Civil Society Trainings: 2 webinars on the Global Fund allocation process for the 2020-2022 cycle were organized on 17th and 24th of January 2020 by ISA ACADEMY


With more than 50 organizations participating in each webinar coming from several countries such as Cameroon, Niger, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso, Chad, Gabon, India, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Nigeria, Zambia and Tanzania, Civil Society showed a real interest in better understanding the Global Fund’s funding processes and was richly informed thanks to the presentation of the Secretariat of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The webinar provided valuable information and explanations on:
- The global fund malaria applications processes
- The role of CCMs and civil society
- How to prepare a country application
- Country Dialogue
- Others type of resources on the implication of civil society in the processes

The participants expressed their appreciation for the quality of the content of the presentations and explanations provided by the panelists.

Kigali Summit Launch

Impact Santé Afrique (ISA) was present and stressed the importance of civil society engagement on January 27th in Kigali at the meeting organized by RBM Partnership to End Malaria, Uniting to combat Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and several other partners under the lead of the Government of Rwanda, to announce the upcoming Kigali Summit on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases, scheduled to take place on the fringes of the Commonwealth in 2020.

It is expected that this new high-level global gathering will be an opportunity to galvanize further progress and accelerate the elimination of malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases in the short and long term; it also aims to increase collaboration and urge Heads of State and Government across the Commonwealth to achieve this goal.
GFAN (Global Fund Advocates Network) Global annual strategic meeting! GFANTASTIC!

Advocates around the world members of GFAN from all around the world convened in Amsterdam in March to reflect and evaluate the 6th replenishment, look ahead at the 7th replenishment strategy.

ISA team representing malaria NGOs, engaged in discussions around global and domestic resources mobilization for malaria, TB and HIV with colleagues NGOs from all continents in roundtable tables. Synergies were created and ideas sparked to strengthen the GFAN global network!

ISA supporting Global Fund Malaria Concept Notes

2020 is a critical year for the fight against malaria as countries are submitted their GF malaria concept notes applications for the next 3 years.

Thanks to a successful 2019 replenishment, the highest malaria allocations yet were allocated to several countries.

Impact Santé Afrique (ISA) in Cameroon participated in this work from the national dialogue and communities focus groups discussions to the elaboration of the concept note with country grant writing team.

Next steps, ISA will be supporting CSOs in a few countries in francophone and anglophone Africa around the malaria concepts notes, especially around communities led interventions, inclusion of vulnerable populations and gender transformative programs.

AND ON THE COMM SIDE?

ISA Honors « Women Malaria Champions »

For the celebration of International Women’s Day, ISA has decided to honor women leaders in the fight against malaria throughout the month of March: First Lady Hadjia Aissata Issoufou, Malaria Patron of Niger; Joyce Phumaphi, Executive Secretary of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA); Linda Mafu, Head of Political & Civil Society of the Global Funds to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria; As well as several coordinators of the National Malaria Control Programme of Cameroon and Niger, Honourable Members of Parliament, Mayor, Community Health Workers and Women Civil Society members of CS4ME. The goal was to highlight their daily work in the fight against malaria in their respective countries.

The « ISA Honors Women Malaria Champions » campaign was launched on March 6th and ended on March 31st 2020.
Coronavirus: «Simple behaviors to save lives»

In this time of COVID-19 pandemic, ISA has found useful to remind communities of the right behaviors that can prevent transmission of the COVID-19, to protect themselves and others.

In addition to the «barrier» gestures, a wink was made to malaria, which continues to strike and for which it is imperative that efforts to fight it are maintained.

A LIL’ BRIEF OF OUR LAST CS4ME ACTIONS

CS4ME launched a call for applications on January 23rd 2020 on its platform to set up working groups on 3 themes, in French and English.

- **Group 1: « CCMs (Country Coordinating Mechanism) »** - 22 members - on the commitment to make malaria control programs and interventions of the Global Fund to be more effective, more efficient and more open to civil society.

- **Group 2: « Community Rights and Gender in Malaria »** - 36 members - ensuring that malaria control programs are community-based, gender-sensitive, rights-based and ensure access for all so that no one is left behind.

- **Groupe 3: Resource Mobilization and Sustainable Financing for Malaria** - 23 members - to ensure that malaria control programs are adequately and sustainably funded.

Members nominate themselves to lead and coordinate this work and one of the first joint actions was to participate in the development of a Declaration on the occasion of World Malaria Day 2020.
Selection of new members for the CS4ME Steering Committee

On February 7th 2020, CS4ME launched a call for applications to join its Steering Committee. 49 applications were received. Following a pre-selection established by the current members of the Steering Committee and the Secretariat team, 5 candidates were interviewed by telephone and 3 of them (2 of whom were French-speaking from Guinea and Congo and 1 from Nigeria) were chosen.

The current Steering Committee and the CS4ME Secretariat are now composed of:

- Alistair SHAW, Thailand
- Ayo IPINMOYE, Nigeria
- Dr. Shampa NAG, India
- Shreehari Acharya ACHARYA, Thaildand
- Willy MUHIZI, Rwanda
- Olivia NGOU, Cameroon
- Pasteur Premier Claude KIPEMOSO, Congo
- Lydie YABEKO, Cameroon
- Boubacar SYLLA, Guinea
- Zeinabou IDÉ, Niger

A face-to-face meeting to validate the strategic plan for CS4ME 2021-2023 is planned for September - October 2020 in Tanzania.

