



Guinea

National Malaria Control Program Capacity Building Project:

Facts at a Glance

Introduction

The President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) provides direct technical assistance, with funding from the USG Global Fund technical assistance set-aside, to National Malaria Control Programs (NMCPs) through the Leadership, Management and Governance National Malaria Control Program Capacity Building Project (LMG/NMCP). The goal of the LMG/NMCP Project is to build the capacity of local NMCPs to effectively implement national malaria strategies. Since 2013, the LMG/NMCP project has provided direct technical assistance to eight target countries (Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia, Lao PDR, Sierra Leone, and Togo) with three main objectives towards this overall goal:

- **Objective 1:** National Malaria Control Program human, financial, and material resources effectively managed
- **Objective 2:** National Malaria Control Program develops and directs policy and norms for the implementation and surveillance of the national malaria control strategy

- **Objective 3:** National Malaria Control Program mobilizes stakeholders to participate in national malaria control coordination and implementation efforts

Background

PMI provides direct technical assistance to the Guinea NMCP through LMG/NMCP, which reinforces leadership, management, and governance capacities to improve coordinated national efforts in the fight against malaria. As the sub recipient of the Global Fund malaria grant, the NMCP works with malaria actors, including the grant principal recipient, to lead malaria control interventions and develop national policies and norms. Through the governance strengthening approach of LMG/NMCP, PMI resources also support health system strengthening, including health provider training and supervision and pharmaceutical system management. The LMG/NMCP long-term Senior Technical Advisor has been working with the Guinea NMCP since 2013. His support focuses on building capacity of NMCP individual staff and overall organizational capacity, in order to carry out the national strategic plan and implement the Global Fund malaria grant.

The USAID-funded Leadership, Management and Governance (LMG) Project strengthens health systems to deliver more responsive services to more people by developing inspired leaders, sound management systems, and transparent and accountable governing boards with individuals, networks, organizations, and governments.

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Since November 2011, Guinea has been a PMI country, benefitting from support to the national malaria response. Guinea experiences year-round malaria transmission, with peak transmission from July through October in most areas. According to the National Malaria Control Strategy, malaria remains the number one public health problem in the country.

Key Achievements

- Integrated the not-for-profit private health sector – which provides malaria prevention and treatment services to much of Guinea’s population – in national malaria control activities in July 2015, and developed a new partnership with the Guinea Chamber of Mines in May 2016
 - Instituted weekly, monthly, and quarterly coordination meetings at the NMCP, which allows NMCP teams to monitor implementation of the annual workplan, allocate resources and staff where the needs are greatest, and strategically engage all national malaria control stakeholders in Guinea
 - Implemented technical working groups – on Monitoring & Evaluation; Case Management; Information; Education, Communication, and Behaviour Change Communication; and Commodities and Vector Control – that bring together all national-level actors involved in malaria control
- Proposed the creation of regional and district malaria committees in order to decentralize malaria control work in 2015
 - The Global Fund approved the proposal and committees began working in 2016.
 - Integrated a number of human resources management tools to improve NMCP efficiency, including job descriptions for staff, a revised organigram, and a competency framework to improve staff skills
 - Helped recruit and strengthen the technical capacity of NMCP staff in 2015 and of district focal points in 2016
 - Provide one-on-one coaching to NMCP leadership and staff, monitor implementation of Global Fund grant-funded activities, and promote coordination and communication between the NMCP and the Global Fund grant principal recipient, Catholic Relief Services

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