Modern slavery statement 2018/19

Malaria Consortium supports the Modern Slavery Act 2015 as we recognise the threat modern slavery poses to fundamental human rights. This statement outlines our commitment to ensure that our activities and our decisions do not contribute to modern slavery in any of its forms.

The Modern Slavery Act 2015

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 requires Malaria Consortium to set out the steps taken in the financial year to ensure that modern slavery and human trafficking is not occurring in the supply chain or in the organisation.

Modern Slavery is a term used to encapsulate both offences in the Modern Slavery Act: slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour; and human trafficking. The offences are set out in section 1 and section 2 of the Act, which can be found on the links below:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/30/section/1/enacted
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/30/section/2/enacted

Our supply chains

Malaria Consortium’s mission is to improve lives in Africa and Asia through sustainable, evidence-based programmes that combat targeted diseases and promote child and maternal health.

The majority of Malaria Consortium’s work involves conducting research and providing evidence based technical assistance and capacity building support to relevant departments within Ministries of Health, as well as supporting community volunteers to increase health care access.

In support of these activities we enable, and on occasion manage, the delivery of supplies to local partners or communities. We can either receive supplies (e.g. drugs) from key partners including UN agencies, government donors and national Ministries of Health who source and deliver these supplies through their own verified supply chains; or we can procure supplies and services (office supplies and equipment, training material and services, vehicle rental, etc.) nationally or internationally and deliver them through Malaria Consortium or national Ministry of Health supply chains.
Malaria Consortium’s policies on slavery and human trafficking

To ensure that modern slavery and human trafficking is not occurring in our supply chains we:

- Engage a global procurement agent (PA) to source and deliver any supplies that are procured internationally, including medical supplies, drugs, vehicles and technical equipment. Our PA both accepts to act on our behalf under our Procurement Terms and Conditions, which include our ethical standards, as well as having their own checks for monitoring against modern slavery in the supply chains they manage.

- Ensure that any suppliers contracted directly by Malaria Consortium, nationally or internationally, agree to our Procurement Terms and Conditions, including our ethical standards.

- Work with globally contracted suppliers (e.g. for flights or insurances) to ensure they both agree to our Procurement Terms and Conditions, including our ethical standards, and have their own policies and processes for mitigating against modern slavery in their supply chains.

- Check all suppliers from whom Malaria Consortium procures supplies or services nationally or internationally, against international sanctions and vetting lists which, amongst other details, include persons or entities that are convicted of engaging in or supporting sanctioned activities, including human trafficking.

Next steps

Malaria Consortium is committed to an ongoing review of our policies, processes and training to ensure that modern slavery plays no role in the activities of our organisation.

In the coming year, we will include internal audit procedures to confirm they deal with modern slavery identification and plan to develop further our partner assessment tools (for partners to whom we grant money to deliver programming) to ensure that such partners have their own policies and processes for mitigating against modern slavery in their supply chains.

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This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes Malaria Consortium’s modern slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 2018/19