SCH prevalence over time and school by parasite

S. mansoni infection categories over time

S. haematobium infection categories over time

Comments

S. mansoni prevalence increased versus the baseline level after having fallen in FU1. S. haematobium prevalence, however, has fallen. Nonetheless, the fall in S. haematobium prevalence is in comparison to FU1 the prevalence slightly increased.

Infection intensity for S. mansoni has also increased from baseline to FU2. The proportion of children with moderate intensity infections rose from 3.9% at baseline to 14.3% at FU2. For heavy intensity of infection the proportion went from 0.2% at baseline to 7.0% at FU2.

For S. haematobium as well as showing a reduction in prevalence the proportion of children with heavy intensity of infection has also fallen (9.0% at baseline to 3.0% at FU2).

STH prevalence over time and school by parasite

A. lumbricoides infection categories over time

Hookworm infection categories over time

Comments

The prevalence of STH has fallen from baseline to FU2 from 25.2% to 12.7%.

The main infections are of Hookworms (15.2% prevalence at baseline to 9.2% at FU2) and A. lumbricoides (12.8% prevalence at baseline to 3.7% at FU2). Prevalence of T. trichiura is 1.3% at FU2, an increase from the 0.7% prevalence seen at baseline for this disease.
As seen in the category plot, prevalence of heavy infection increased significantly for *S. mansoni* while they fell for *S. haematobium*

The general increases in overall prevalence of heavy infections for *S. mansoni* masks the underlying variance at school level. The right hand plot shows the percentage point difference for the 31 schools that were part of both the baseline survey and FU2. There was a reduction in prevalence from baseline in fifteen schools and an increase in prevalence in sixteen schools.

The trend at county level is fairly stable for STH, with lower prevalence in FU2 than at baseline.

For SCH it can be seen that prevalence was at the lowest level in all counties at FU1, and has since increased again, in Bong however, the level is still lower than at baseline while prevalence has more than doubled in Lofa and Nimba from FU1 to FU2, with both values surpassing the baseline prevalence.

Comparing STH across schools again highlights the intra-school diversity. While the average prevalence has fallen, still about one third of schools reported higher STH prevalence than at baseline.