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### Onchocerciasis: training of health workers at national and district levels on skin-NTDs

The Defeat NCD Partnership

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| Type:                    | Course                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Location:                | Web-based                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Duration:                | 1 Hours                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Programme Area:          | Other                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Price:                   | \$0.00                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Event Focal Point Email: | globalhealth@unitar.org                                                                                                                                                            |

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### BACKGROUND

Onchocerciasis – or “river blindness” – is a parasitic disease caused by the filarial worm *Onchocerca volvulus* transmitted by repeated bites of infected blackflies ( *Simulium spp.*). These blackflies breed along fast-flowing rivers and streams, close to remote villages located near fertile land where people rely on agriculture.

### EVENT OBJECTIVES

Describe an overview of onchocerciasis as a Skin-NTD

Describe the epidemiology of onchocerciasis

List the clinical features, differential diagnosis and impact of onchocercal skin disease

Outline the diagnosis, treatment, control, complications and referrals of onchocerciasis

Describe the global, national and district situation of onchocerciasis as well as the global elimination strategy

Describe the recording and reporting of onchocerciasis and the impact of public health interventions for onchocerciasis

## **TARGETED AUDIENCE**

Frontline health workers at national and district levels on skin-NTDs