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FILARIASIS

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LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS ELIMINATION PROGRAMME
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ACTION**



Once a year, for 5 years, you can contribute to the elimination of lymphatic filariasis. How? It's a matter of swallowing a few pills. Nothing could be simpler or more efficient and it will spare the next generation from this horrible disease.

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

A DISABLING DISEASE

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.

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



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

YOU CAN BREAK THE CYCLE OF INFECTION

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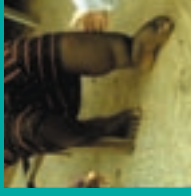
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■ When the mosquito bites again, it will infect someone else



RELIEVE THE SUFFERING

There are things you can do to ease the suffering and prevent bacterial infections, for example, 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**

Once outward signs of the disease are visible, it's too late, it cannot be cured. However, you can relieve the suffering through appropriate treatment which prevents further complications due to infections.

**A HIDDEN DISEASE THAT
CAN SHOW AT ANY TIME**

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.



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