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## ACRONYM AND ABBREVIATIONS

<b>ALM</b>	American Leprosy Missions
<b>ANACMU</b>	The National Agency for Universal Health Coverage
<b>ARISE</b>	Accélérer l'élimination résiliente, innovante et durable des MTN (Accelerating innovative and sustainable resilient removal of NTDs)
<b>CBTI</b>	Community-Based Treatment with Ivermectin
<b>CDD</b>	Community Drug Distributor (known locally as "DC, distributeur communautaire")
<b>CDTI</b>	Community Directed Treatment with Ivermectin
<b>CNLMTN</b>	Comité National de la Lutte Contre les Maladies Tropicales Négligées (National Committee for the Fight Against Neglected Tropical Diseases)
<b>CS</b>	Community Supervisor
<b>DCMS</b>	Division du Contrôle Médical Scolaire (School Health Control Division)
<b>DGSP</b>	Direction Générale de la Santé Publique (General Directorate of Public Health)
<b>DHIS2</b>	District Health Information System 2
<b>DHMT</b>	District Health Management Team (Medecin chef de district)
<b>DLM</b>	Direction de Lutte contre la Maladie (Disease Control Directorate)
<b>DRM</b>	Domestic Resource Mobilization
<b>DSA</b>	Disease-Specific Assessment
<b>ECD</b>	Equipe Cadre de District (District Executive Team)
<b>ECR</b>	Equipe Cadre de Region (Regional Executive Team)
<b>ESPEN</b>	Expanded Special Project for Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases
<b>EU</b>	Executive Unit
<b>FAA</b>	Fixed Amount Award
<b>FTS</b>	Filariasis Test Strip
<b>FEFO</b>	First expired, first out
<b>HD</b>	Health District
<b>HP</b>	Health Post
<b>IA</b>	Inspecteur d'académie (Academy Inspector)
<b>IEC</b>	Information, Education, and Communication
<b>IEF</b>	Inspection de la Formation et de l'Education (Training and Education Inspectorate)
<b>JAP</b>	Joint Application Package (WHO)
<b>JRF</b>	Joint Reporting Form (WHO)
<b>JRSM</b>	Joint Request for Selected PC Medicines (WHO)
<b>LF</b>	Lymphatic filariasis
<b>M&amp;E</b>	Monitoring and evaluation
<b>MDA</b>	Mass Drug Administration
<b>MDCEST</b>	Ministère du Développement Communautaire, de l'Equité Sociale et Territoriale (Ministry of Community Development and Social and Territorial Equity)
<b>MEN</b>	Ministere de l'Education Nationale (Ministry of National Education)
<b>MMDP</b>	Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention
<b>MSAS</b>	Ministère de la Santé et de l'Action Sociale (Ministry of Health and Social Action)
<b>NTD</b>	Neglected Tropical Disease
<b>OMVS</b>	Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Sénégal (Organization for the Development of the Senegal River)

