

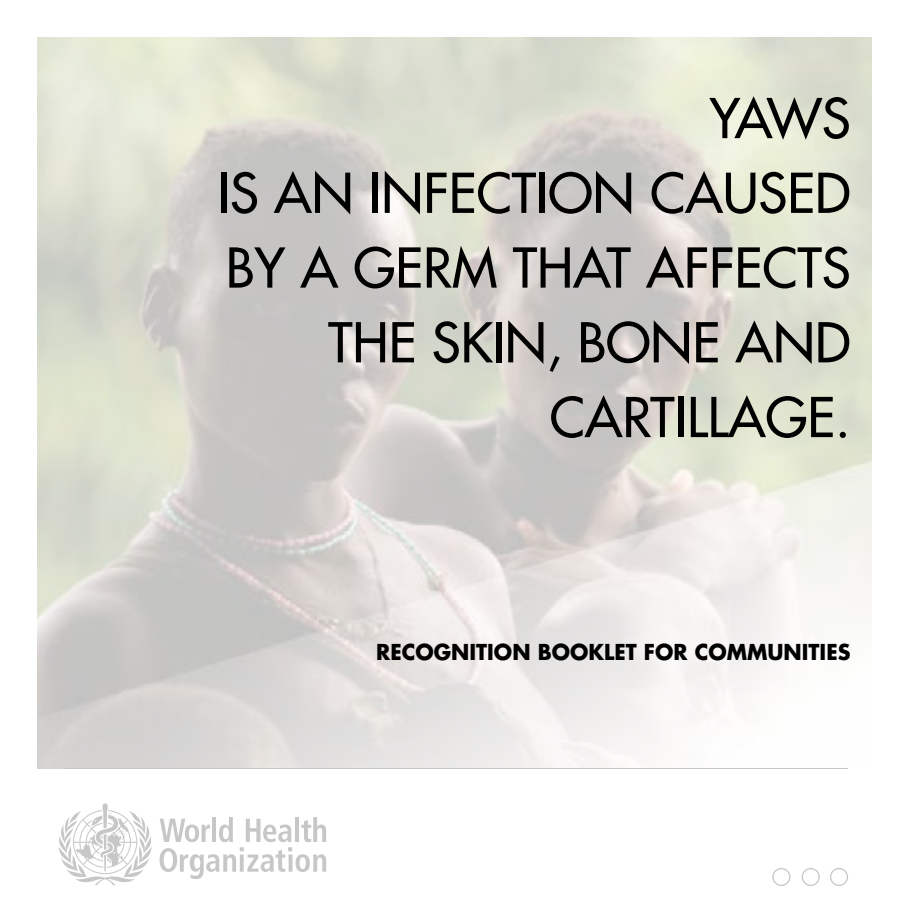
YAWS

RECOGNITION BOOKLET FOR COMMUNITIES



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YAWS
IS AN INFECTION CAUSED
BY A GERM THAT AFFECTS
THE SKIN, BONE AND
CARTILLAGES.

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PAPILLOMA

This is a single or multiple yellow bumps on the skin.
For children who live in endemic villages, this may be the early presentation of yaws.

















ULCERS

Single or multiple wounds, often round in shape.









SQUAMOUS MACULES

Scaly, thickened, or discoloured skin patches.









BONE SWELLING

This is a painful swelling of bones or joints without any external lesion.





PALMAR AND PLANTAR

These can be holes, cracks or discolouration of the soles of the feet or palms of the hand.









DIAGNOSIS

A simple rapid test is now available to confirm yaws, using a finger-prick drop of blood.

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TREATMENT

A single-dose of oral azithromycin cures yaws in 2–4 weeks.
(Photo illustrating yaws campaign in Vanuatu, 2013)





