WHAT IS STH?
- Soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH) is a disease caused by intestinal worms
- Over 1 billion people are infected with intestinal worms worldwide
- An estimated 875 million children are at risk of infection

WHY STH CONTROL MATTERS
- Worm infections are undoing work being done across multiple sectors including education, nutrition, and maternal health
- Yet only 33% of children at risk received treatment in 2012
- STH takes a toll on both infected children and adults—and their communities

STH takes a toll on:
- Stunted growth
- Diminished food and vitamin absorption, and anemia
- Lower school attendance and impaired cognitive development
- Reduced labor productivity and increased absenteeism
- Reduced long term economic gain
- Increased vulnerability to other infectious diseases

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Countries and communities are already getting millions of doses to children, but work to address STH must be increased. Pharmaceutical companies have committed to donating six billion doses of safe, effective deworming drugs through 2020.

**DEWORM**
- Distribute deworming pills
- Improve supply chain & delivery
- Supplement nutrition

**PREVENT**
- Increase access to sanitation
- Change agricultural practices
- Improve hygiene
- Promote health education

**SUPPORT**
- Engage community
- Invest in research
- Improve program evaluation
- Develop and implement policies
- Raise awareness
- Attract new partners and funds

**BROADER IMPACT**
- Encourages overall economic development
- Supports gender equality
- Reduces poverty
- Drives improved education outcomes

**JOIN THE STH COALITION**
- We must accelerate progress on STH control to realize the vision of a world in which children are healthy and develop to their full potential
- Countries can achieve World Health Organization goals on STH with collaborative, cross-sectoral strategies

The STH Coalition calls for diverse partners across many sectors—neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), education, water, sanitation, maternal health, nutrition, and global development—to collaborate on efforts to:

- Catalyze demand for and scale up deworming programs
- Prevent reinfection and reduce transmission through a multi-pronged approach

Support effective programs to accelerate impact

For more information:
- Visit www.childrenwithoutworms.org
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Sources: CDC, WHO, Uniting to Combat NTDs

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