<b>OV</b>	Onchocerciasis volvulus
<b>PC</b>	Preventive Chemotherapy
<b>PNA</b>	Pharmacie Nationale d'Approvisionnement (National Supply Pharmacy)
<b>PRA</b>	Pharmacie Regionale d'Approvisionnement (Regional Supply Pharmacy)
<b>PNEFO</b>	Programme National pour l'Elimination de la Filariose Lymphatique et de l'Onchocercose (National Program for the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis and Onchocerciasis)
<b>PNEL</b>	Programme National d'Elimination de la Lèpre (National Leprosy Elimination Program)
<b>PNLBG</b>	Programme National de Lutte contre les Bilharzioses et Géohelminthiases (National Bilharzia and Soil-transmitted Helminthiasis Control Program)
<b>PNEVG</b>	Programme National d'Eradication du Ver de Guinée (National Guinea Worm Eradication Program)
<b>PNLMTN</b>	Programme National de Lutte contre les Maladies Tropicales Négligées (National Program for the Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases)
<b>PNPSO</b>	Programme National de Promotion de la Santé Oculaire (National Eye Health Promotion Program)
<b>RHMT</b>	Regional Health Management Team
<b>RM</b>	Region médicale (medical region)
<b>SAE</b>	Serious adverse event
<b>SAFE</b>	Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial cleanliness, and Environmental improvement
<b>SCT</b>	Supervisor's Coverage Tool
<b>SLAP</b>	Service de Lutte Antiparasitaire (Parasite Control Section)
<b>SMM</b>	Sustainability Maturity Model
<b>SNEIPS</b>	Service National de l'Education et de l'Information pour la Santé (National Health Education and Information Service)
<b>SOP</b>	Standard Operating Procedures
<b>TA</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>TAS</b>	Transmission Assessment Survey
<b>TF</b>	Trachomatous Inflammation – Follicular
<b>TI</b>	Trachomatous Inflammation – Intense
<b>TIPAC</b>	Tool for Integrated Planning and Costing
<b>TIS</b>	Trachoma Impact Survey
<b>TRA</b>	Trachoma Rapid Assessment
<b>TSS</b>	Trachoma Surveillance Survey
<b>TT</b>	Trachomatous Trichiasis
<b>UNAMUS C</b>	National Union of Community Health Insurance Plans of Senegal
<b>USAID</b>	United States Agency for International Development
<b>WASH</b>	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization

## NARRATIVE

### NATIONAL NTD PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND SUPPORT

Senegal, located in West Africa, is bordered to the North by Mauritania, to the East by Mali, to the South by Guinea and Guinea Bissau and to the West by the Atlantic Ocean. The capital, Dakar, is a peninsula located in the far west of the country. The country is divided into 14 administrative regions, 45 departments, 117 administrative districts, and 557 municipalities. The 2023 national population is estimated at 17,777,694 (based on projections from the 2013 general population census). Women represent 50.21% of the population and 53.3% of the population live in rural areas.

The National Program for Neglected Tropical Disease Control (PNLMTN) is part of the Disease Control Directorate (DLM) which is under the General Directorate of Public Health (DGSP). The PNLMTN is composed of five programs: the National Leprosy Elimination Program (PNEL), the National Eye Health Promotion Program (PNPSO), the National Bilharzia and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis Control Program (PNLBG), the National Lymphatic Filariasis and Onchocerciasis Elimination Program (PNEFO), and the National Guinea Worm Eradication Program (PNEVG). Each program is headed by a coordinator. Interventions for Leishmaniasis, rabies and dengue fever are managed by the PNEL, PNEVG, and the Parasite Control Section (SLAP) respectively. Senegal has developed five NTD Master plans since 2007, the current plan is from 2022 to 2025. The NTDs programs are coordinated by the PNLMTN coordinator, and activities are implemented in an integrated manner whenever possible in accordance with WHO recommendations. The PNLMTN staff consists of the coordinator, a drug supply manager, a data manager, a communications officer, a finance officer, administration officers and drivers. While in previous years, the PNLMTN has complained of inadequate staff, four new staff were hired in FY 2023: a planner, a data manager, and two program assistants.

Senegal has made a lot of progress since USAID began supporting the country in 2012, along with support from other partners and donors. USAID has supported Senegal through ENVISION (2012-2018) and Act to End NTDs | West (Act | West) from 2018-present. The government, through the Ministry of Health and Social Action (MSAS), has demonstrated increased engagement in NTDs related activities resulting in significant progress towards sustainable NTDs interventions. The PNLMTN has developed a sustainability plan which is part of the 2022-2025 NTDs Master Plan. The country has set up a national multisectoral committee (CNLMTN) to enhance ownership and coordinate the involvement of other sectors to combat NTDs.

The education sector plays an important role in the success of MDA for NTDs in Senegal. The school enrollment rate at the primary level was 93% in 2014, and attendance at the secondary level was 68%. Schools provide a platform for drug distribution targeting school-age children. LF transmission assessments and SCH/STH impact surveys are also organized within schools. In addition, school curricula include life skills to improve students' knowledge of diseases and prevention methods.

