

## malaria consortium disease control, better health

# Malaria Consortium

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#### **INSTITUTION BACKGROUND**

Established in 2003, Malaria Consortium (MC) is one of the world's leading non-profit organisations specialising in the prevention, control and treatment of malaria and other communicable diseases among vulnerable populations. MC work with its partners, including all levels of government, to improve the lives of all, especially the poorest and marginalised in Africa and Asia. Under its Asia programme, MC is implementing community-based malaria, dengue and anti-microbial resistance projects in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand.

#### PARTNER INSTITUTION ENGAGEMENT WITH APMEN

Malaria Consortium currently provides technical and program coordination support to the APMEN Vector Control Working Group (VCWG) with an office in Bangkok, Thailand. With core funding from Sumitomo Chemical, UCSF and APLMA, recent activities supported include research on vector surveillance and trapping methods in Thailand and Vietnam (proof-of-concept study), development of an online resource network for entomology (ORENE), short training courses (Malaria Vector Surveillance for Elimination in 2018 and 2019) and diploma programme (Diploma in Applied Parasitology and Entomology in 2019) scholarships for national malaria program and academic staff.

MC works with other APMEN Partner Institutions to deliver capacity-building activities and research on both malaria and dengue. They also support the APLMA's Vector Control for the Asia Pacific (VCAP) platform.



### **CORE EXPERTISE AND FUNCTIONS**

#### Technical Support, Training and Operational Research

MC's areas of expertise include the following:

- **Disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment:** integrated community case management (iCCM) project to address malaria, pneumonia, diarrhoea, and malnutrition among under 5 children in Myanmar, Community and school-based dengue prevention projects in Myanmar and Cambodia
- **Disease control and elimination:** Accelerating malaria elimination in northern Cambodia through early diagnosis and treatment, Mobile malaria services for hard-to-reach communities in northeast Cambodia, Building capacity for malaria elimination in southern Cambodia
- Health systems strengthening: Innovative Malaria M&E Research and Surveillance towards Elimination (IMMERSE) together with NMCPs from National Malaria Control Programmes in Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Lao DPR, Viet Nam and China (Yunnan), A comprehensive malaria surveillance system and strengthened national capacity to use data for elimination (Myanmar)
- Research, monitoring and evaluation leading to best practice: Strengthening an integrated iCCM Pilot implementation (Myanmar), Transitional, Enhanced, Accessible Malaria Surveillance (TEAMS) (Myanmar), Malaria Indicator Surveys (Myanmar), Evaluation of coverage and usage of malaria prevention methods among MMP (Thailand)
- **Behaviour change communication:** Community Dialogues in Myanmar and Bangladesh, Positive Deviance an innovative approach to improve malaria outcomes in Myanmar
- National and international advocacy, and policy development: Programmatic coordination of Surveillance and Response Working Groups (SRWG), technical and programmatic coordination of vector control working group (VCWG) for APMEN, Representatives for Civil Societies and malaria affected-communities in Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria Regional Artemisinin-resistant Initiative (RAI) Regional Steering Committee and Malaria Civil Society Platform, GMS

MC engages with APMEN countries to address their needs with training in entomology, operational research on malaria case management (diagnostics, surveillance and treatment), as well as provide mentoring and coaching of national program staff.