

## Discussion: NALA project

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## Health education for behavioral change .1

... Local partners?

... Volunteers - who? (Björkman Nyqvist et al., 2015 Deserranno, 2016)

... Community participation in decision making - how?

Community-based decision making /-owned process? (Olken, 2010; Stryjan et al. 2016).

## WASH .2

... Behavioral change - challenges?

... Maintenance of services?

## Drug administration .3

... How is it funded - who bears cost? Connected to sustainability and cost effectiveness.

... Continuous or long term? Reinfection rates?

... Sustainability: 3 years may not suffice to conclude that effects are sustainable (Miguel & Kremer 2007)

## Suggestion/Open question

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Evaluation with control group in same area - to ensure that fall in infection rate is not caused by time trend, general development. •

... A control group can be given the services later, or different components of the NALA modality could be combined differently.

Views/results diverge about the effectiveness of deworming programs •  
(Hicks et al. PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases, 2015; Kremer & Miguel Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2007; Daivy et al. Int. Journal of Epidemiology 2015; Aiken et al. Int Journal of Epidemiology, 2015)

... Previous studies emphasize economic and cognitive outcomes (labor market participation, education) and general welfare.

NALA stresses connection between NTDs on one hand and major epidemics (AIDS, Malaria) on the other. •

Broader health effects: Is the link between NTDs and these epidemics well established? This would be interesting to evaluate in systematic way. •