In recent years, with the support of partners, including Act | West, the PNLMTN has made important progress. The country has stopped MDA in all eight OV endemic health districts (HDs) and in 48/51 LF endemic HDs in 2023. Trachoma MDA was stopped countrywide in 2018. Under sustainability, the Ministry of Health (MoH) held a bilateral negotiation with USAID in 2022. In 2023, CNLMTN held its first meeting under the chairmanship of the Secretary General of the Minister of Health.

Since 2010, the Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS), which is responsible for dams built on the Senegal River has been funding the SCH MDA in the Matam region and other SCH endemic districts. In FY 2023, the PNLMTN did not receive support from OMVS. However, the

PNLMTN started receiving support from ARISE, a new project funded by the END Fund which mainly supports SCH and STH control.

In view of the progress achieved, the PNLMTN will focus on the development of trachoma, OV and LF elimination dossiers in FY 2024. It is important for the country to focus on coordination, communication, advocacy, and sustainability of the achievements so far in the control and elimination of NTDs in addition to the traditional activities of MDA and disease specific assessments (DSA). The 2022–2023 Sustainability Plan will be evaluated, and a 2024–2026 Sustainability Plan will be developed.

The country continues to implement interventions to limit the transmission of COVID-19, but efforts are now focused on vaccination. Physical distancing and wearing masks are no longer mandatory in meetings and other field activities.

## IR1 PLANNED ACTIVITIES: LF, TRA, OV

### Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)

#### Proposed FY 2024 activities:

**LF+SCH+STH MDA in one HD** . In FY 2024, out of the three endemic HDs that have not yet reached the criteria to stop MDA, only one HD (Pete) will organize LF MDA. Pete HD is in Saint Louis RM. Pete is co-endemic to LF, SCH, and STH. In FY 2024 Pete HD will organize an integrated LF+SCH+STH MDA.

**Pre-TAS in one HD** . Pre-TAS will be conducted in Pete HD in FY 2024. As of December 2022 MDA, Pete HD has undergone four effective treatment rounds. MDA will be conducted in Pete HD in FY 2024, and the HD will be eligible for pre-TAS at least six months after a successful MDA (with epidemiological coverage > 65%).

**TAS1 in two HDs (one EU)** . The PNEFO will conduct TAS1 in two HDs (one EU) in FY 2024. These are the two HDs where pre-TAS is planned in July 2023. The two HDs (Coki and Louga) will be combined to form an EU, as they share a common border, similar baseline prevalence (3%), and a combined total population of 297,702.

**TAS2 in 24 HDs (19 EUs)** . TAS2 will be conducted in 24 HDs in FY 2024. These 24 passed TAS1 in FY 2022 conducted with technical and financial support from Act | West. The 24 HDs will be grouped into 19 EUs as in the TAS1.

**Procurement of Filariasis Test Strips (FTS) for use in Act | West-supported LF surveys** . To conduct the LF DSAs planned for FY 2024, a total of 42,606 FTS will be required, packaged into 1,421 kits (each kit contains 30 FTS).

#### **Assessment of the availability and quality of the LF recommended essential package of care.**

With Act | West technical support, the PNEFO will conduct health facility assessments in 10% of health facilities that have already received LF MMDP training and have been providing MMDP services to patients for at least one year across the 17 health districts. This equates to four hospitals and 46 health posts that will be assessed as to their readiness to provide the essential package of care for lymphedema and hydrocele. The World Health Organization (WHO) approved direct inspection protocol (DIP) method will be used for the assessment, which can provide valuable information to the national program on the strengths and weaknesses of the MMDP services and

identify areas where improvements may be needed to ensure quality services are available to all patients. Act | West will provide input and assistance as needed to implement the assessment, perform statistical analysis, and interpret the findings in support of the PNEFO.

