



Summary

1996 Global 2000 River Blindness Program

Program Review for Nigeria, Cameroon, Uganda and CERA

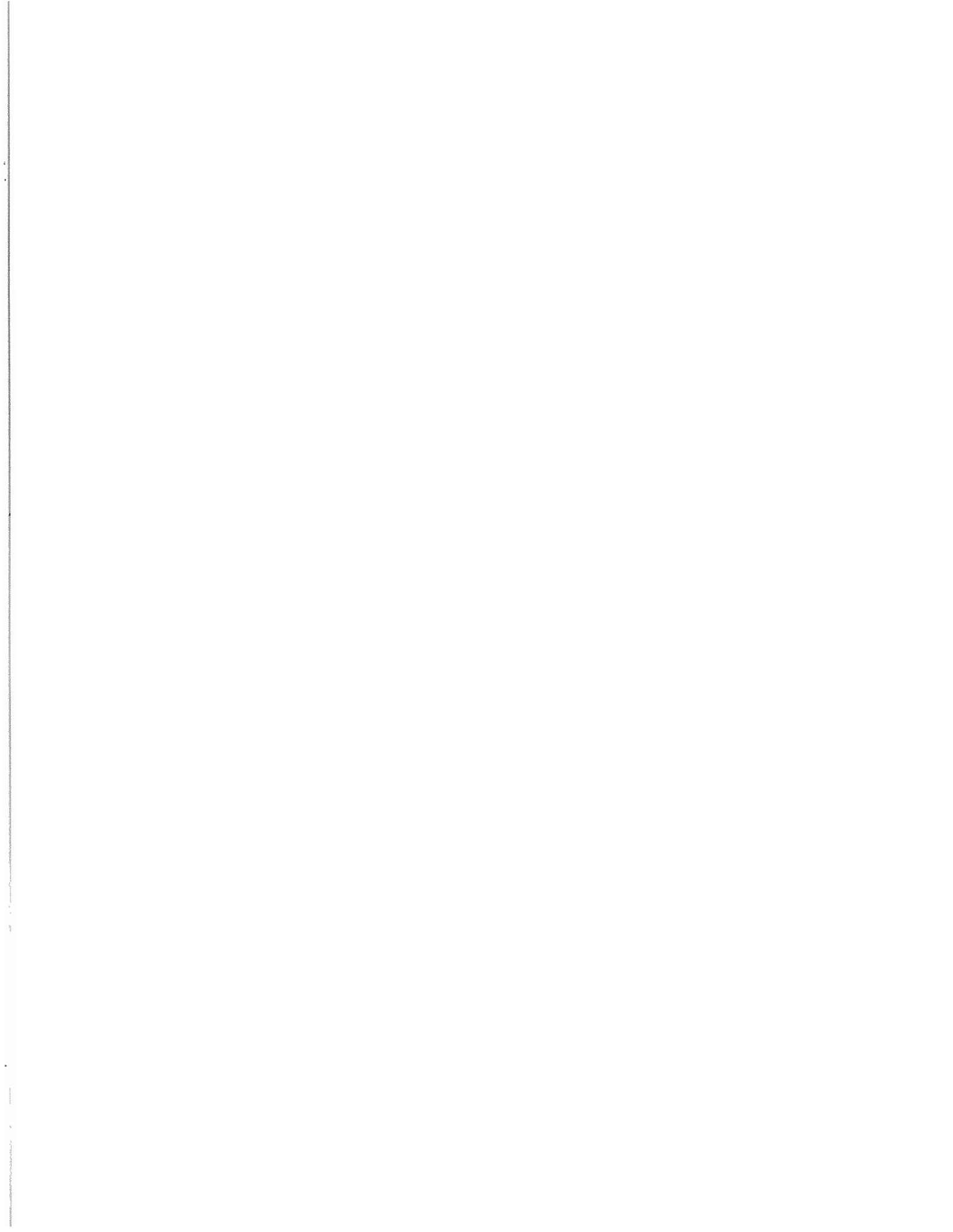
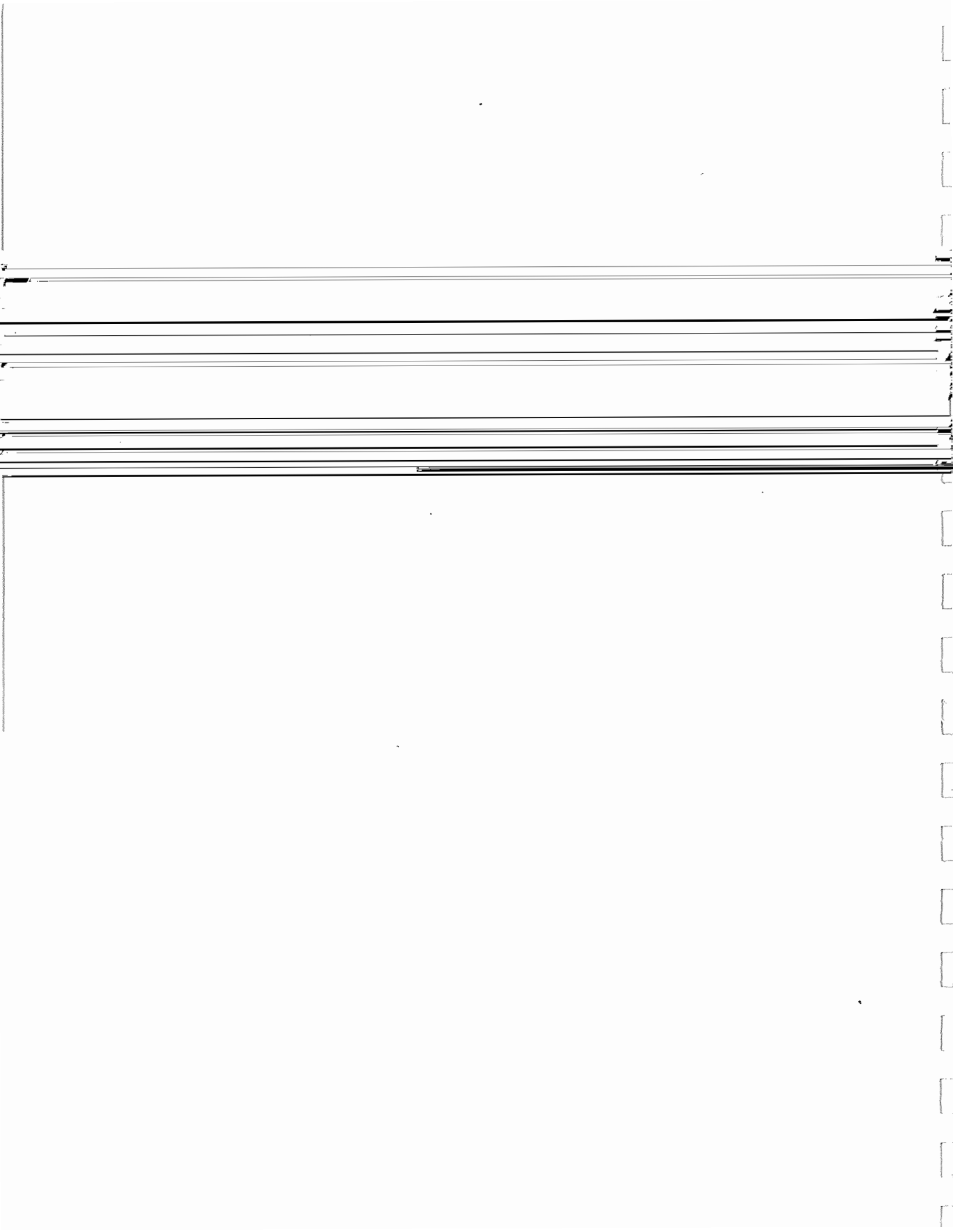