BEFORE AND AFTER TREATMENT











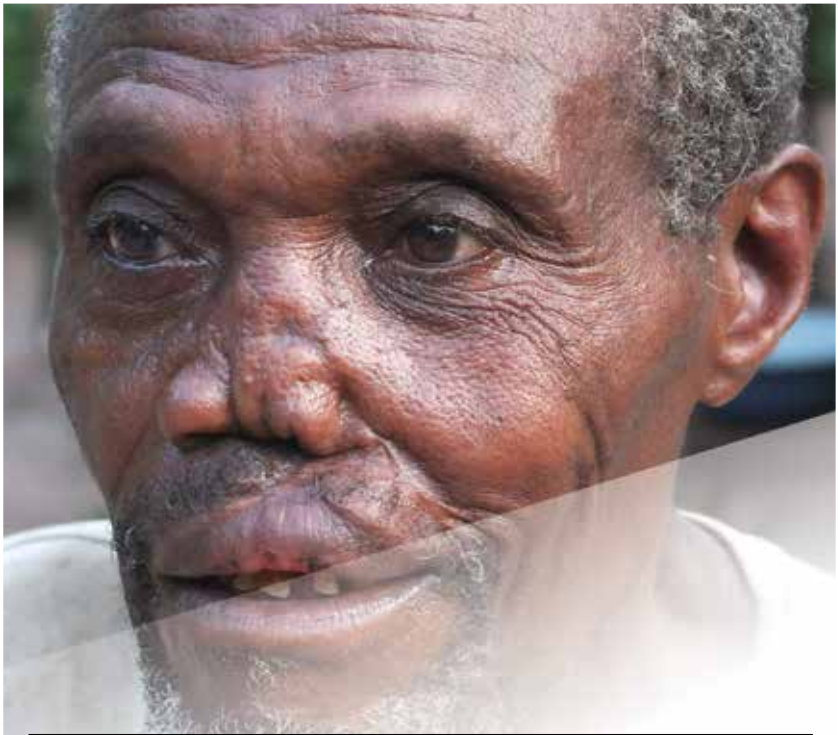






KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

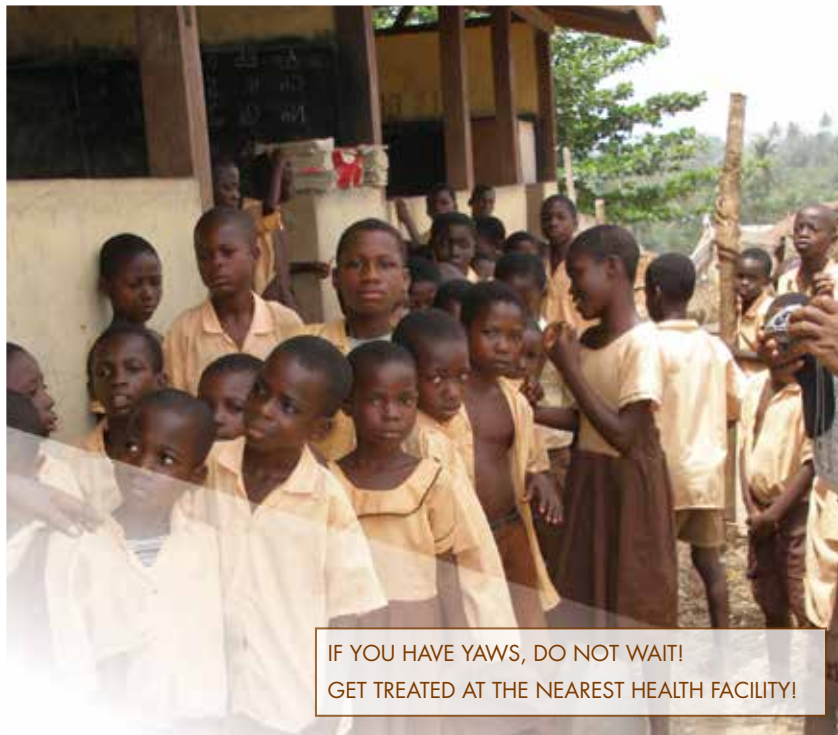
- Yaws can be cured with a single-dose oral azithromycin (30mg/kg)
- The disease is transmitted through person to person contact
- It affects mostly children as they often play together
- Untreated, the infection can lead to chronic disfigurement and disability
- Yaws occurs in poor rural communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific
- Health education and improved personal hygiene are essential components of prevention



COMPLICATIONS

Without treatment, yaws can destroy the nose (gangosa) and the bones causing the leg to bend (sabre tibia).





IF YOU HAVE YAWS, DO NOT WAIT!
GET TREATED AT THE NEAREST HEALTH FACILITY!

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