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Partnering with governments to improve maternal and child health



Cascading primary health care training to the community level in Aroyo as part of Malaria Consortium's support for South Sudan's Boma Health Initiative

Malaria Consortium has a strong history of working hand-in-hand with governments to design and implement cutting edge research, and innovative and evidence-based health and surveillance programmes. We offer a wealth of technical expertise in preventing and controlling a range of diseases to improve lives in Africa and Asia, underpinned by a commitment to strengthening national health systems.

What we learn from our implementation we share widely, actively participating in national level technical working groups and high-level coordination committees. In this way, we help ensure that national strategies, policies and work plans are informed by the best available evidence, and that affordable, quality health services are delivered to all in the most appropriate, sustainable and timely manner.



Malaria Consortium works with health centre staff in Cambodia as part of the Regional Artemisinin Resistance Initiative to achieve elimination of *P. falciparum* malaria. Credit: Luke Duggleby

Contributing to malaria elimination in the Greater Mekong Subregion

We have provided national malaria control programmes with technical assistance to support the subregion's journey towards elimination. This has included helping to form strategies, developing robust national monitoring and evaluation guidelines and plans, and coordinating cross-border behaviour change communications and surveillance targeting high-risk groups (such as forest workers) to address artemisinin resistance. Our expert support was recognised in 2015 when the Cambodian Ministry of Health (MoH) awarded us a certificate of merit for high performance on malaria elimination implementation.

Tackling neglected tropical diseases in Ethiopia

Strong primary healthcare (PHC) is integral to the management and elimination of neglected tropical diseases. We were delighted to partner with the Federal MoH and the Regional Health Bureau in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Region of Ethiopia in 2017–2018 to develop and evaluate a small-scale intervention to integrate the detection, management, recording and reporting of five neglected tropical diseases into the country's PHC system. We developed case definitions for the diseases, defined appropriate roles and responsibilities for each level of the PHC system, provided facilities with drugs and equipment and trained healthcare providers to detect and manage the illnesses. This was an excellent starting point for integration, which provided valuable lessons for future scale-up.

Rolling out a digital health platform in Mozambique

Between 2009 and 2016, we developed and tested an app to improve the care provided by community health workers (CHWs) in Mozambique. We then collaborated with the MoH and other partners to transform this into upSCALE, a full digital health platform comprising a smartphone app that walks CHWs through diagnosis, treatment and referral, and a tablet-based app that allows supervisors to monitor CHWs performance and stock levels. Crucially, the platform collates near real-time data and produces localised analysis on disease-specific trends that can be used to optimise resource allocation activities. The platform will transition to MoH management as it is rolled out nationwide by 2021 to ensure long-term sustainability.

Collaborating on malaria strategic planning in Nigeria

For over a decade, we have supported the development of national and state-level malaria control strategies in Nigeria. Evidence and recommendations from the comprehensive malaria programme review we supported in 2012 shaped the thematic areas covered by Nigeria's 2014–2020 National Malaria Strategic Plan. Similarly, our strong relationship with national and state-level malaria elimination programmes has led us to advise on annual operational plans and strategies that have seen over 100 million long lasting insecticidal nets distributed.

Supporting universal health coverage in South Sudan

Since 2017, we have worked closely with the MoH, selected state and county authorities and health departments to pilot and roll out the country's flagship strategy for community-based primary healthcare: the Boma Health Initiative. We have helped develop and strengthen policy guidelines, build capacity to support the trial phase, cascade training from the national through to village levels, and supervise CHWs' delivery of health promotion, disease prevention and treatment services. Our strong relationship with the MoH has enabled us to share lessons learnt from the pilot and offer recommendations for the national scale-up – many of which have been adopted – to ensure equitable, country-wide access to healthcare.

Influencing malaria in pregnancy policy in Uganda

To tackle low uptake of intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy in Uganda, we worked with the National Malaria Control Division to design and implement an intervention that sent health workers educational text messages on providing treatment for malaria in pregnancy (MiP). This was designed to complement their classroom training on the issue. We shared this successful approach with the MoH, which resulted in it being incorporated into the national MiP training strategy. It is also being considered for the country's MiP programme, which will be outlined in the forthcoming national malaria strategic plan.

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Cover image: We are advising national and state-level malaria elimination programmes in Nigeria on annual operational plans and strategies.
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