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Carter Center in Atlanta hosted its first annual Program Review of Global 2000 River Blindness Program assisted activities on December 9-11, 1996. Participants from (USA, Africa, and Latin America, Uganda, and Cameroon) reported on treatment activities, sustainability issues, status of Mectizan® stores, assessment, training and research. The following is a summary of the meeting.

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INTRODUCTION

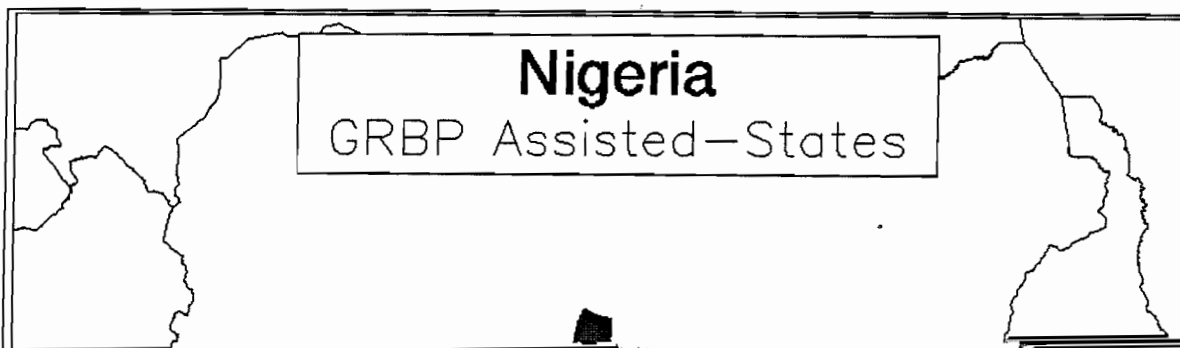
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NIGERIA

GRBP in Nigeria is assisting distribution activities in seven states: Plateau, Abia, Anambra, Delta, Edo, Enugu and Imo States. The Lions Clubs International District 404 assists in mobilization and health education in the latter six states located in southeastern Nigeria, for which funding is provided by the Lions Clubs International Foundation's