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OVERVIEW

Growing resistance to artemisinins (and its partner drugs) in the Greater Mekong Subregion represents an immediate and serious threat to malaria control and elimination efforts globally.

To eliminate the disease and prevent the spread of resistance within its borders, the Thai Department of Disease Control has partnered with the Global Fund as a principal recipient of the RAI2 Malaria grant. IOM is involved as a sub-recipient and is working together in coordination with the Department to eliminate malaria in Thailand.

The project commenced in 2018 and builds upon a previous drug-resistance containment project successfully completed in 2016. Beneficiaries are primarily Thais, migrants and mobile populations living in areas along the Thai-Myanmar border in two high transmission provinces—Mae Hong Son and Tak.

Project activities contribute towards targets set out in Thailand's National Malaria Elimination Strategy and the Malaria Elimination Operational Plan. This is being accomplished by carrying out awareness-raising activities, empowering local communities to enhance detection systems, and responding to and effectively treating all suspected malaria cases.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Develop a Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) strategy on containment and elimination of malaria, targeting all relevant risk groups.
- Engage with key stakeholders, including community leaders, teachers, religious leaders and local administrations on the importance of malaria elimination.
- Conduct a community mapping exercise to identify migrant communities, households and work sites.
- Distribute new long lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLINs) or re-impregnate existing serviceable nets with insecticide in targeted villages.
- Capacity building training for community health workers and migrant health volunteers (MHVs) on malaria.
- Support Cross Border Migrant Corners to provide malaria services information to mobile migrant populations, patient referral system and capture relevant data.

KEY FACTS



Donor:

The Global Fund

Implementation Period:

Jan 2018 — Dec 2020

Project Coverage:

Mae Hong Son and Tak provinces, Thailand

Project Partners:

Department of Disease Control, Local Administrative Organizations, Employers, CSOs, NGOs and Migrant Communities

Target Beneficiaries:

Thai citizens, migrant mobile populations (MMP) and other non-Thai populations

