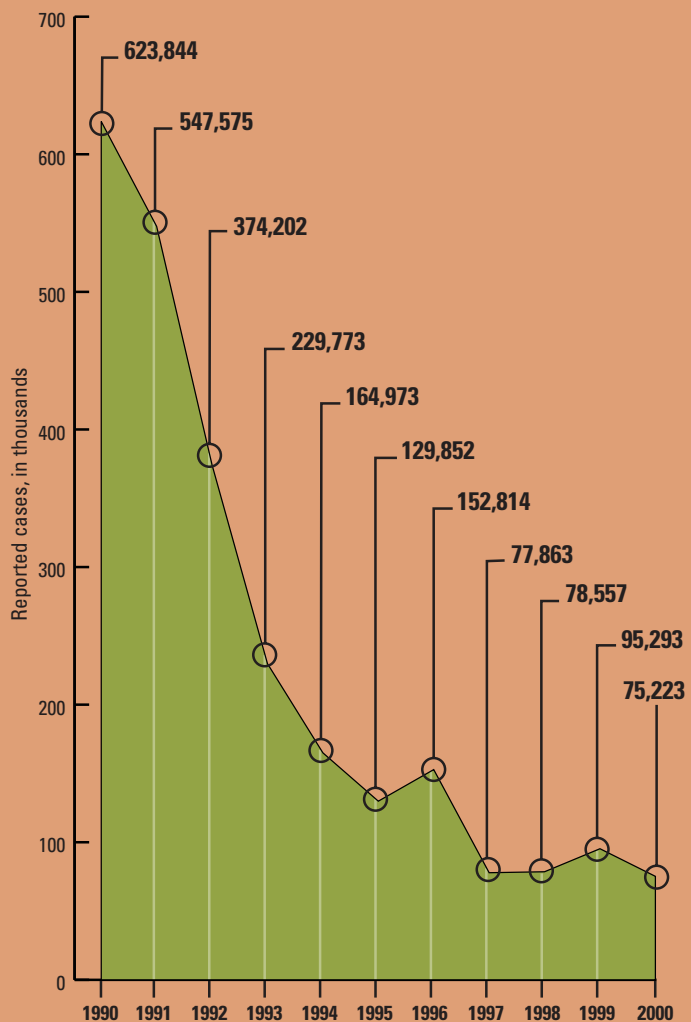


Winning battles against guinea worm

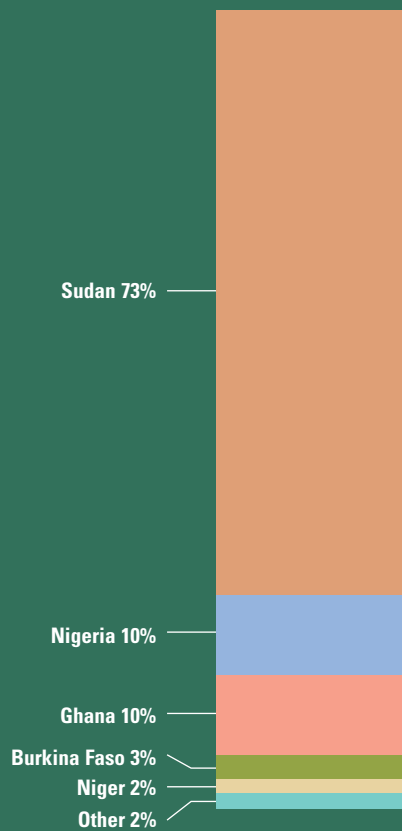
Cases worldwide, 1990-2000



Source: WHO, 2001.

AFRICA'S BURDEN

Distribution of reported guinea worm cases, 2000



Source: WHO, 2001.

Goal

Elimination of guinea worm disease (dracunculiasis) by the year 2000

» Guinea Worm Disease



Result

Reported cases of guinea worm dropped from almost 624,000 in 1990 to some 75,000 cases in 2000, a decline of 88 per cent. The Indian subcontinent was formally certified free of guinea worm disease in early 2000.

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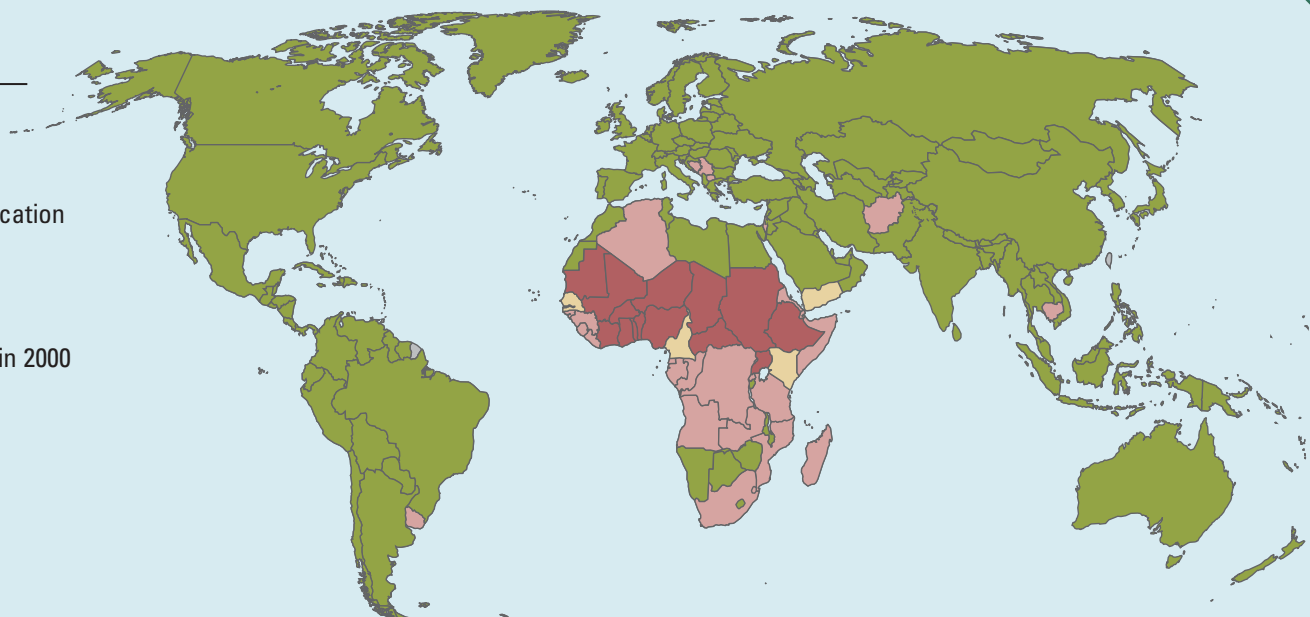
Guinea worm transmission remains endemic in the poorest villages of 14 African countries that are also prone to water shortages. Sudan alone accounts for about three quarters of the global guinea worm cases.

Issue

Guinea worm is a parasite common in places where stagnant ponds or shallow, unprotected wells are the only source of water. The parasite causes months of crippling pain to those affected, leaving adult victims unable to work or tend their children and child victims unable to go to school.

Where guinea worm is still a threat

- Countries certified
- Countries under pre-certification
- Countries not yet certified; no reported cases in 2000
- Countries reporting cases in 2000
- No data



Source: WHO, 2001.