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Use of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) in urban areas has not been successful due to challenges such as need for prior population registration, limited access to urban dwellers, acquisition of specific parental consent, inadequate programme support, low compliance due to insufficient information, non-uniform need for MDA across different socio-economic strata and inadequately motivated Community Drug Distributors (CDDs) who are few, (Njomo D. W. et al, 2014, p. 2)

Compliance could be improved by ensuring adequate information and education is availed to the targeted community through social mobilization.

This is emphasized by Hodges et al. (2010, p. 2) in the statement," Effective social mobilization and awareness of LF are known to be the key to improved coverage for LF elimination programs"

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