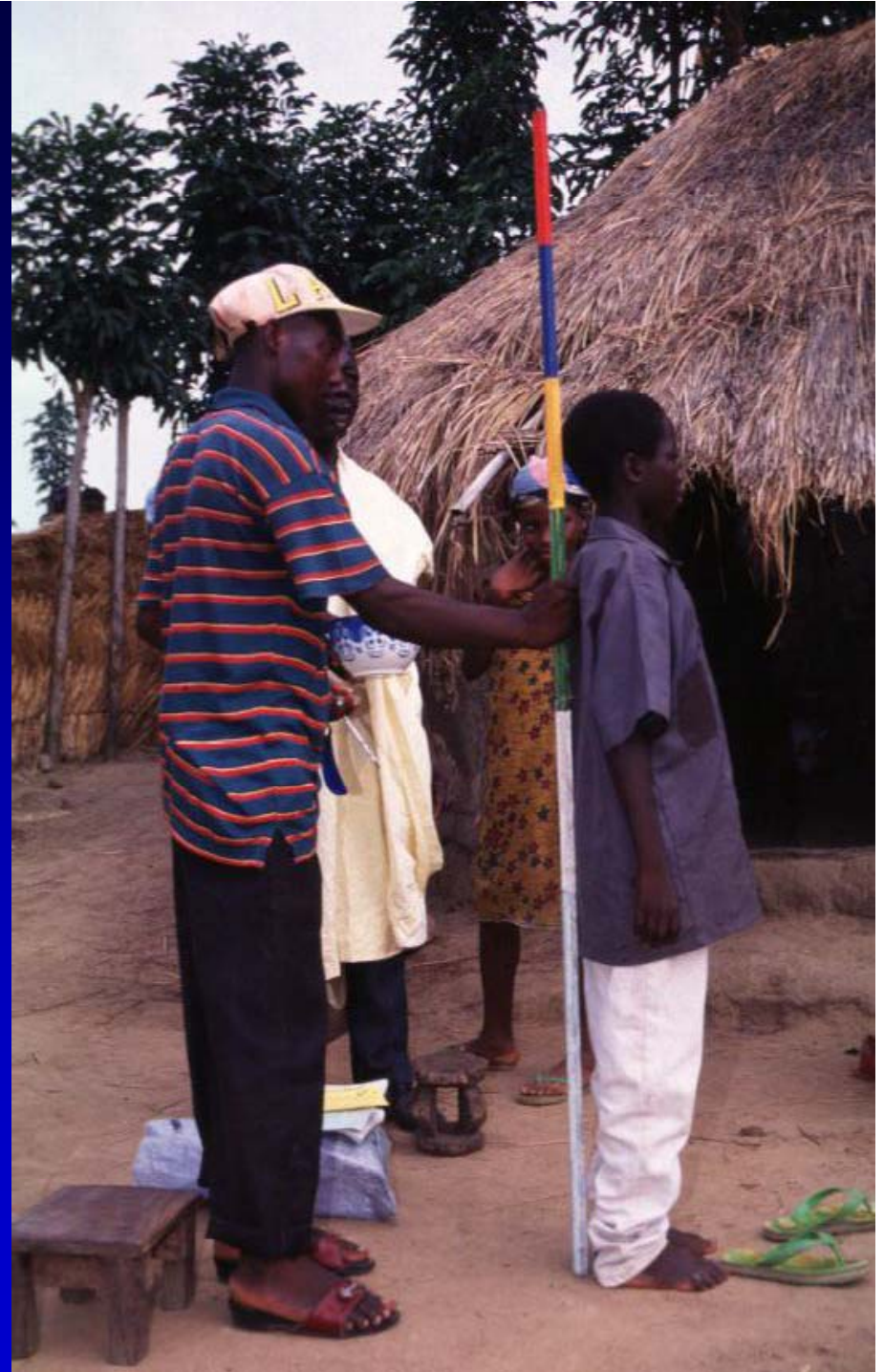
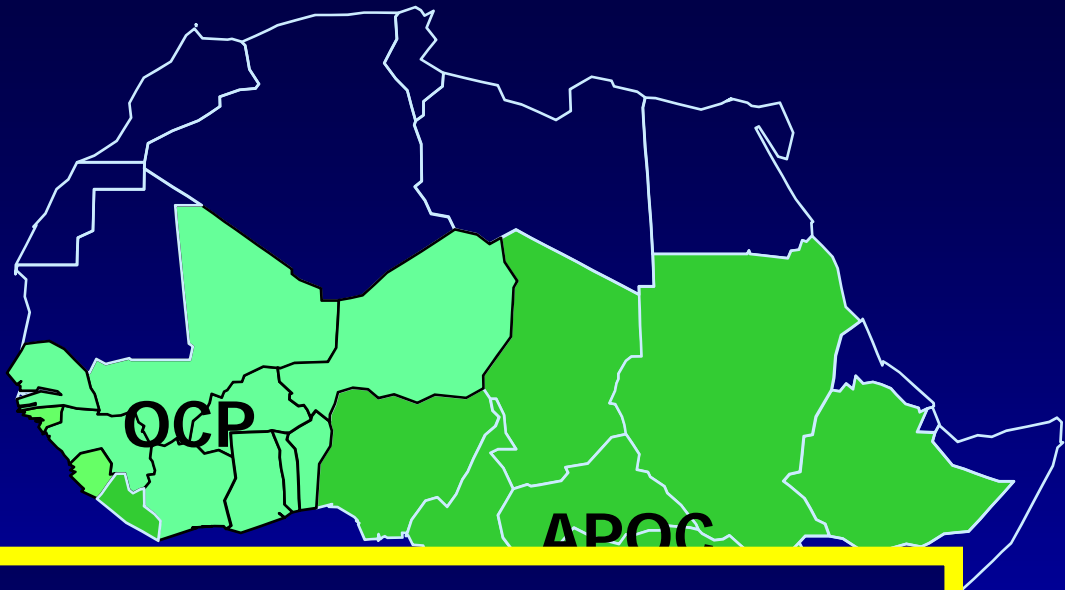


