

BYLAWS OF THE STH COALITION

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1.1. Name: The name of this coalition shall be the STH Coalition (A Coalition for the Control of Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis [STH]).

ARTICLE II

Secretariat

Section 2.1. Secretariat: Children Without Worms (CWW) serves as the secretariat for the STH Coalition. CWW is located at the Task Force for Global Health, 325 Swanton Way, Decatur, GA 30030. The role of CWW as secretariat of the STH Coalition is to support the development and implementation of Coalition processes and activities, promote and advocate for STH control and elimination as a public health problem, and to ensure effective communication among members of the STH Coalition.

ARTICLE III

Purpose

Section 3.1. Purpose: The purpose of the STH Coalition shall be to unite, align and coordinate the work of a diverse set of partners from multiple sectors engaged in support of collaborative efforts to: (i) support delivery of the World Health Organization (WHO) 2020 targets for global STH control; (ii) advocate at the global level for increased resources and favorable policies in support of STH control; (iii) support STH control programs by mobilizing technical and financial resources; (iv) through the STH Advisory Committee, provide technical and scientific guidance on STH monitoring, evaluation, and operational research; and (v) assess the possibility of and conditions under which STH transmission can be broken after 2020.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 4.1. Membership: The STH Coalition shall maintain three (3) categories of participation: Member, Partner, and Observer.

Section 4.2. Member Status: Member shall refer to any governmental or non-governmental organization or agency that has completed the three-step application process of (1) submitting a brief written description of the organization's commitment to STH control (2) submitting the

organization's logo (unless internal policies prevent submission of the logo) and (3) designating an organizational contact person.

Section 4.3. Partner Status: Partner shall refer to any organization, national government, or individual that is interested in STH control and involved with the STH Coalition but has not taken the steps to become a member.

Section 4.4. Observer Status: Observer shall refer to involved organizations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), whose policies do not allow for official membership or partnership in the STH Coalition.

ARTICLE V

Workstreams

Section 5.1. Workstreams: Workstreams are thematic constructs to organize the diverse sectors and interests of the members of the STH Coalition. The STH Coalition currently has six (6) workstreams, which focus on three principal risk groups and the important cross-cutting activities of deworming, prevention, and support. The six active workstreams in the STH Coalition address:

- Preschool-age children
- School-age children
- Advocacy
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Operational research

The two latter workstreams (monitoring and evaluation and operational research) are expanded sub-committees of the STH Advisory Committee, which provides technical guidance to the Coalition.

If there is a need for a new workstream to address an STH-related issue, the Action Group can recommend and endorse the creation of a new workstream.

Section 5.2. Responsibilities: Workstreams of the STH Coalition will be responsible for developing and implementing the respective action plans. Together, these action plans will constitute the framework for the STH Coalition to be approved by the Action Group. The chairperson of each workstream shall be a member of the Action Group. The Workstreams are responsible for carrying out the workplan of the STH Coalition with support from the Secretariat. Workstreams shall develop terms of reference and workplans, and shall present status reports to the Action Group.

ARTICLE VI

The STH Coalition Action Group

Section 6.1. Responsibilities: The STH Coalition Action Group shall lead, oversee, organize, and implement the activities of the STH Coalition. The Action Group, in concert with the Steering Committee, shall have the power to amend the Bylaws and to approve dissolution of the Coalition.

Section 6.2. Number: The STH Coalition Action Group shall be comprised of not less than fourteen (14) persons and not more than twenty-one (21) persons, including observers.

Section 6.3. Composition: The STH Coalition Action Group shall be comprised of:

- A Chair (1, initially appointed)
- Three (3) donor organizations, initially including the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (1), Johnson & Johnson (1), GlaxoSmithKline (1)
- The CWW Director (1)
- Six (6) representatives of the STH Coalition workstreams, which in most cases will be the Chairs of the workstreams
- Two (2) bilateral organization members (USAID and DFID)
- Two (2) representatives from STH-endemic countries
- One (1) ex-officio representative from Children Without Worms
- One (1) representative from WHO
- One (1) representative from UNICEF
- One (1) representative from The World Bank
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (1)

The STH Coalition Action Group will provide broad guidance, oversight and approval of the Coalition's operations (e.g., work plans, terms of reference, etc.) and strategic direction (e.g., guide development of the Coalition's strategic plan, and foster cross-workstream and Coalition synergies); support fundraising and resource mobilization for STH control; and monitor and track progress towards STH Coalition milestones.

