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Subject: GUINEA WORM WRAP-UP #191

To: Addressees

“For what is the present, after all, but a growth out of the past?” Walt Whitman

Months since last indigenous case of dracunculiasis:

Niger: 9 months, Nigeria: 8 months

Number of uncontained cases so far in 2009:

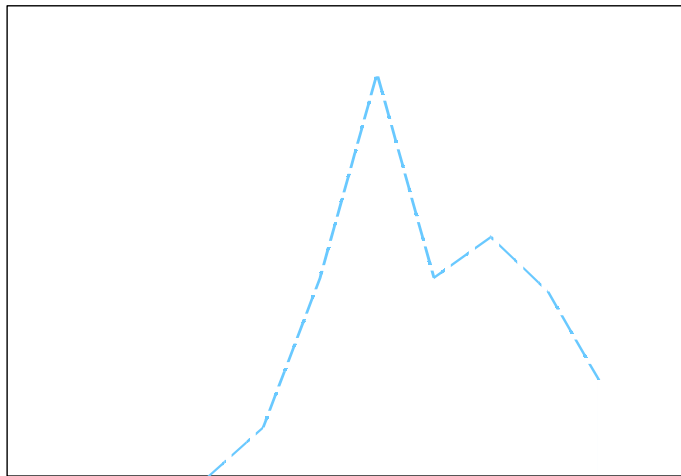
Sudan: 437, Ghana: 14, Mali: 10, Niger: 1, Ethiopia: 1, Nigeria: 0

NB:

- x About 75% of Ghana's cases in 2009 are associated with an outbreak in one village in the Northern Region.
- x All of Ethiopia's cases in 2009 were detected in Gambella Region.
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Figure 2

MALI GUINEA WORM ERADICATION PROGRAM
NUMBER OF REPORTED CASES OF DRACUNCULAISSIS: 2008 - 2009*



GHANA CONTAINS 94% OF CASES IN JANUARY-JUNE 2009

Ghana's Guinea Worm Eradication Program reported 229 cases of dracunculiasis in January-

Table 1

Number of Cases Contained and Number Reported by Month during 2009*
 (Countries arranged in descending order of cases in 2008)

	NUMBER OF CASES CONTAINED / NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED												TOTAL*	% CONT
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER		
SUDAN	4 / 12	10 / 18	33 / 47	164 / 223	288 / 432	407 / 456	311 / 466	/	/	/	/	/	1217 / 1654	74
GHANA	40 / 45	49 / 50	50 / 52	27 / 28	31 /									



