



Global impact An estimated 130 million people from more than 80 countries around the world have lymphatic filariasis, and more than 1 billion people are at risk for contracting the disease. To date, nearly 400 million people in 42 countries (shown in blue) have started mass drug treatment for the disease as part of a World Health Organization (WHO) initiative. WHO's 20-year plan calls for eradication of the disease by 2020.