

Overview of Current Issues



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ITC (2004 – 2008) - Review

**Highly productive – Guidelines, Reports,
Guides, Website**

1. Monitoring trends
2. Quality of diagnosis
3. Strategies for treatment
4. Prevention of disability
5. Rehabilitation
6. Health education – IEC
7. Training
8. Quality of services
9. Research
10. Communications

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ITC (2008 – 2012) - Challenge

1. Implementation
2. Monitoring
3. Quality assurance
4. Sustainability
5. Research and Development

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1. Implementation

- **Facilitating implementation – guidance, policy, reports**
- **Translation into policy and practice**
- **Communications – education, training, dissemination**

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2. Monitoring

- Analysis of routine data
- Interpretation and Commentary
- National and global
- Case detection data
- Relapse data
- Data on quality of care

3. Quality Assurance

- Quality care theme – global strategy
- All aspects – awareness, diagnosis, recording, reporting, referral, self-care, reactions, prevention of disability, rehabilitation
- Setting standards
- Performance against standards

4. Sustainability

- On political agenda
- In the national budget
- Part of national plans
- Effective integration
- Joint working – filariasis, diabetes
- Referral
- Training
- Drug logistics
- Information systems and reporting
- Low endemic contexts

5. Research and Development

- Cross-cutting theme
- Driving improved quality
- Innovation and New technologies
- Critical evaluation
- Benefits
 - immediate (evidence into practice)
 - mid term (test new approaches)
 - long term (future investment)

Five Key Themes

- 1. Implementation**
- 2. Monitoring**
- 3. Quality assurance**
- 4. Sustainability**
- 5. Research and Development**