Country

2008

2009*

Figure 4

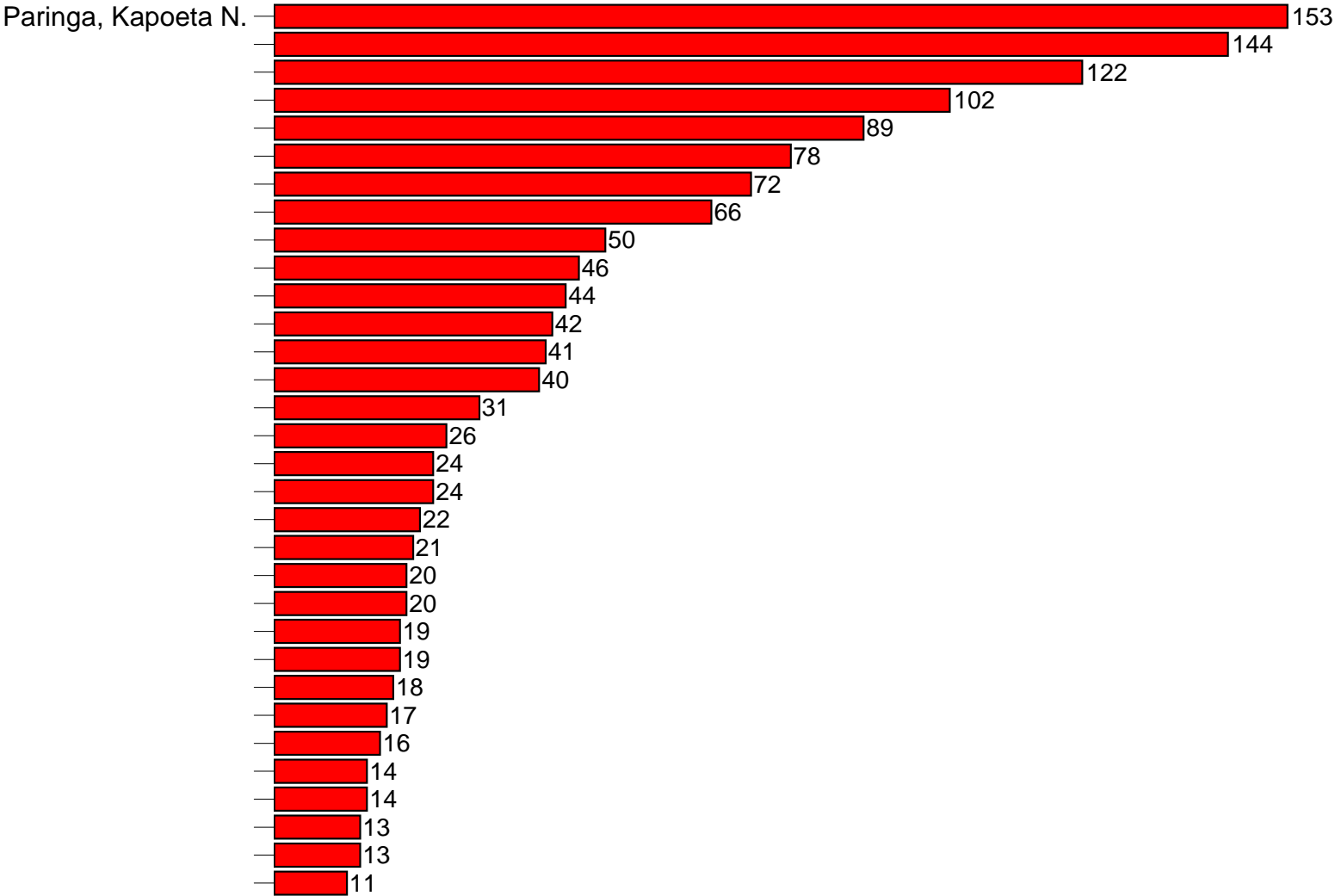


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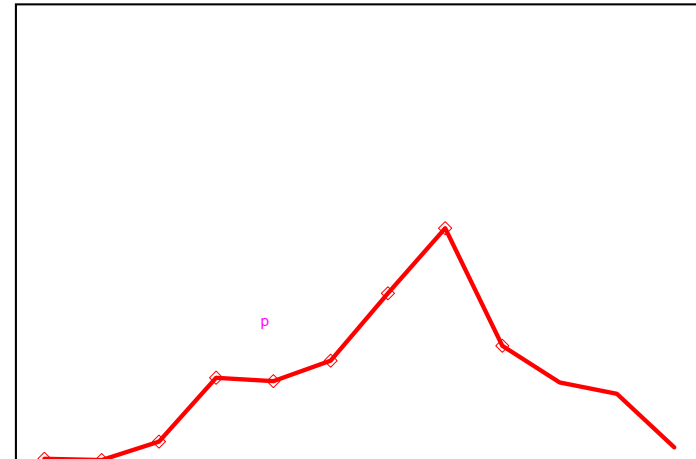
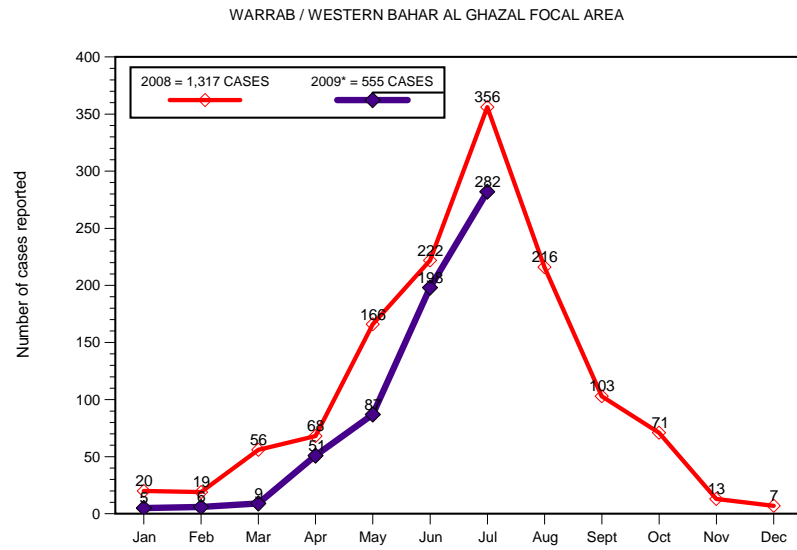
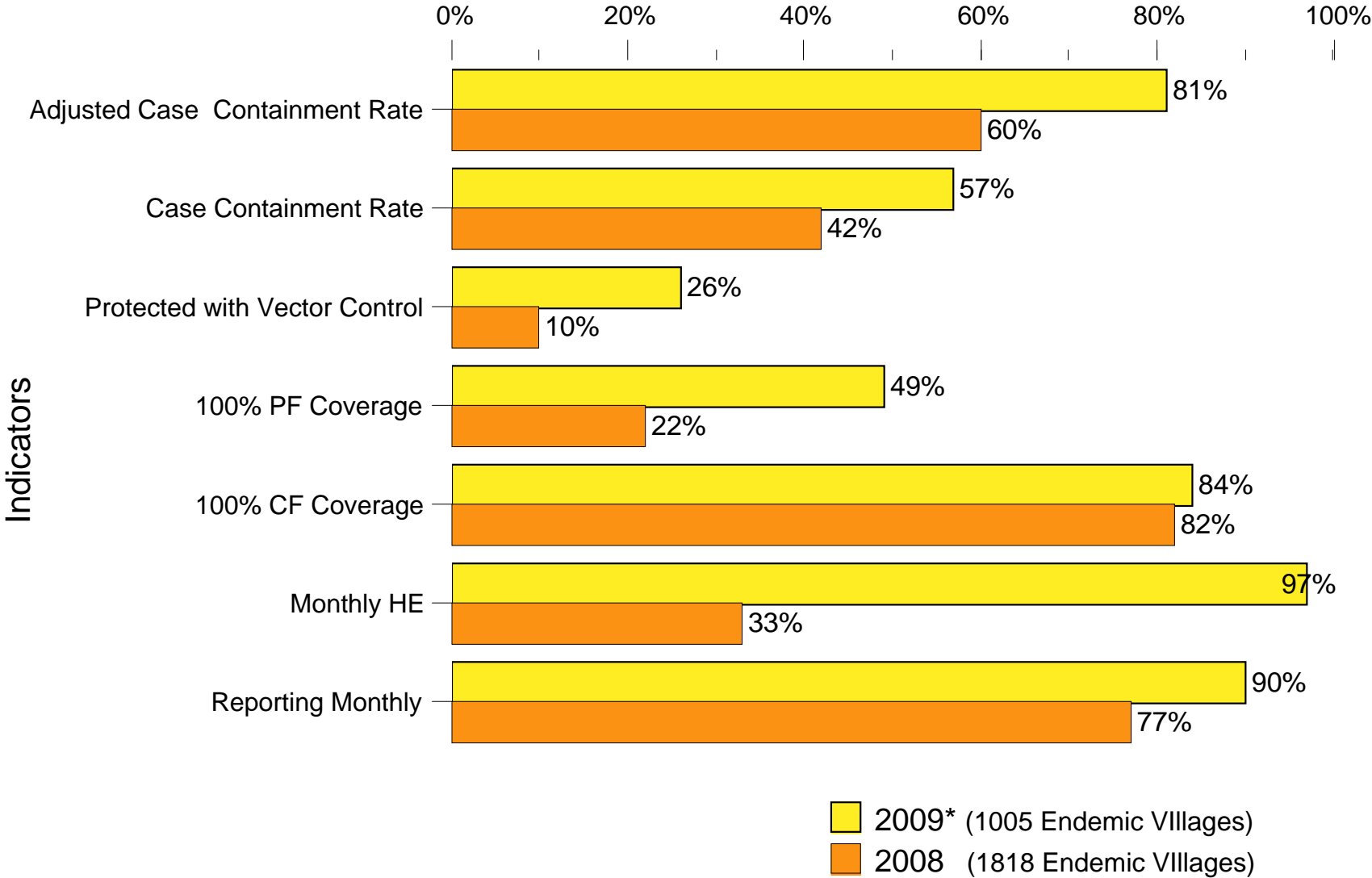


Figure 6

Status of Interventions, Jan. - May 2008-2009
Percent



Mali-Burkina Faso. Mali detected a 10 year-old Malian boy with dracunculiasis in the village of Tadialat (Ansongo District) when his worm emerged on July 8, 2009 and evacuated him to a hospital the same day. This child, who had been infected in Mali in 2008, and his father reported that they had visited the locality of Tintagaroubane in Burkina Faso in 2008 for a short stay, when the boy also had a worm to emerge. The program in Burkina Faso is investigating.

TRANSITION

Mr. Steven Becknell, former Carter Center Resident Advisor to the Guinea Worm Eradication Program of Southern Sudan, who returned to the Guinea Worm Eradication Program at Carter Center headquarters earlier this year, has accepted a position at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Steve has had over 5 years of ve

