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# REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

HELP US TREAT 120,000 CHILDREN

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## SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONTROL INITIATIVE

*Upenyu Health was founded in December 2009 by graduates from Princeton and Duke Universities. Upenyu USA is a NJ registered nonprofit and 501(c)3 organization. Upenyu Zimbabwe is a Zimbabwe Registered Private Voluntary Organization under the Private Voluntary Organizations Act.*



## THE PROBLEM

- In Nyadire, 90% of children are infected with schistosomiasis.
- Also known as bilharzia, it is a parasitic worm infection.
- It is the leading cause of chronic disease among children.
- Infection drastically increases transmission rates of HIV.

## OUR SOLUTION

- We will implement Zimbabwe's first schistosomiasis control program. We hope to target 120,000 people in rural, northeastern Nyadire, Zimbabwe.
- Treatment will be conducted at primary schools in the area.
- Our strategy is Mass Drug Administration: giving one to three tablets of

## *Why we will succeed*

- We have government support. Ministry of Health backing lends us legitimacy and helps build trust.
- We have an experienced Board of Trustees. They are all Zimbabweans from Clinton Health Access Initiative, Biomedical Research and Training Institute, Helen Keller International, and UN World Food Programme.
- We are dedicated to innovation: creativity drives our projects and helps us implement them efficiently.
- We commit to sustainability both by using local human capital, like nurses, and by integrating into the national framework so our programs might continue indefinitely.
- We minimize extraneous costs – Upenyu members' stipend for both food and lodging is \$4/day. We work for self-gratification and not for a salary – our finances are available to the public.



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*We need resources*

*to obtain medicine and fund distribution.*

*Every donation helps, no matter how large or small.*

*Every dollar pays for treatment for five children.*

- **Donate electronically:** go to [www.upenyu.org/donate](http://www.upenyu.org/donate)
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