

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) affect over 1 billion people. These diseases are treatable, yet they continue to cause pain, discomfort and unnecessary suffering for so many - affecting people's ability to work and live full lives.

Although medically known as **lymphatic filariasis (LF)**, the term elephantiasis is commonly used because symptoms of the disease include swelling and enlargement of the arms and legs. **Trachoma** on the other hand, is the world's leading cause of preventable blindness of infectious origin. The disease is spread through direct personal contact and through flies that have been in contact with an infected person's eyes or nose.

It is unacceptable that so many people continue to suffer from these preventable illnesses, which can be treated at a very low cost. By restoring their mobility and sight we can transform lives.

Today some of the world's largest donors have provided funding to help governments prevent the spread of these diseases. These donors focus on preventative 'mass drug administration' campaigns that ensure that these diseases do not infect more people. But, unfortunately, despite this much-needed support, very little help is going to patients already affected by both elephantiasis and trachoma for treatment and care. This includes a significant backlog of surgeries across several countries in East Africa and Asia.

WE WILL BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO ELIMINATING THESE DISEASES BY TREATING AND CARING FOR PATIENTS.

Crown Agents is a global leader in international development, including supporting health systems in Africa and Asia for 185 years. We work in partnership with Oriole Global Health, a global leader in Neglected Tropical Diseases and disease modelling. With our joint expertise, we have built a successful, agile and cost-effective delivery platform that addresses operational and systemic challenges to negate the persistence of Neglected Tropical Diseases in Africa and Asia. In 2020 we reached over 70 million people in 11 countries through our work.

We are already involved in prevention, but need your help to remove the reservoir of the disease from communities. Our aim is to provide treatment and surgeries to 100,000 people living with the after-effects of LF and trachoma in 10 countries across Africa and Southeast Asia.

In addition to ending the pain and disability for the individual, the economic benefit is exponential: the ability to return to school, work, care for family or be self-reliant. With a donation of £1 million, you can help us provide treatment to over 20,000 people currently suffering from trachoma and elephantitis, bringing the world closer to eliminating these diseases.



Surgery for trachoma costs as little as \$80, and can restore the sight of the patient, whilst hydrocele surgery costs just \$150 and addresses the effects of the swellings caused by elephantitis.

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