**Support lymphedema management training at the community level in seven HDs.** The

In FY 2024, Act | West will provide technical support to the PNEFO to enable the central level PNEFO to train health workers on lymphedema management to support service availability and improve access to the essential package of care for all persons with lymphoedema in another seven selected LF endemic HDs. The PNEFO will train the district and regional health management teams on lymphedema management using the WHO recommended essential package of care, and they will, in turn, lead the training for the regional and district level PNEFO focal points, who will then cascade the training to the lower levels of the health system (health posts). Act | West via ALM will support the PNEFO to carry out this training in seven HDs in FY 2024 and with a plan to complete training in the remaining 12 endemic HDs in FY 2025.

**LF Dossier development.** In FY 2023, Act | West organized an orientation workshop on the LF elimination dossier for the PNLMTN and partners in Dakar. A two-day workshop facilitated by the Act | West LF focal point allowed PNLMTN staff, partners, and other MSAS staff to understand what is expected for the development of the LF elimination dossier. Under the leadership of the PNLMTN coordinator and the PNEFO coordinator, participants opted to not involve a consultant in development of the first draft. A workshop will be held to develop a first draft of the LF elimination file. According to projection, Senegal could submit the LF elimination dossier in 2028. The first draft dossier will be updated every year during a workshop. In FY 2024, Act | West will host a Two-day workshop to review and update the draft LF validation dossier.

## **Trachoma**

### **Proposed Fy 2024 activities:**

**Trachoma elimination dossier development meetings .** In FY 2024, Act | West will support the PNPSO to organize two meetings to further develop the trachoma elimination dossier. National experts, former PNPSO coordinators, the current PNPSO team, and partners will participate in these meetings. Act | West will support all costs for these meetings while Sightsavers will continue to provide support for the management of TT cases and the costs of the consultant who was hired to assist in the development of trachoma elimination dossier.

## **Onchocerciasis**

### **Proposed FY 2024 activities:**

#### **Follow-up workshop on the OV elimination plan.**

In FY 2024, Act | West, in collaboration with the PNEFO, will organize a follow-up meeting on the OV elimination plan developed in 2023. National experts, the staff of the PNLMTN and DLM, and PNEFO partners will be invited to this two-day meeting.

**Annual meeting of the OV expert committee.** In 2024, to support efforts to eliminate OV, the PNEFO with the support of FHI 360 will host a three-day meeting with the OV Expert Committee. This meeting will provide an opportunity to follow up on the OV elimination plan and decide whether there is sufficient evidence of elimination of transmission to submit an OV elimination dossier.

## IR2 SUSTAINABILITY AND HSS STRATEGY ACTIVITIES

## Systems Strengthening

*Drug Management*

**Evaluation of NTD Warehouse Facilities and Processes in Four RMs.** In FY 2024, the PNLMTN in collaboration with the PNA intends to evaluate the storage facilities and processes in the remaining PRAs (Kedougou, Sedhiou, Dakar and Matam) to have an overall appraisal of the 14 PRAs on NTD drug management. The activity will be carried out using the evaluation grids developed by Act | West for the purposes of this exercise.

**Meeting to quantify the need for NTD drugs for MDA.** The quantification of drugs will be based on the MDA roadmap by disease (LF, OV, SCH, and STH) and by the population requiring MDA for each targeted HD. Thus, for optimal drug management, the quantity of medication remaining at the PRA/medical region level (result of pre-MDA inventories) will be considered in the quantification of needs. To avoid the risk of drugs and diagnostics expiring, medication management will focus on the FEFO (first to expire, first out) principle which will minimize losses related to management issues by ensuring that inventories with the earliest expiry dates are used first. The PNLMTN will also need to ensure that each medicine has an up-to-date stock sheet in all NTDs drug storage locations and plan activities according to the expiry date of products and medicines.