SightFirst program. RRF/GRBP assistance began in Plateau state in January 1992, in Abia and Imo states in February 1992, in Anambra state in March 1992, in Delta state in April 1992, in Edo state in May 1992, and in Enugu state in June 1992.

APOC: GRBP assisted in writing a proposal to APOC for 1997 funding in Kwara, Ondo, Kogi and Taraba states. GRBP also assisted the National Onchocerciasis Control Program (NOCP) in its launching of the onchocerciasis trust fund. The NGDO Coalition further helped the NOCP by supplying office equipment and helping with the national Rapid Epidemiological Mapping of

Map Nigeria



NIGERIA RECOMMENDATIONS:

▶ The 1997 Mectizan® supplies must be received in a timely manner through UNICEF in

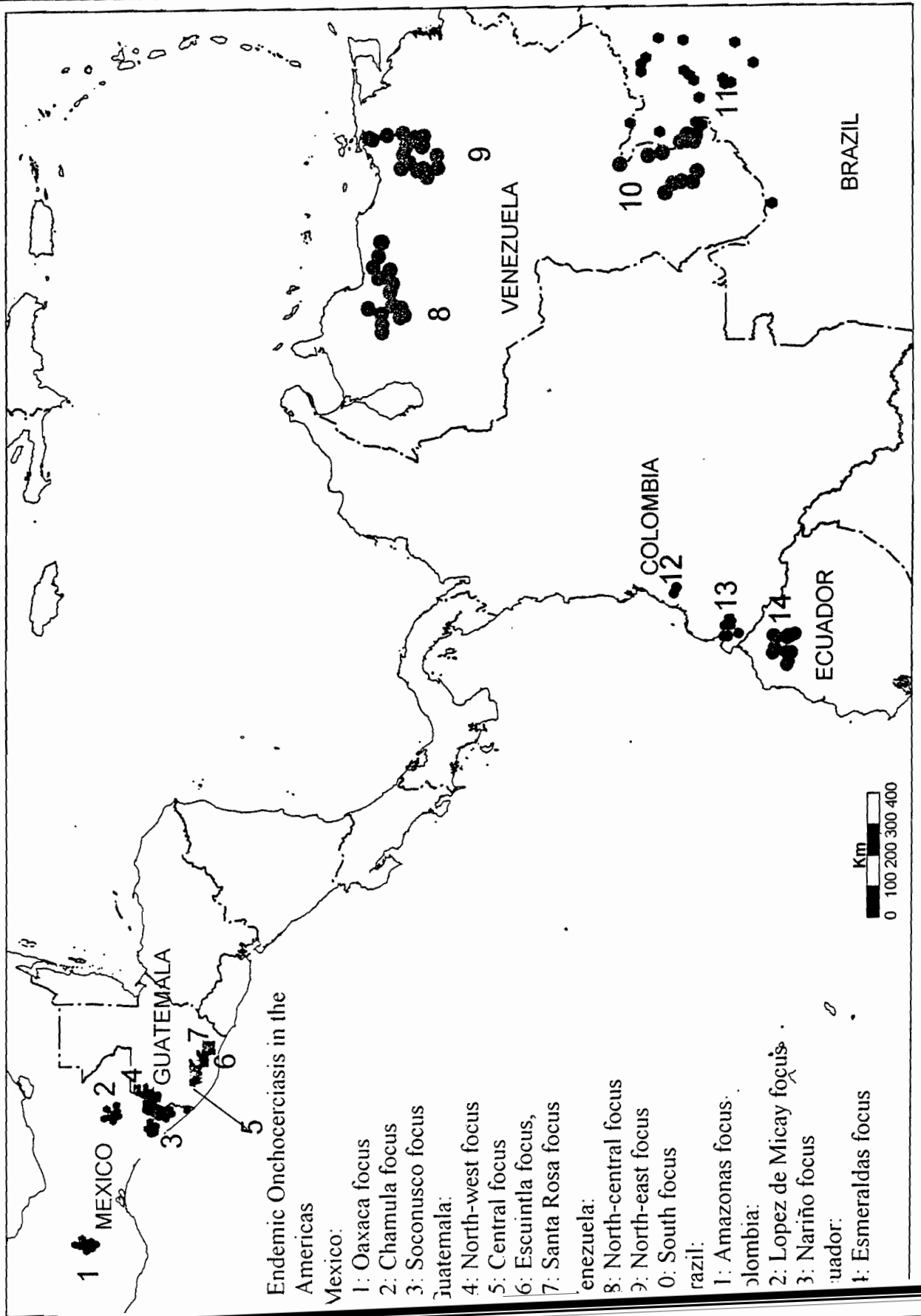
order not to interrupt distribution. This involves resolution of Mectizan® shipment issues with the Mectizan® Donation Program (MDP), UNICEF, and the Government of Nigeria.

