

The disease is contracted when tiny water fleas are consumed, typically through contaminated drinking water. After a person consumes the water, the larvae grows

large water filters that could filter out larvae from the water. Within one year, she and the other workers reduced the number of cases of Guinea worm by 47% in 18 villages.

At a conference in Africa, she displayed her filter frame, explaining how it worked. All of a sudden, Carter walked over.

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