

Treatment Protocol A

Soil-transmitted helminth prevalence is less than 20%,
Schistosome prevalence is less than 10%,

Treat all school-aged children (aged 6-15, enrolled and not enrolled) twice during primary school age with praziquantel

For details on dosage and frequency please see tables below:

Drug (dose per child)	Frequency
Albendazole (400mg) OR Mebendazole (500mg)	Large-scale preventive chemotherapy interventions are not recommended. Affected individuals should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis
Praziquantel (see table below for dose)	Twice during primary school age (e.g. once on entry and once on exit from primary school)

Praziquantel dosage chart for Schistosomiasis (SCH):

Dosage can be assessed using either a vertically held measure or a 'tablet pole', which is a pole used to measure the children's height which has been marked with the correct number of pills for each height (<http://www.child-development.org/tablet%20pole.htm>)

Height of child	Dose
94 – 109cm	1 tablet (600mg)
110 – 124cm	1.5 tablets (900mg)
125 – 137cm	2 tablets (1200mg)
138– 149cm	2.5 tablets (1500mg)
150– 159cm	3 tablets (1800mg)
160 – 177cm	4 tablets (2400mg)
> 178cm	5 tablets (3000mg)

Source: WHO preventive chemotherapy manual on helminthiasis (2006)
(http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2006/9241547103_eng.pdf)