- ▶ Seek more financial and material support for the program from the Nigerian government.
- ▶ Prepare APOC proposals by July 1997 for Plateau State and Nasarawa State.
- ▶ Build the relationship with Lions through additional publicity, and by facilitating

ONCHOCERCIASIS ELIMINATION PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAS (OEPA)

The six endemic countries (Guatemala Mexico Venezuela Brazil Ecuador Colombia) have

Geographical distribution of endemic onchocerciasis in the Americas



Endemic Onchocerciasis in the Americas

Mexico:

- 1: Oaxaca focus
- 2: Chamula focus
- 3: Soconusco focus

Guatemala:

- 4: North-west focus
- 5: Central focus
- 6: Escuintla focus,
- 7: Santa Rosa focus

Venezuela:

- 8: North-central focus
- 9: North-east focus
- 10: South focus

Brazil:

- 11: Amazonas focus.

Colombia:

- 12: Lopez de Micay focus.
- 13: Nariño focus

Ecuador:

- 14: Esmeraldas focus

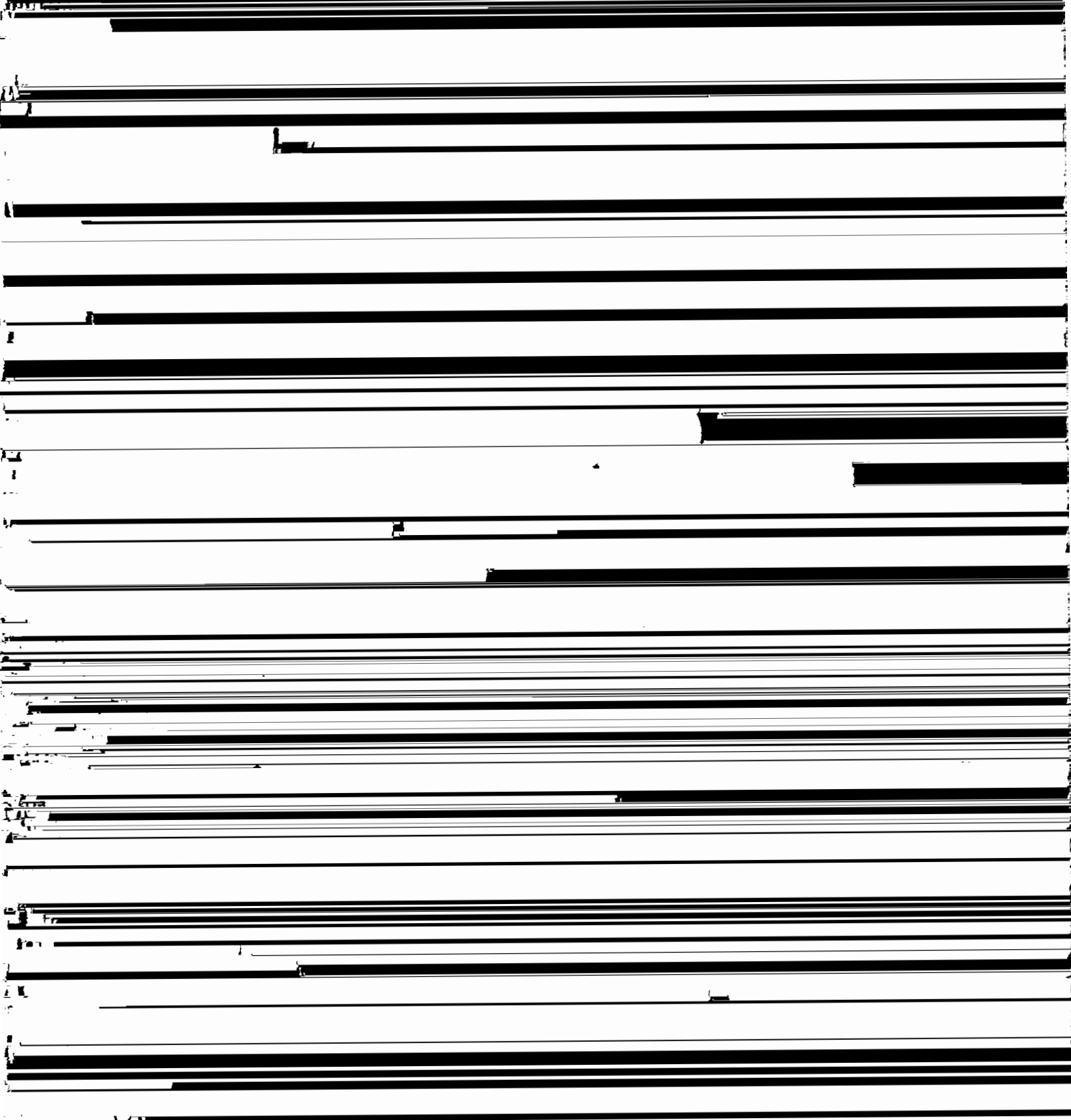
OEPA RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Provide support to the Venezuelan program for epidemiological assessment of the northern foci.

Help PAHO to establish criteria for certification of freedom from malaria

UGANDA

Despite various complications related to insecurity in some areas, GRBP Uganda attained 77% of its 1996 ATO for eligible at-risk population (498,501 persons treated), and has reached 87% of at-risk villages (1,230). However, recent rebel activity and movements of refugees from Zaire have increased insecurity in several of the other districts where GRBP is assisting the Ministry of Health in distribution of Meectizer®. Treatments were resumed (6/9/96) in 1996.





