

PacELF - PACIFIC PROGRAMME TO ELIMINATE LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS



NEED FOR A COORDINATED APPROACH IN THE PACIFIC

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LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS ELIMINATION
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND ERADICATION



TAKE YOUR PILLS ONCE A YEAR

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FREE MEDICATION



A FUTURE FREE OF LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS



Let us work together to make certain that our children can look forward to a brighter and healthier future - a future free of lymphatic filariasis.

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THERE IS ONLY ONE THING YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THE NEXT GENERATION



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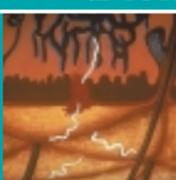
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YOU CAN BREAK THE CYCLE OF INFECTION



■ When the mosquito bites again, it will infect someone else

■ These worms are small enough to be transmitted through the skin by a biting mosquito



■ You look young and healthy, but you may already be infected
■ You could have small parasitic worms, known as microfilariae, in your blood



Lymphatic filariasis is a disfiguring, disabling disease which makes life difficult for you and your family. The physical consequences are pain, ugly swollen limbs and bad-smelling skin. But there is also damage to the inside of the body that you can't see: the lymphatic system and the kidneys are affected. Everyday life becomes difficult. Simple actions like walking and working become impossible. The more the disease progresses the more sufferers are shunned by society.

A DISABLING DISEASE

- More than 80 countries are affected
- 120 million people have developed the disease
- 1.2 billion people are at risk
- The success of the elimination programmes in China and Japan have resulted in saving hundreds of millions of people from lymphatic filariasis

When there are outward signs of infection, the disease is commonly called elephantiasis. Damage to the arms, legs or genitals, especially in men, causes a great deal of pain to those individuals affected and they become a burden for their family and society.

There are things you can do to ease the suffering and prevent fungal infections. Observing simple hygiene such as regular washing with soap and water and regular exercising of the limbs.

When the damage shows, it's too late

A hidden disease that can show at any time



Once a year, for 5 years, you can contribute to the elimination of lymphatic filariasis. How? By swallowing two pills with a glass of water. Nothing could be simpler or more efficient and it will spare the next generation from this horrible disease.

FREE THE NEXT GENERATION BY YOUR ACTION