Joint CS4ME/GFAN Africa Statement to President Kenyatta

The CS4ME Platform and GFAN Africa Network issued a joint statement on March 13rd 2020 to congratulate H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta on his nomination as Chair of the Alliance of African Leaders Against Malaria (ALMA). It has been mentioned in our joint declaration that 2020 is a critical year in the fight against malaria, not only because there are still 10 years left to achieve the UN 2030 sustainable development goals, but also because several African countries have received their largest allocations of funding for malaria, 2020 - 2022 cycle, from the Global Fund; and that access to these funds is conditional on the requirement of co-financing amounts from countries.

We also asked President Kenyatta to remind his peers (African Heads of State) to fully commit to meeting the co-financing requirements in a timely manner and to do even more by increasing their national health budgets and strengthening their health and community systems which are necessary to be ready for emerging pandemics.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Presentation of the NGO Center for Family Health Initiative, member of CS4ME in Nigeria

Over the years, the Center for Family Health Initiative has been able to work with various community stakeholders and donors to significantly reduce malaria mortality rates through community information.
and awareness, prevention services, testing and treatment, among others, in various states of Nigeria.

Last year, during the commemoration of World Malaria Day, the Center for Family Health Initiative team traveled to Karamajiji, a remote village (often referred to as a «settlement for the disabled» and located far from downtown Abuja) to raise awareness, clean up, fumigate and provide adequate equipment that can help reduce malaria morbidity and mortality in the community.

The permanent needs of this community are largely due to the physical disabilities of many of its inhabitants, which has serious consequences: social discrimination, low level of education, low economic power, etc. The community has a high level of poverty, which has led to a high rate of malnutrition. The Center for Family Health Initiative has identified a key factor in the high malaria incidence and mortality in Karamajiji’s vector control, and has decided to address it by coinciding with World Malaria Day 2019, the theme of which is « I raise my hand to defeat malaria ».

→ You can follow them on : www.cfhinitiative.org / Twitter: @CFHInitiative / Facebook: CFHInitiative.org / LinkedIn: CFHI (Center for Family Health Initiative) Instagram: cfhinitiative / YouTube: Center for Family Health Initiative

Presentation of the NGO YEMINI SANTE, member of CS4ME in Congo Brazzaville

YEMINI SANTE is a social and health association which aims, among other things, to fight against all forms of diseases, including malaria and HIV/AIDS.

It carries out awareness-raising activities in schools in Brazzaville and on university campuses. It also sensitizes young people and communities on primary and secondary HIV/AIDS prevention methods.

YEMINI SANTE works in collaboration with members of the POALP platform for advocacy actions.

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THE NEWCOMERS

The following Organizations have recently joined us: WELCOME!

→ 1. Positive Generation | CAMEROON
→ 2. Centre for Community Excellence Zamfara (CENCEX) | NIGERIA
→ 3. Community health care initiative | UGANDA
→ 4. Give Hope Uganda | UGANDA
→ 5. Mothers’ Initiatives Africa | UGANDA
→ 6. Coalition for Health Promotion and Social Development (HEPS Uganda) | UGANDA
→ 7. Tumaini Letu | TANZANIA
→ 8. Tim Africa Aid Ghana | GHANA
→ 9. KASAFRO | CAMEROON
→ 10. ONG Icône 360° | BENIN
CS4ME AGAINST COVID-19

CS4ME members have carried out key actions in their countries to contribute to the fight against COVID-19

In Gabon

Civil society organizations (RENAPS/AJ; AMPSPLUS; ROLBG, Brainforest, POLICIS, CNJG, AGOS) issued a declaration and held a press conference to present their recommendations on the fight against COVID-19.

In Burkina Faso

In Burkina Faso, The NGO Access to Essential Medicines Network (RAME) has developed a guidance guide on the community response to the VIDOC pandemic-19.

In Cameroun

The CSO Affirmative Action in collaboration with other partners such as OFIF, APDSP, Impact Santé Afrique have developed a newsletter « Cameroon Civil Society: Update COVID-19 ».

Support our work, join us!

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And for more information, visit our website: www.CS4ME.org
Since March 12 - 2020, Ngoufack Kontchepa Brenda has been selected as a member of the Youth Concil of the Global Fund. Born on April 6, 1997 in Djoum-ville (southern region of Cameroon), she holds a professional degree in journalism and is passionate about public health. She has been working for the past two years as deputy editor-in-chief of Echos santé, a newspaper specializing in health, environment and sustainable development, and is the focal point of the magazine for the National Malaria Control Programme of Cameroon.

Determined to convey the right information in her publications to help public better protect themselves against malaria, she has authored over 15 publications on malaria in 2019.

«My mission is to bring the voice of young people into the decision-making process and the advocacy efforts to reach vulnerable populations of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria in particular. In short, to mobilize young people to join the fight against malaria in Cameroon, in Africa and why not in the world,» she says.

The entire ISA team wishes her an excellent mandate. Bravo Brenda!

OUR CURRENT AND/OR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- World Malaria Day Webinars Conferences on April 22-23, 2020 by ISA in collaboration with WHO
- Strategic Design Training for Civil Society Organizations: «Learning how to develop effective communication strategies in malaria programs» by ISA Academy, April - June 2020
- World Malaria Day: media tour to sensitize communities and leaders on the importance of fighting both COVID-19 and malaria

Wishing you a malaria-free spring,
The Impact Santé Afrique Team