



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Nigeria
Control/Elimination/Eradiation

**NIGERIA MAKES A RECORD-BREAKING DECISION TO
MILLION PEOPLE FROM RIVER STATES**

Today, Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Health announced a record-breaking stop treatment decision that frees nearly 1.7 million Nigerians in four states from the debilitating disease, river blindness. This is the largest one-time achievement for Nigeria's long-stopped river blindness treatment programme over 28 million Nigerians in four states more than any other country in the world.

Nigeria continues to register new cases of river blindness in four states and the FCT. Historically, more Nigerians are at risk for their own stop-treatment programme by the bites of small black fly vectors.

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The 15th NOEC meeting, held 7-10 October 2022, reviewed results from 10 countries, including more than 100 diagnostic tests and 12,718 blood samples processed in 10 countries.

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(combined with ivermectin) should continue for 3,557,923 people.