

How Can You Participate?

Find which role fits you best and sign up to be part of the solution:

- Education groups already working in schools: We can provide you with the tools you need to establish deworming programs.
- Groups already implementing deworming programs: Tell others about your work, and connect with those who can help you expand your programs.
- Funders who can finance new or expanded programs: We can link you to groups who need funding to expand their programs. Even small donations can go a long way.
- Activists, journalists, government officials and anyone who believes they can contribute to and raise awareness of deworming: Worms are not glamorous but they are a serious problem. Help us raise the profile of the problem and implement a solution.

Visit www.dewormtheworld.org to find out more about joining us!



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Four hundred million school-aged children around the world are suffering from parasitic worms—making them tired, listless, and less likely to go to school.

Despite the existence of a simple and cheap treatment, only 10 percent of children at risk of infection are being treated.

Deworm the World gives you the tools you need to take action—whether you are a NGO, government official, or concerned individual.

Worms: A Neglected Problem for Education

Children who are sick are less likely to go to school. Worms, and the anemia they cause, can also make it hard to concentrate.

A randomized trial in Kenya showed that deworming can reduce school absenteeism by as much as 25 percent (Miguel and Kremer, 2004).

Similar education gains have been documented when intestinal worms were eradicated from the US south (Bleakley, 2007).



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The Best Educational Bang for the Buck

It costs less than fifty cents per child per year to run mass school-based deworming programs (recommended by the World Health Organization).

This translates into just \$3.50 for every additional year of schooling induced, and just \$5 for every Disability Adjusted Life Year saved. This makes deworming the most cost-effective way to increase schooling and one of the most cost-effective health interventions available.



For more information on this evidence, see our fact sheet on worms and deworming, available at www.dewormtheworld.org.

Take Action Against Worms: Deworm the World

The Forum of Young Global Leaders initiated Deworm the World at the World Economic Forum in Davos in 2007 (www.younggloballeaders.org).

Deworm the World forges partnerships between funders, school groups, activists, and deworming experts to expand deworming programs world-wide.

Current partners include the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Foundation for Community Development, Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Partnership for Child Development, Right To Play, Save the Children, and the Schistosomiasis Control Initiative.



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