

Fostering Equity in Neglected Tropical Disease Services through a Community-Led Approach

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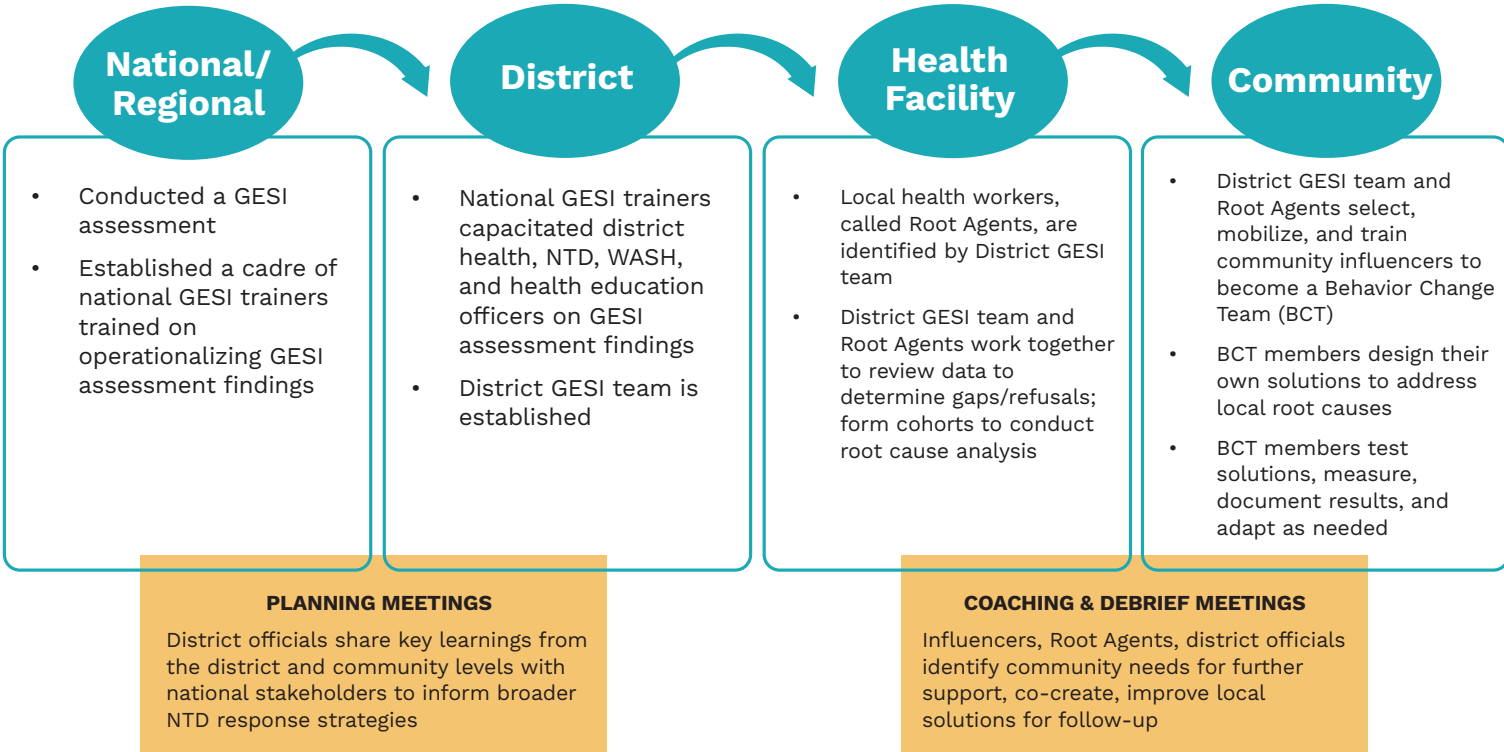
Closing the Gaps in Trachoma Mass Drug Administration Access and Uptake



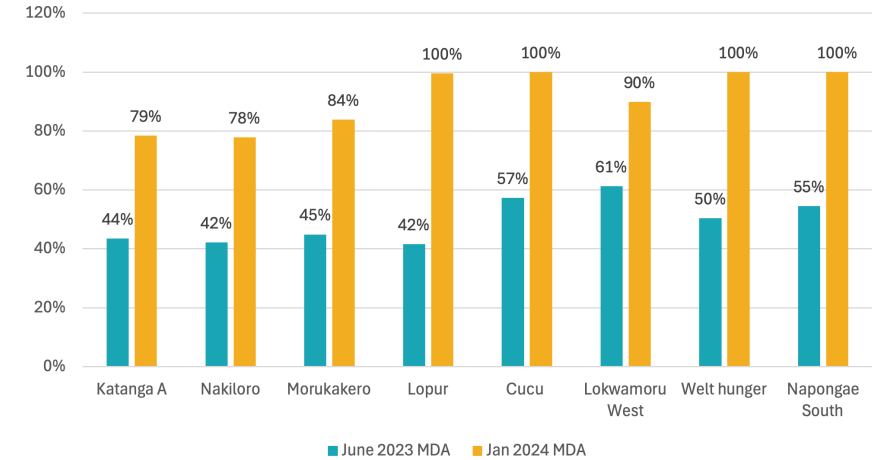
GOAL: To achieve the “last mile” in trachoma control and elimination in Uganda by reaching key populations that are often missed in service delivery by a fragile health system.

Objective: To integrate and mainstream gender equity and social inclusion (GESI) considerations, approaches, and capacity to reach the “last mile” in NTD control and elimination.

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Village MDA Coverage Before and After GESI BCA Implementation



IMPACTS AND ADAPTABILITY

- More equitable service delivery, reaching populations who are consistently missed by the health system like short-term laborers, street children, herders, migrant farmers, people with disability, and miners.
- Learnings and local solutions have been institutionalized into national policies such as the Uganda NTD Sustainability Plan 2020–2025 and MDA Training Curriculum.
- Other non-NTD programs such as HIV, ANC, post-COVID back to school campaigns, and child protection campaigns have leveraged community influencers from the behavior change teams for community mobilization efforts.