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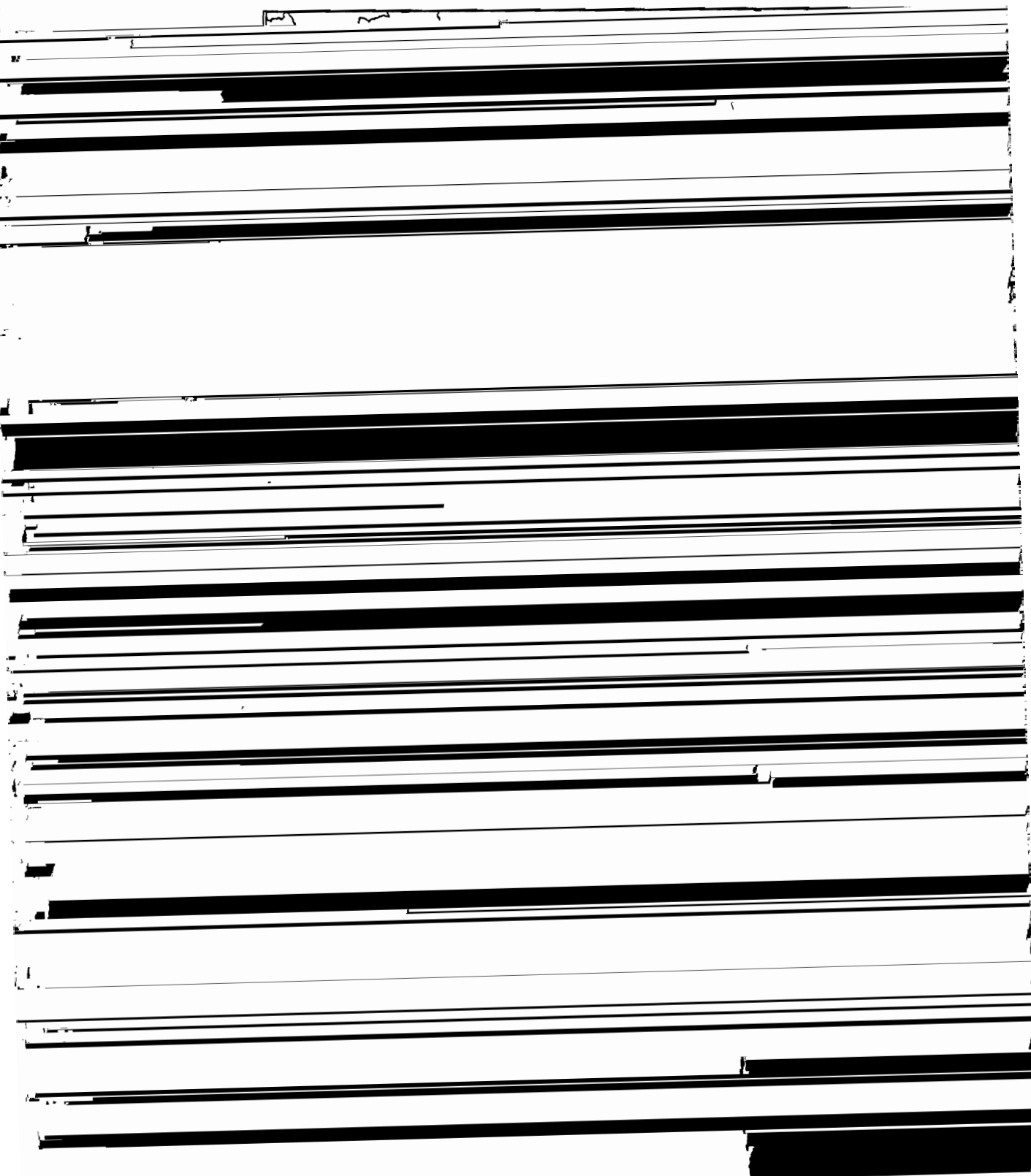
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UGANDA RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ GRBP headquarters will closely follow the 1997 financial and administrative experience

The new West Province Mectizan® distribution program, which was launched in September 1996 with the assistance of GRBP and Lions Clubs International Foundation's SightFirst



CAMEROON RECOMMENDATIONS

management and technical experience related to Mectizan® distribution.

- ▶ Given its national health policy of outreach distribution, Cameroon should test the flexibility of a different orientation of APOC policy (that of community-based

distribution) with its revised National Plan. Dr. Brian Duke will offer his assistance in the writing of that Plan.

- ▶ Given that blinding onchocerciasis exists in North Province, GRBP should ensure that the treatment program is sustained there. Develop the North Province APOC proposal for the August 1997 TCC deadline. Dr. Brian Duke will assist in the development of the proposal.

HEADQUARTERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Help programs to ensure that Mectizan® applications are submitted to MDP in a timely manner to minimize shipment difficulties and delays in receipt.

Get the most thorough endemicity information possible on all villages under treatment possible. The ability to distinguish high risk villages (communities or those with nodule rates $\geq 40\%$ or microfilaria rates $\geq 60\%$) is particularly lacking in Uganda and Cameroon. REMO exercises alone do not provide these data; REA at each village does.

APOC: Review all APOC proposal drafts developed by the program offices at least three weeks before they are due to be sent to the APOC Technical Consultative Committee (TCC). Follow the Uganda/APOC administration experience with their districts.

Define Ultimate Treatment Goals (UTG) for each program. The UTG is the figure that indicates that complete Mectizan® coverage has been achieved in the program area of the eligible at-risk population and at-risk villages. When the ATO is established the goal is to try and get closer to the UTG for each country.

Annual Treatment Objective: Headquarters will request a detailed description of the ATO

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AGENDA

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Tuesday, December 10

Uganda

Program reports (continued)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Uganda GRBP Presentation	Mr. Dominic Mutabazi
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Discussion	Mr. Dominic Mutabazi
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Discussion/recommendations	Dr. Donald Hopkins
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch in the Copenhill Cafe	

Program reports (continued)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Cameroon GRBP Presentation	Mr. Jean Bangob
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Discussion	Mr. Jean Bangob
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Discussion/recommendations	Dr. Donald Hopkins

6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Vickery's