Community approach first successfully used for river blindness

- Many people are out of reach of the health facilities
- Overburdened health system
- Weak health system
- If Communities are involved in Decision-making they can participate in Health services, commodities delivery Discuss results and adjust approach



**Onchocerciasis
Endemic
Countries in
Africa**



**Health Ministers in Africa requested that ...
“TDR undertakes a multi-centre study on the
use of the community-directed approach for
other health interventions”**



Integrated Community-directed Interventions study

**A multi-country study involving
3 countries, 350 districts, 2.5
million people**



World Health Organization



Community-directed interventions for major health problems in Africa

A multi-country study
Final Report

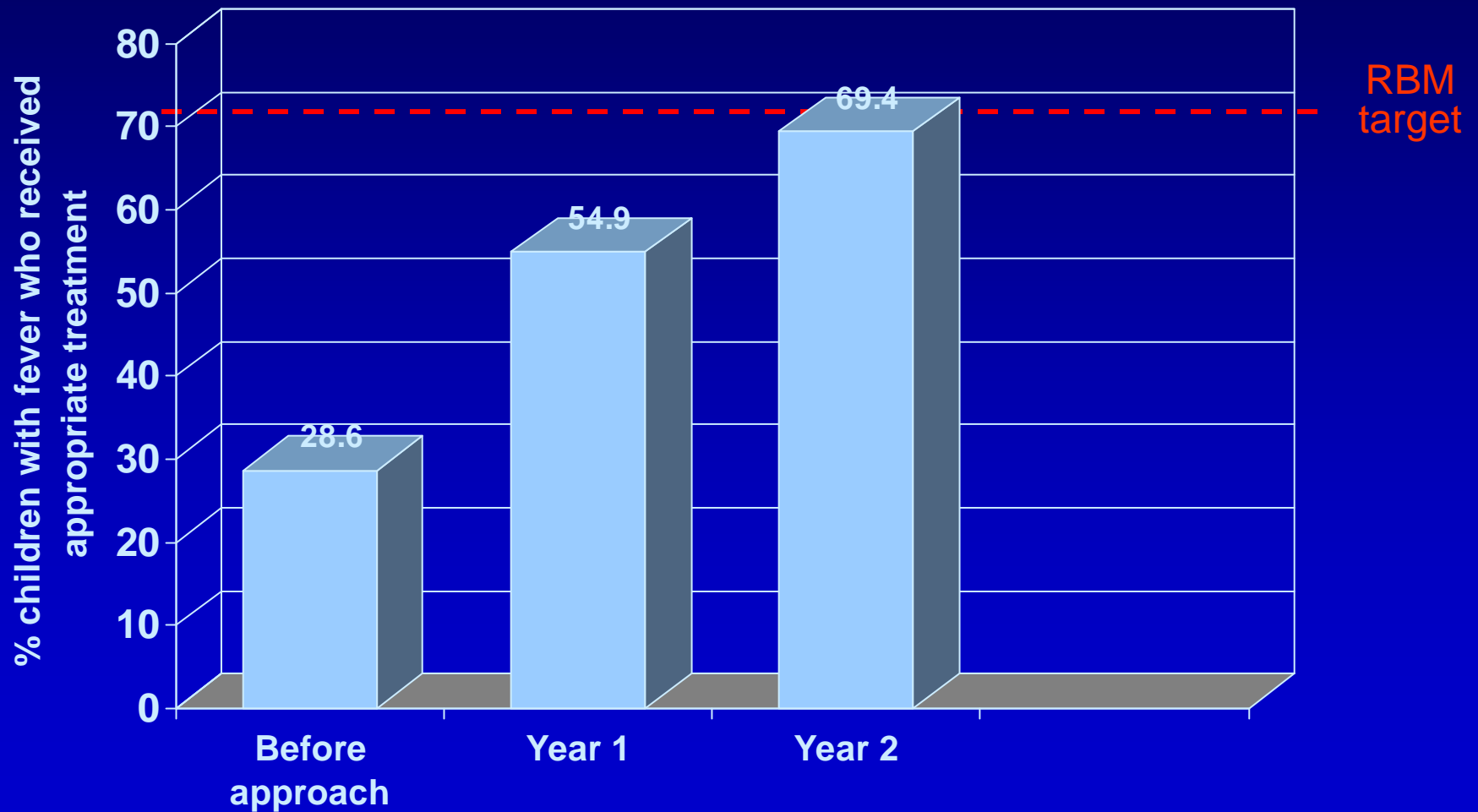
