



HOW TO GIVE OUT THE MEDICINES

DRUG TO BE GIVEN

In this MDA you will deliver **Ivermectin (Mectizan)** to treat onchocerciasis. The medicine should be given to all community members aged 5 years and above.

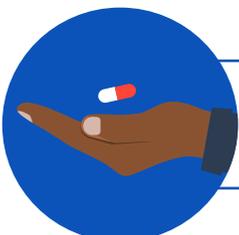
Below is a table of how the dosage should be worked out for each person and the required medicine by height. There is also a picture of what the medicine bottles and tablets will look like.

TREATMENT OF ONCHOCERCIASIS	
Height (cm)	Dose / number of tablets
	Mectizan
Less than 90cm or less than 5 years	No tablets
90 to 119cm	1
120 to 140cm	2
141 to 158cm	3
159cm and above	4

IVERMECTIN



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In the following section are some more facts about the medicine to help you with the distribution as well as key messages to tell the communities about the disease.



IVERMECTIN FOR ONCHOCERCIASIS



WHO SHOULD RECEIVE IVERMECTIN:

- All community members above the age of 5.



SIDE EFFECTS:

- After taking Ivermectin, some people may experience itching, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, body ache, fever, decreased appetite and stomach pain.
- Some may experience symptoms lasting more than three days.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IN CASE OF SIDE EFFECTS:

- In case a person is experiencing severe itching, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, body ache, fever, decreased appetite and stomach pain, inform them those symptoms will disappear within 3 days.
- Severe itching or swelling lasting more than 3 days should be referred to the health facility.



WHO SHOULD NOT RECEIVE THE DRUGS:

- Children measuring under 90cm.
- Any person who is seriously sick (this means someone who is unable to do their usual normal activities of daily life without assistance because of their sickness). *Note that people who are physically or mentally disabled and blind or deaf people should be **INCLUDED** in the treatment.*
- Under 5 years.
- Pregnant women.
- Women who have delivered less than one week ago.

Please note, if someone is unable to stand due to a physical disability, then you can measure them lying down if this is ok with them. If they would prefer you did not do this, encourage them to go to the health facility to receive treatment after they have been weighed. If someone has dwarfism, you should encourage them to go to the facility to receive treatment based on their weight.