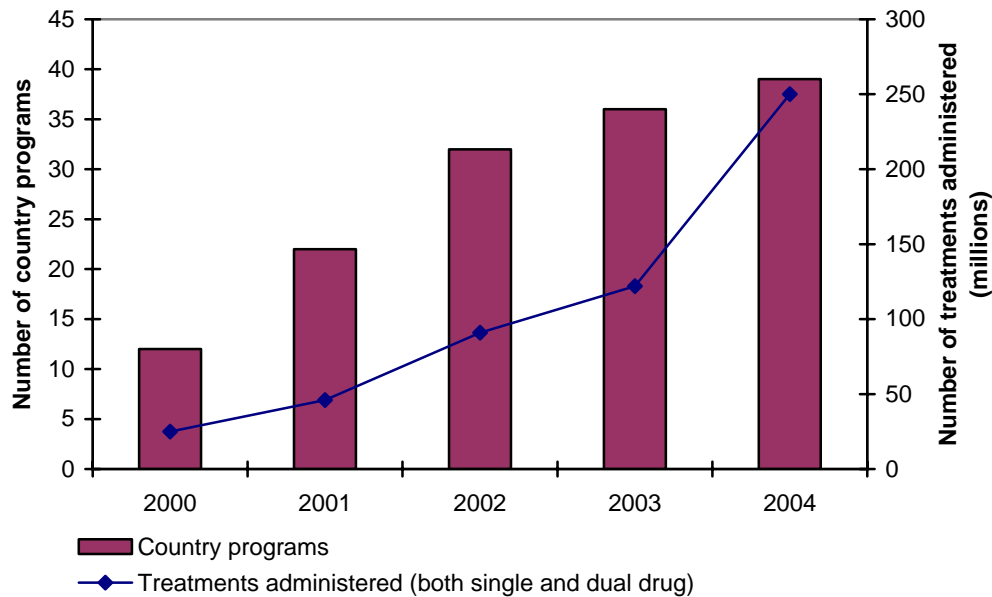


Scaling Up for a Future Free of Lymphatic Filariasis



1997

- The World Health Assembly adopts a resolution calling for the global elimination of LF as a public health problem.

1998

- WHO and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) announce a worldwide collaboration to fight LF. GSK agrees to donate all albendazole needed to eliminate LF.
- Merck & Co., Inc. donates Mectizan® for all countries in Africa where LF and onchocerciasis (river blindness) are co-endemic.

1999

- First mass drug distribution begun in Egypt.

2000

- 25 million people receive treatment in 12 countries.

2001

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation donates \$20 million toward the elimination of LF.

2002

- Over 95 million people in 32 countries receive treatment. At least 8 countries begin programs to reduce suffering and disability of those infected.

2004

- 5 formerly endemic countries are working to establish absence of transmission

2005-2007

- Goal to treat 350 million people in 45 countries and to include disability reduction strategies in half of all national programs.