

Treatment Protocol B

Soil-transmitted helminth prevalence is greater than or equal to 20%, less than 50%,
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 and also once every year with mebendazole (500mg) or albendazole (400mg)

For details on dosage and frequency please see tables below:

Drug (dose per child)	Frequency
Albendazole (400mg) OR Mebendazole (500mg)	Once every year
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)