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Impact on Malaria

Appropriate treatment of children with fever



Implementation Research Process

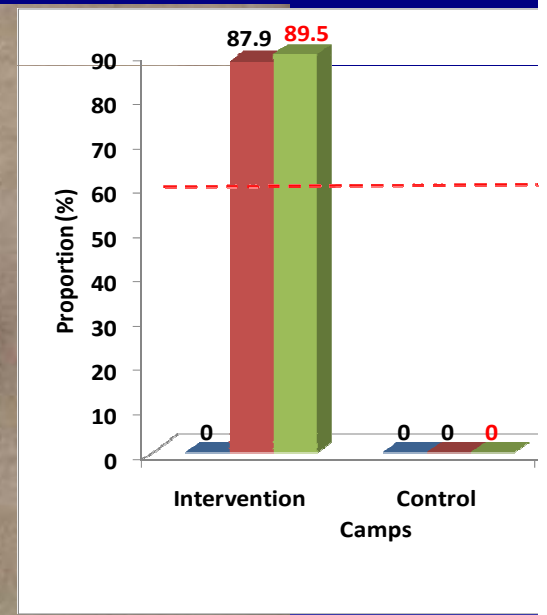


Nomadic and Displaced / Refugee Communities can also be Empowered

ACCEPTANCE



SATISFACTION



“See How this drug has chased away all the pabboje”

Broader Application to Primary Health

- **National Governments** adoption of the process for reaching out to people beyond the health facilities
- **Communities** use approach to ensure all members access health facilities
- **Universities** collaborate with communities
- **Civil Society / NGO** engagement strengthened
- **More women** speaking out and taking part

- **Further work** being undertaken to build on and extend the approach

Engagement of US MPH students in Community Studies in Yola

