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GUINEA WORM ERADICATION PROGRAM

Global Human Cases and Animal Infections

Transmission of Guinea worm disease (dracunculiasis) is under surveillance in areas of Angola, Cameroon, Chad, Ethiopia, Mali, South Sudan, and the Central African Republic.

Total Reported Guinea Worm Cases in Humans

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2024	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	2	2	1	1	1	**15**
2025	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	**10**
2026*	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	-	**8**

Total Reported Guinea Worm Infections in Animals

2024	2025	2026*
664	684	595

-Still to be reported

*All figures are year-to-date and provisional until officially confirmed, typically in March the following year.

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Total Reported Guinea Worm Cases in Humans

Country	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Angola	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	**2**
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	**0**
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	**0**
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	-	**4**
Ethiopia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	**1**
Mali	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	**1**
South Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	**0**
Total	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**-**	8

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Guinea Worm Disease Cases Reported in Humans

Country	2024	2025	2026*
Angola	0	0	2
Cameroon	0	0	0
Central African Republic	0	0	0
Chad	9	4	4
Ethiopia	0	4	1
Mali	0	0	1
South Sudan	6	2	0
Total	**15**	**10**	**8**

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The worms that infect animals are the same species (*Dracunculus medinensis*) as those that infect humans; therefore, eradication requires stopping infections in both.

Guinea Worm Disease Infections Reported in Animals

Country	2024	2025	2026*
Angola	39	70	94
Cameroon	310	445	346
Central African Republic	0	0	0
Chad	281	146	139
Ethiopia	2	1	1
Mali	28	17	15
South Sudan	4	5	0
Total	**664**	**684**	**595**

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