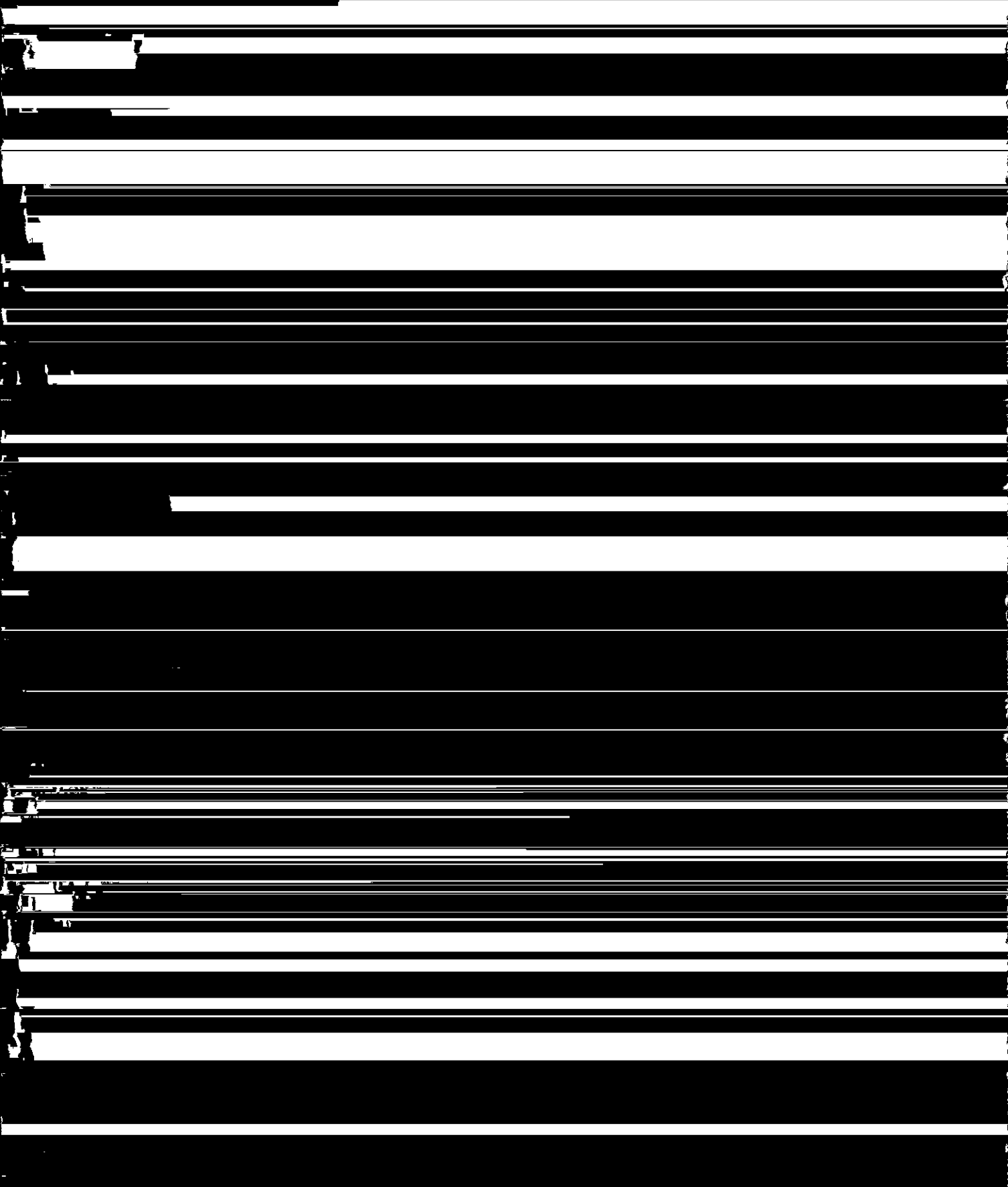


LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS ELIMINATION AND SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL IN COMBINATION WITH ONCHOCERCIASIS CONTROL IN NIGERIA

