



Public Health Service  
Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Memorandum

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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Date: November 12, 2007



From: WHO Collaborating Center for  
Research, Training and Eradication of Dracunculiasis

Subject: GUINEA WORM WRAP-UP #177

To: Addressees

**“GUINEA WORM ANYWHERE IS GUINEA WORM EVERYWHERE”**

Alhaji Dr. Mohammed Bin Ibrahim, Re

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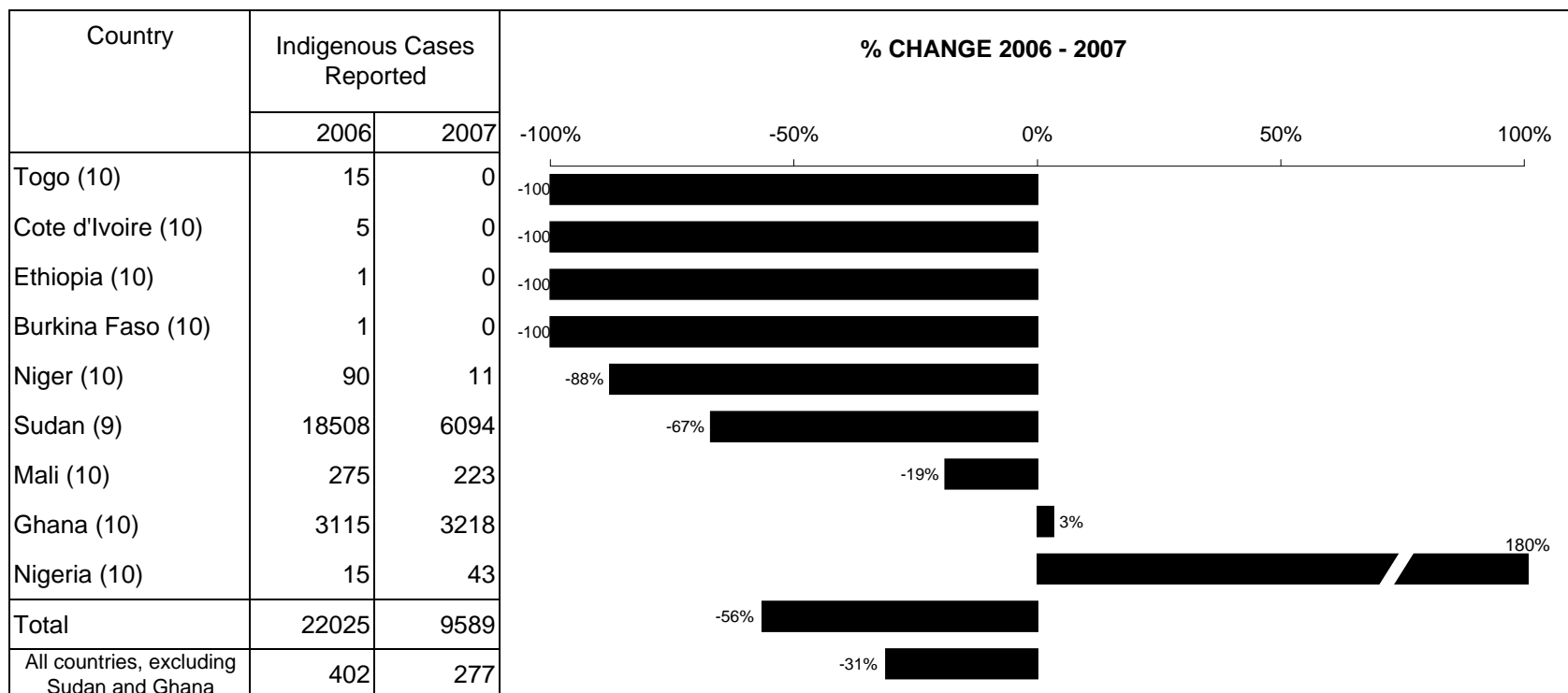
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Figure 3

Number of Indigenous Cases Reported During the Specified Period in 2006 and 2007\*, and Percent Change in Cases Reported



Overall % change outside of Sudan = 1%

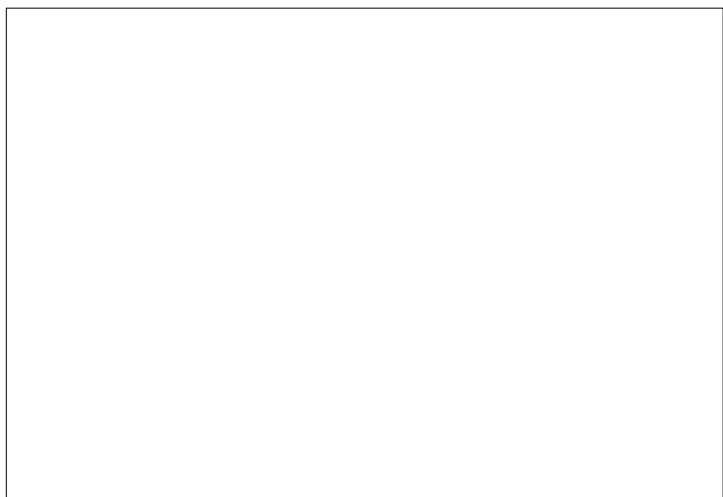
(10) Indicates months for which reports were received, i.e., Jan. -Oct.