**Meeting to prepare and submit WHO reports on the ESPEN portal.** Act | West will support PNLMTN to update disease endemicity and population data by district for the drug application form and survey data and ensure timely submission to WHO. This technical support will take place during the working sessions to be organized by the PNLMTN. Follow-up meetings will be held on a regular basis and a JAP follow-up item will be included in the agenda of the monthly PNLMTN coordination meetings.

**Reverse logistics.** Act | West supported the program to develop medication tracking tools, physical inventory sheet and inventory report. During MDA, each HD informs the movement of drugs, and upon completion of the MDA there is theoretical stock in the MDA data entry model. Act | West participates in the review of MDA data and theoretical stock. Following MDA, Act | West provides financial support for the PRA Manager and the RM's NTD focal point to go to the HD level to compare the theoretical stock with the physical inventory. If there are gaps after physical inventory, the PRA Manager works with the HDs to address problems and ensure the return of medicines at the regional level to the PRA. Inventory reports are included in FAA deliverables, and when they are transmitted, Act | West organizes working sessions with the program to analyze information and make recommendations that the program shares at the operational level.

**Technical assistance to strengthen prevention, monitoring, and management of serious adverse events .** Act | West will support the PNLMTN, RMs, and HDs to focus on pharmacovigilance during pre-MDA orientation workshops. FHI 360 will support the PNLMTN to integrate management of serious adverse events (SAEs) according to WHO recommendations into the modules for MDA guidance. During supervision of the MDA, FHI 360's staff will reiterate the importance of notifying Act | West of any adverse events that occur. The poison control center, responsible for managing adverse events in MoH, will be invited to join the MDA's supervisory teams to strengthen surveillance but also to remind the reporting circuit of a case of adverse event. In the fixed amount awards (FAAs), FHI 360 will include an MDA report deliverable, which will instruct recipients to report any adverse events, in accordance with WHO guidelines on SAEs.



## Sustainability

### Proposed FY 2024 activities:

#### *Governance*

**Bilateral Negotiation follow-up meeting** . In 2020, with the support of Act | West, Senegal developed its NTD sustainability plan which was validated in January 2021. To effectively implement the sustainability plan, the MSAS invited USAID to a bilateral negotiation meeting to discuss further support and contribution to the implementation of the sustainability plan within the framework of a formal agreement. The conclusions of this meeting were used to define priority areas of support for the implementation of the sustainability plan, in line with the program's priority sustainability needs and demands. Support for implementing the decisions will be provided through the NTD program's annual work plans, with a mechanism for monitoring the decisions resulting from the exchanges. Given the diversity of actors within the MSAS, who will play a major role in operationalizing the decisions, a follow-up meeting is planned in early FY 2024. This one-day consultation between the MSAS and USAID will be organized in conjunction with the Act | West partners' meeting, which is scheduled for November 2023, in Dakar. This forum will be used to organize a high-level meeting (one day before or after the partners' meeting) bringing together the NTD program, FHI 360, and USAID, to maintain momentum around bilateral negotiations.

**Country-led TIPAC Data Entry & Analysis (TA from Deloitte)**. In FY 2023, the PNLMTN leveraged the TIPAC results to submit a funding request to the MSAS Administration and Finance Directorate and the MSAS Planning Directorate. In FY 2024, the PNLMTN plans to continue using TIPAC to engage targeted stakeholders and mobilize domestic resources. The TIPAC data entry includes data of the five PC-NTDs.

The data entry process requires a minimum of five days due to the manual entries and the fact that the tool only allows one user at a time to complete updates. To facilitate the process, Act | West will share the data capture sheet with the PNLMTN to collect FY 2024 data. Act | West will review the FY 2024 data and share any recommendations for the PNLMTN to amend possible changes and ensure data readiness for data entry. During a five-day workshop, the PNLMTN will convene various partners and NTDP coordinators (PC and non-PC) to conduct the FY 2024 data entry with Act | West support. Although the PNLMTN has made remarkable progress over the years in their appropriation and use of the tool, the PNLMTN recognizes a need for further support to conduct TIPAC analysis to inform DRM related activities. As such, the PNLMTN is requesting technical assistance from Act | West to hold a three-day data analysis workshop in FY 2024.