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treatment interventions with Mectizan, albendazole, and praziquantel for all three diseases, without adversely affecting

for onchocerciasis based on a broad assessment survey carried out in 1992 with the aid of The River Blindness Foundation,

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Pankshin LGA, Plateau State, Nigeria

Panel A

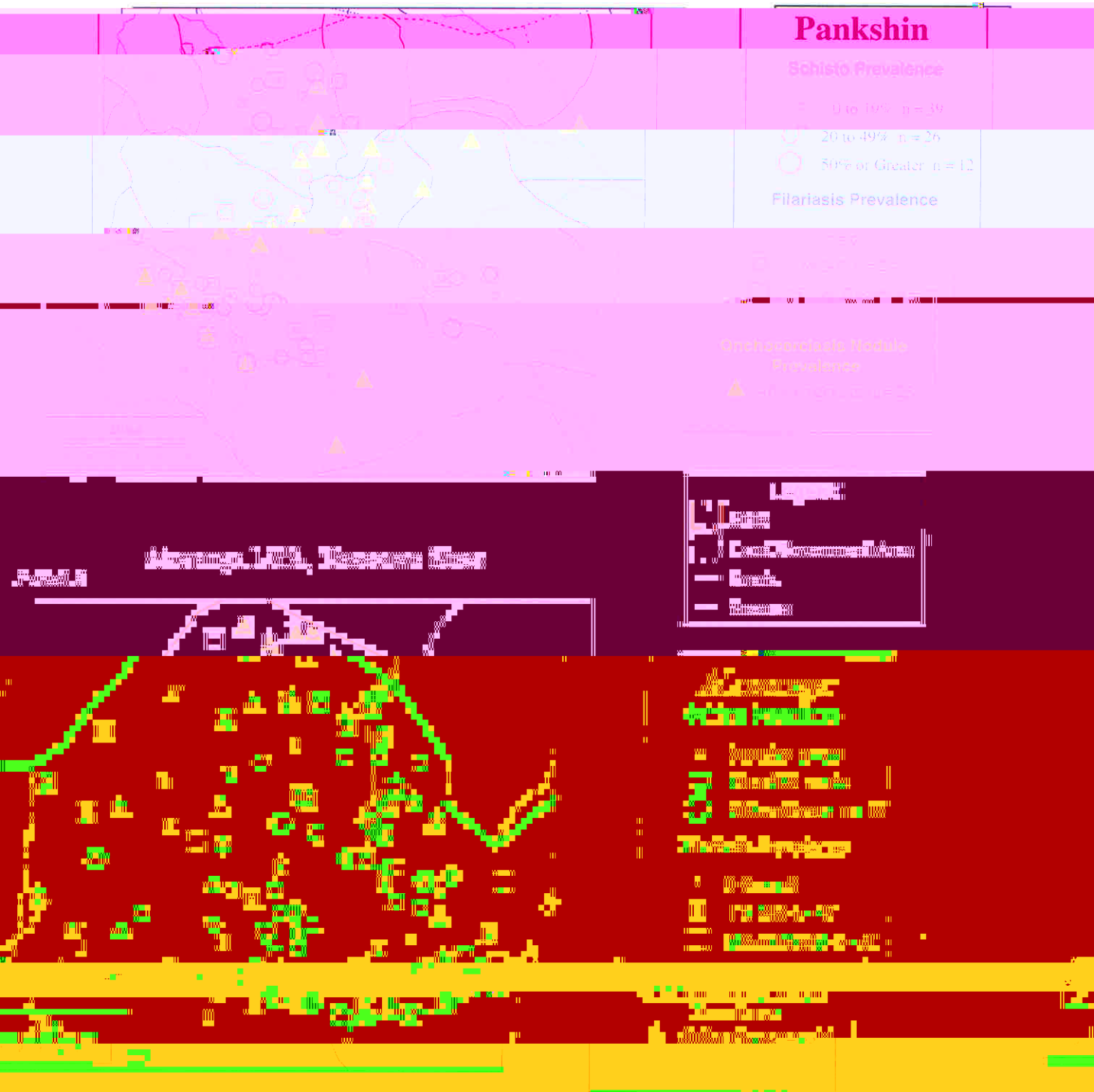
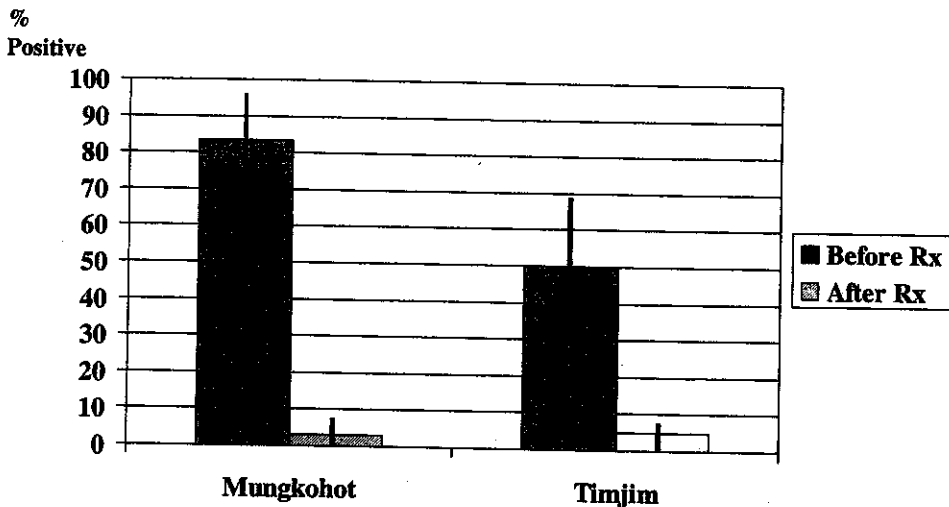


