



Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)

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INSTITUTION BACKGROUND

Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) is focused on developing and delivery diagnostics tools that can aid in treatment of diseases such as malaria, antimicrobial resistance, Hepatitis C and HIV, Neglected Tropical Disease and Tuberculosis.

FIND's malaria and fever program is focused on three areas:

1. Research and Development for improved malaria diagnostics
2. Research and Development for fever diagnostics
3. Addressing barriers to access and appropriate use of diagnostics

They are a WHO Collaborating Centre for Laboratory Strengthening and Diagnostic Technology Evaluation.

PARTNER INSTITUTION ENGAGEMENT WITH APMEN

FIND's engagement with APMEN has been through their malaria and fever management program who has been an active member of the APMEN Vivax Working Group.

The malaria and fever program's work are closely aligned to FIND's Antimicrobial Resistance and Pandemic Preparedness programme. Engaging with malaria programs is another way to demonstrate that investing in malaria elimination can address other key public health challenges in Asia Pacific.

There are no current trials operating in the region but in the past, they have worked with APMEN Partner Institutions and Country Partners in Vietnam, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia.

CORE EXPERTISE AND FUNCTIONS

Technical Support and Training

FIND malaria and fever department have indicated a willingness to work with national programs either onsite or remotely to address diagnostics challenges.

Case Management and Surveillance

- Train in-country teams on how to evaluate Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs).
- Support in setting up systems for decentralization of RDT evaluations.
- Developing an application that can be used to read RDT's.