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Zerihun's story:

Fingerprint biometrics helped to improve the health of our community

Zerihun has been working as a disease prevention expert in Damot Gale Woreda, Ethiopia, since 2019. He's part of Geshiyaro, a community-wide mass drug distribution campaign where Simprints technology is being used to verify how many people have been treated with deworming drugs.

The work of Zerihun and his colleagues within communities has the potential to bring an end to soil-transmitted helminths (STH) and schistosomiasis (SCH). Eradicating these diseases would stop the need for long-term repeated mass drug administration, lead to sustained health improvements in children, and allow health systems to focus on other disease priorities.

"Simprints tools have made an impact at the project level, by improving the speed at which clients can be identified, halving the campaign timeline from 25 to 12 days, and easing the burden on health workers.

The project has brought a very surprising and exciting change. In addition to increased drug coverage, the spread of the disease has decreased in the community."

He's also part of the Operation Sight programme in the same area, which is using Simprints technology to verify trachoma trichiasis surgeries and supporting critical follow-up appointments.

"For the past 10 to 15 years, we've been working to eradicate trachoma, but we haven't been able to make a difference. But since the advent of fingerprints, we have seen significant changes."

With the support of Simprints innovative fingerprint biometric technology, Zerihun and his colleagues have been integral to improving health outcomes for the local community.

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