#### **Domestic Resource Mobilization.**

In FY 2024, Act | West will support the PNLMTN to strengthen its capacity to expand stakeholder engagement efforts with the goal to further raise awareness of NTDs and increase sustainable financing of program needs. The activity will target high-level officials, cross-sector ministries, NTD champions, and other key public and private stakeholders to mobilize domestic resources. Specifically, the PNLMTN aims to engage the National Assembly, the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CESE), and the High Council of Territorial Authorities. In FY 2024, Act | West in collaboration with the CNLMTN, will provide technical assistance to the PNLMTN to determine specific domestic resource mobilization objectives and facilitate activities to develop a stakeholder engagement methodology.

#### **Sustainability Plan Review.**

In FY 2024, Act | West will support a PNLMTN-led review of the Sustainability Plan during a four-day in-person workshop. The workshop is intended to 1) evaluate the status of all activities based on

their target year of completion; 2) discuss the timeline for activities that remain to be completed after 2023; 3) discuss lessons learned and recommendations to inform future activity implementation; and 4) discuss opportunities to extend the validity of the Sustainability Plan and align activities with outcomes of the bilateral negotiation to inform achievements in future years.

**Support the PNLMTN to pursue the integration of NTDs into the benefits package of the ANACMU.**

During the development of the Sustainability Plan, the PNLMTN identified the ANACMU as an appropriate platform for integrating the care for certain NTD morbidities into the universal health coverage (UHC) policy for sustainable long-term management of NTDs.

In FY 2023, the PNLMTN started the integration process and accomplished the first two phases: 1) engaging ANACMU in technical consultations to identify the feasibility and operational modalities for integration and 2) elaborating a concept note on the proposed revisions for informed decision-making by the high-level authorities of ANACMU and the DLM/MSAS. The concept note presents the essential technical points of the integration process and was developed through collaboration with ANACMU, the DLM/PNLMTN, the Directorate-General for Public Health (DGSP), the Directorate General for Social Action and the Directorate for Medical and Social Services (DGAS/DAMS), the pharmaceutical regulation agency, the PNA, and the National Union of Community Health Insurance Plans of Senegal (UNAMUSC).

In FY 2024, with the concept note finalized and validated, Act | West will continue providing technical support to the PNLMTN to continue the integration process through close collaboration between the Directorate of Disease Control and the Directorate of ANACMU. Both directorates will engage in a technical assessment of the feasibility and capacity of the system to support the proposed strategic integration model based on compelling technical data.

**Support the PNLMTN to organize high level engagement with local government and UNAMUSC on enrollment of people with NTDs into community health insurance schemes**

In 2024, as part of the initiative aimed at integrating NTD priorities into the UHC benefits package of ANACMU, Act | West will provide technical assistance to the PNLMTN to engage local government/municipalities councils to enroll people with NTDs in mutual health insurance schemes. The purpose of these consultations is to promote sustainability and NTD integration by facilitating the enrollment of patients with certain NTD-related morbidities in community health insurance schemes.

The workshops will bring together local authorities, the PNLMTN, and UNAMUSC to discuss strategies, challenges, and opportunities for increasing participation of people leaving with NTDs in community health insurance schemes.

The first two-day workshop with twenty-five participants, including experts from ANACMU, will aim to identify the recruitment criteria and operational modalities for enrolling people with NTDs into community health insurance schemes. The second two-day workshop, composed of thirty participants, will focus on developing a monitoring plan for patient enrollment. The Advocacy and Resource Mobilization Commission of the National NTD Committee will be involved to facilitate systematic monitoring of the process.