Section 6.3. Election Term: Individual members of the Coalition Action Group will serve for a term of three (3) years or until their successors are appointed or elected. Organizational representatives to the Coalition will be appointed by the organizations they represent. The chairperson of each workstream will serve as a member of the Action Group. The Chair of the Action Group shall be elected by the Action Group at an annual meeting and shall serve for a term of three years. After three years, the chair may be re-elected for subsequent full terms. Representatives of STH-endemic countries will be invited by the Steering Committee to serve on the Action Group for three-year terms.

ARTICLE VII

STH Coalition Steering Committee

Section 7.1. Steering Committee: The STH Coalition Steering Committee shall be comprised of the major financial supporters of the STH Coalition operations. Currently there are three (3) such organizations: Johnson & Johnson, GlaxoSmithKline, and Children's Investment Fund Foundation. It shall also comprise of the Task Force for Global Health CEO and CWW Director.

Section 7.2. Composition: The Steering Committee will consist of at least three (3) members. The Steering Committee shall provide strategic direction and oversight to the STH Coalition and its Secretariat. Meetings of the Steering Committee will be minuted and the deliberations promptly reported to the Action Group.

Section 7.3. Responsibilities: The Steering Committee shall have responsibility to: (i) provide strategic direction and oversight to the STH Coalition and its Secretariat; (ii) appoint representatives of STH-endemic countries to serve on the Action Group; (iii) adopt the budget; (iv) review and make recommendations for the STH Coalition workplan; and (v) liaise with key technical partners such as WHO on the work of the Coalition. The Steering Committee, in concert with the Action Group, shall also have the power to amend the Bylaws and approve dissolution of the Coalition.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings of STH Coalition, the Action Group, and the Steering Committee

Section 8.1. STH Coalition Members and Partners: The entire Coalition shall meet quarterly by conference call. The Secretariat will develop the agenda and facilitate the meetings. In addition to other business, workstream chairs will present updates. In-person meetings of Coalition members, partners, and observers can also take place as necessary (where feasible, meeting should be held alongside other large international meetings that bring together key stakeholders, members, and partners of the STH Coalition [such as the NGO NTD Network]).

Section 8.2. Workstreams: The Workstreams shall meet quarterly by conference call to monitor and report on progress on their workplans.

Section 8.3. Action Group: The Action Group shall meet quarterly by conference call. A regular annual face-to-face meeting of the Action Group shall take place at such time, date, and place as shall be designated by the Action Group. This meeting shall be coordinated with other global meetings whenever feasible. Decisions should be made by consensus when possible; a quorum is half of the full Action Group membership.

Section 8.4. Steering Committee: The Steering Committee shall meet quarterly by conference call. A regular annual face-to-face meeting of the Steering Committee shall take place at such time, date, and place as shall be designated by the Steering Committee. This meeting shall be coordinated with other global meetings whenever feasible.

Section 8.5. Record of Meetings: The Secretariat shall keep a written record of the meetings and ensure prompt and complete distribution to relevant parties.

ARTICLE IX

Policy Governing Conflict of Interest and Pecuniary Benefits Transactions

Section 9.1. Policy Governing Conflict of Interest and Pecuniary Benefits Transactions: The STH Coalition shall adopt, implement, enforce and regularly review Policies and Procedures governing conflicts of interest and pecuniary benefits transactions.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution

Section 10.1. Dissolution: The STH Coalition may be dissolved upon unanimous vote of the Steering Committee, or upon the written consent of all members of the Action Group.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 11.1. Amendments: These Bylaws may be amended or repealed or new Bylaws adopted by the Members of the Steering Committee followed by the affirmative vote of not less than 50% of the Members of the Action Group of the STH Coalition (excluding observers), provided notice of the proposed change is given in the notice, which must be given not less than ten (10) days prior to such meeting.