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Résumé

Among the major social challenge that have been confronting most African countries since independence, is the desire to ensure access to adequate health conditions for their populations. To meet this objective, it is necessary to have clear idea both of the level of prevalence and the socio-economic and cultural factors that are related to the main target diseases. Onchocerciasis is one of the most lethal disease in Africa, particularly, among the adults, where it is endemic. The coming up of this study is based on the failure of the aggressive health programs launched since the colonial era. The main reasons for the failure to capture the perceptions attitudes and the behavior of the population with regard to this disease. This research report shows that Nigeria is one of the main African countries where large number of people is suffering of onchocerciasis. Their perception of this disease is not quite suitable to a successful implementation of the control program for the disease.