Figure 2. Panel A: Plots of 88 villages in Pankshin local government areas (LGA), Plateau State, for which latitude and longitude data were available, showing prevalence of urinary schistosomiasis (77 villages—red circles), lymphatic filariasis (57 villages—blue squares), and onchocerciasis nodules (57 villages—green triangles). Villages with prevalence of any of the three diseases are marked with a circle, square, or triangle, respectively. The prevalence of urinary schistosomiasis was determined by the Kato-Katz (K&K) test method, with 47.4% of villages showing prevalence of 25% or greater. **Panel B:** Plots of 108 villages in Akwanga LGA, Nasarawa State, for which latitude and longitude data were available, showing prevalence of urinary schistosomiasis (108 villages—red circles), lymphatic filariasis (108 villages—blue squares), and onchocerciasis nodules (108 villages—green triangles). Villages with prevalence of any of the three diseases are marked with a circle, square, or triangle, respectively. The prevalence of urinary schistosomiasis was determined by the Kato-Katz (K&K) test method, with 47.4% of villages showing prevalence of 25% or greater.

Implementation of Interventions. By the end of 2000, 53,480 persons had been treated with praziquantel, in 105 villages of the two LGAs, including 8,650 persons treated in

tive to help ministries of health provide millions of tablets of donated Mectizan for onchocerciasis. The new initiative to eliminate lymphatic filariasis could expand rapidly in Africa



***Based on heme positive urine dipstick testing**

FIGURE 4. Impact on Schistosomiasis haematobium prevalence in school aged children: Hematuria* (blood in urine) before (1999) and after two annual rounds of praziquantel treatment in two villages in Nigeria. (Bars show 95% Confidence Intervals)

cation process comparatively difficult. Second, to promote smoother integration of SH into the integrated program

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