\* Provisional

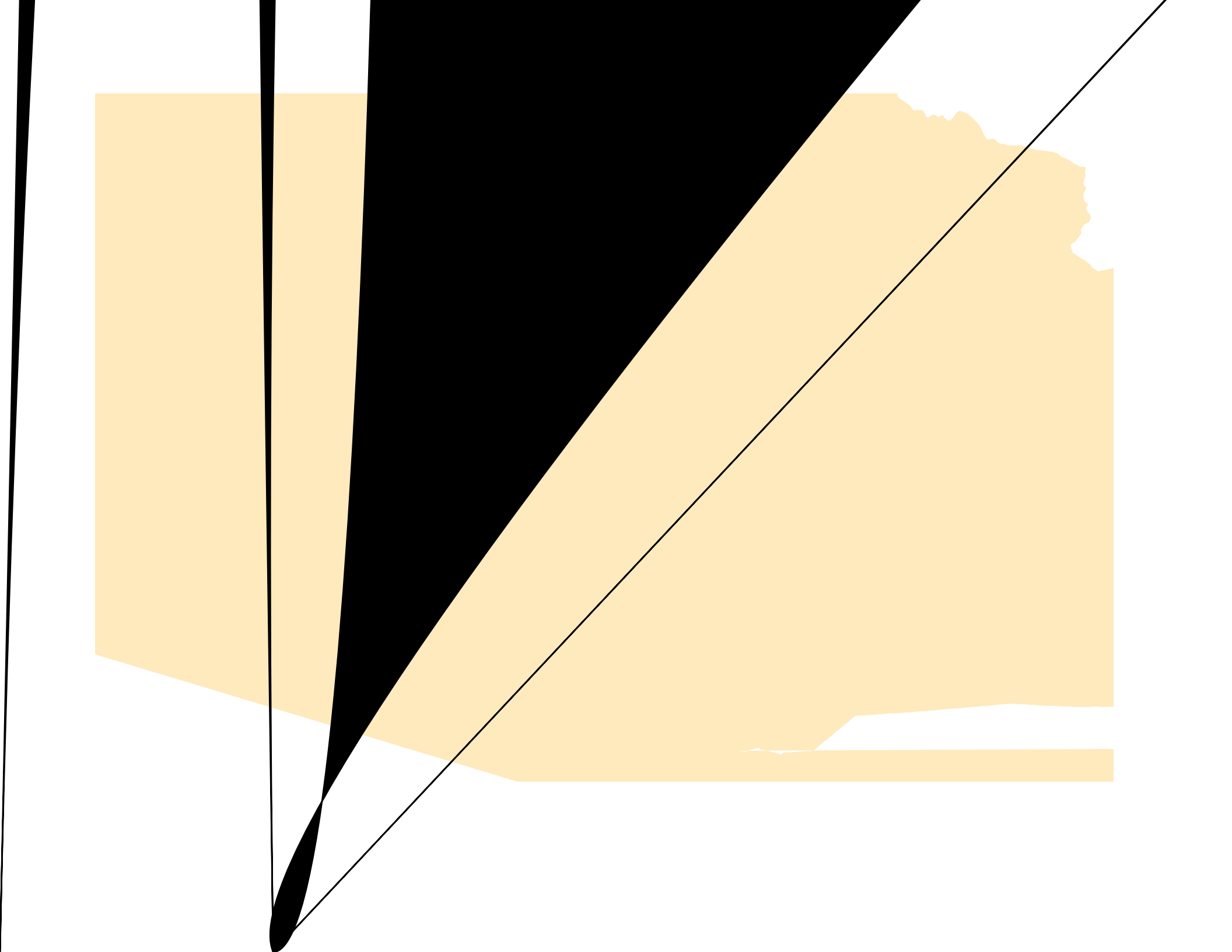
Figure 4

### Total Number of Dracunculiasis Cases Reported by Month, January 2000 - September 2007\*











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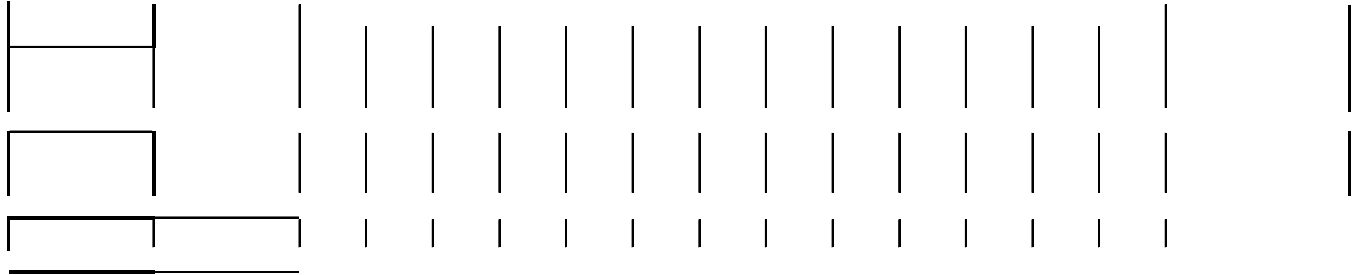
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## IN MEMORIUM

Dr. Ralph Muller died in England on October 11 after being ill for several months. Most recently an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSTMH), he began his long and distinguished career in helminthology at Nigeria's University of Ibadan, and served for many years as the director of the Commonwealth Institute of Parasitology in England as well as a Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at the LSTMH. He was the world's foremost authority on the biology of Dracunculus species. One of the earliest advocates of dracunculiasis eradication, he was a prominent participant in the first international meeting on dracunculiasis, the Workshop on Opportunities for Control of Dracunculiasis, which was held in Washington, D.C. in June 1982. He compiled an exhaustive, invaluable 177-page long Bibliography of Dracunculiasis (with nearly two thousand citations) as part of the published report of that historic meeting. We extend our profound condolences to his family.