**Support the PNLMTN and the NTDs Champion to advocate with relevant stakeholders for increased ownership and engagement for NTDs .**

In FY 2024, Act | West will provide technical assistance to the PNLMTN to organize workshops and meetings to develop strategies and an operational plan to increase community engagement aimed at involving local authorities, who will use their political influence to establish service contracts with community radio and television stations.

### *Prioritized Activities*

#### **Provide technical support to the PNLMTN to monitor implementation of the integrated health service delivery pilot in the primary health care of two HDs and scale up to the national level.**

Starting in FY 2022, WV provided technical assistance to the PNLMTN to finalize and validate a health service delivery pilot to integrate NTD services (preventive, educational, monitoring, etc.) into primary health care structures at the health facility and district levels. The pilot approach leverages existing curative, preventive, and promotional strategies and tools deployed at community level by other programs and sectors. It also capitalizes on opportunities for integration at operational level within the malaria and tuberculosis programs, the education sector, the mother and child health programs, the national nutrition development council, the community health unit, and the national hygiene service within the framework of WASH. The integrated approach was rolled out in the two pilot districts of Kedougou and Kounghoul. To ensure sustainability of the fight against NTDs in the face of scarce partners and limited domestic resources, integrated approaches leverage existing resources and personnel to ensure effective and efficient implementation of activities at all system levels.

In 2022, with the technical support of WV, the PNLMTN developed a matrix for integrating NTD services in the identified flagship programs at the health facility level. The pilot project is being operationalized in three phases: 1) orientation of pilot district staff (management teams and community staff); 2) supervision of the implementation of integration activities; and 3) evaluation and documentation of the project for scaling up. In 2023, the district orientation allowed for the development of implementation plans for each pilot district to effectively begin implementing activities in these two districts by the end of FY 2023.

In FY 2024, Act | West will continue to support the PNLMTN in implementing the pilot project to solidify the progress achieved so far. To ensure ongoing monitoring of the project, Act | West will assist the PNLMTN to organize two quarterly supervision missions. These missions will serve several purposes, including assessing the effectiveness and progress of the project, as well as identifying any difficulties encountered during implementation. The missions will also gather feedback from various stakeholders. The district management teams will be actively involved in this process.

Each supervision mission will last for three days and will take place in each pilot district. There will be a total of eight participants in each mission. These participants will include three district members, five central-level members (including two from PNLMTN), and three other partners. During these missions, data collection will take place and various documents, such as activity reports and assessments of implementation plan indicators, will be reviewed to evaluate the project's performance.

### *Other*

**HMIS integration documentation** . To support existing efforts to improve integration of NTD data into DHIS2, Act | West will work with the PNLMTN to document the current process of data integration into DHIS2.

### IR3 ACTIVITIES SCH, STH, SURVEILLANCE

**Proposed FY 2024 activities:**

**SCH MDA in 12 HDs and SCH+STH in 14 HDs** . As indicated in the workplan introduction, the PNLMTN has a new ARISE project that will support SCH and STH. The HDs targeted for ARISE support are yet to be finalized. For FY 2024, Act | West will support SCH-only MDA in 12 HDs and SCH+STH MDA in 14 other HDs in the Senegal River Valley, as OMVS no longer funds MDA in this area. ARISE will support MDA for SCH and STH in the other RMs in the country. The PNLMTN will organize a meeting with FHI 360 and The END Fund to discuss coverage of the country.

**SCH/STH Impact Survey in nine HDs** . Impact survey will be conducted in nine HDs (Passy, Guinguinéo, Ndoffane, Dagana, Richard Toll, Pété, Podor, Saint Louis and Bignona) that successfully completed five treatment cycles with programmatic coverage of  $\geq 75\%$ .

**Annual meeting of the SCH/STH expert committee** . The PNLBG, in collaboration with FHI 360, will organize a three-day meeting of the SCH/STH National Expert Committee. The SCH/STH tracker will be shared with experts and the results recorded during the MDA. SCH/STH impact surveys will be evaluated to define control strategies based on elimination and/or control targets in accordance with the new WHO guidelines.