

## **PRESS RELEASE 2022**

### **UGANDA MAKES SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN THE ELIMINATION OF RIVER BLINDNESS/ONCHOCERCIASIS IN AFRICA.**

*The Ministry of Health has declared the Budongo (Masindi, Hoima, Buliisa) and Bwindi (Kisoro, Rubanda, Kanungu) foci as free of river blindness transmission and reclassified the last endemic area, Lhubiriha focus (Kasese district), as suspected transmission interruption.*

The 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Uganda Onchocerciasis Elimination Expert Advisory Committee (UOEEAC AC)

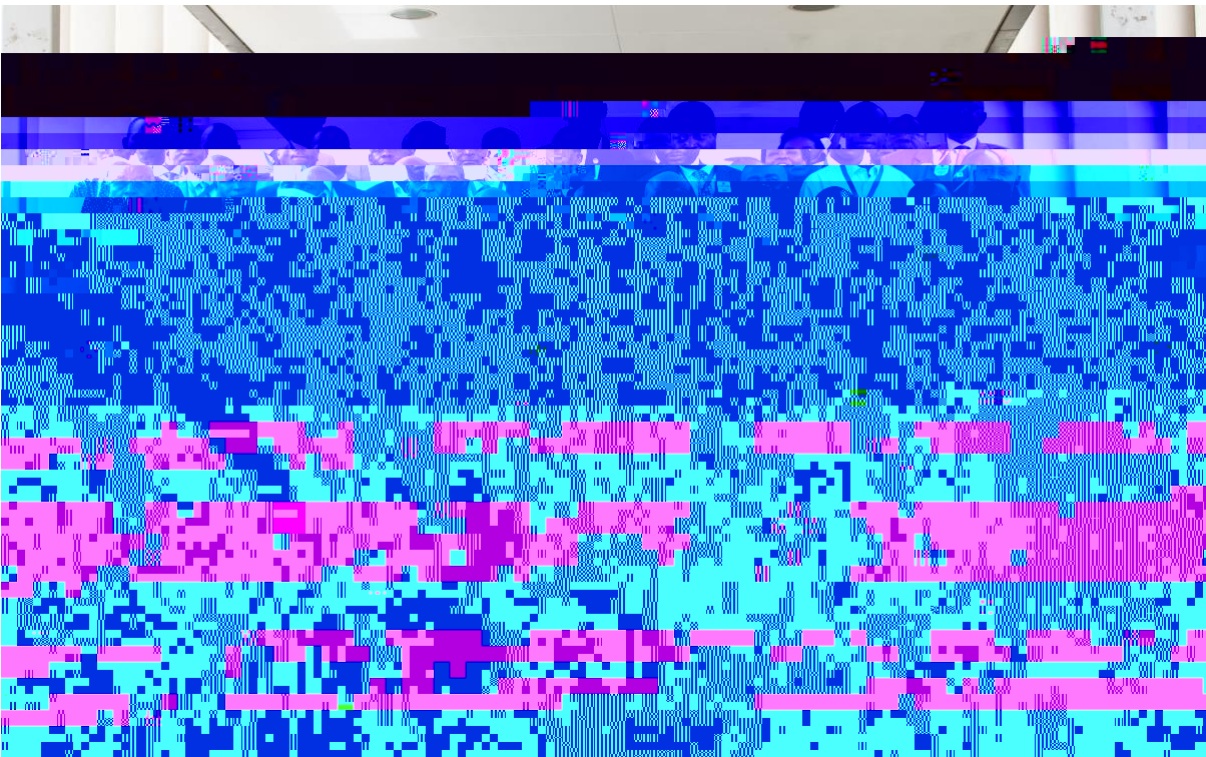




# River Blindness Status in 2022



## River Blindness Elimination Milestone



Group photo of the participants: The Committee Chair from University of South Florida, USA. It was attended by committee members and delegates from The Carter Center Atlanta NTDs/East Program, RTI International; WHO; Lions Club International; Republic of South Sudan; Democratic Republic of Congo; Ministry of Health officials and selected districts.