

VIRTUAL FORUM:

Updating WHO's global strategy for malaria

28 January 2021,
14h00–16h00

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BACKGROUND

The WHO ***Global technical strategy for malaria 2016–2030*** – adopted by Member States in May 2015 – is designed to guide and support all malaria-affected countries as they work to reduce the human suffering caused by the world's deadliest mosquito-borne disease. The strategy sets four global targets for 2030, as well as interim milestones to track progress. The 2030 targets include:

- reducing malaria case incidence by at least 90%;
- reducing malaria mortality rates by at least 90%;
- eliminating malaria in at least 35 countries;
- preventing a resurgence of malaria in all countries that are malaria-free.

As highlighted in the most recent edition of the ***World malaria report***, there has been mixed progress towards the strategy's interim 2020 milestones. While the goal of reducing case incidence and mortality rates by 40% was not met, the 2 other milestones – eliminating malaria in at least 10 countries and preventing the re-establishment of malaria – were reached.

The strategy highlights that all populations at risk of malaria should receive an appropriate mix of interventions to protect them the disease. It identifies areas where innovative solutions will be essential and summarizes the annual investments that are required. The WHO strategy was developed in close alignment with the RBM Partnership's *Action and Investment to defeat Malaria 2016–2030 – for a malaria-free world* to ensure shared goals and complementarity.

WHO is in the process of updating the strategy to reflect experiences and lessons learned from the last 5 years. Representatives from malaria-endemic countries, partner organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to share their perspectives and feedback through a webinar on 28 January.

PROGRAMME

28 January,
14:00 – 14:05

Welcome and introduction

- **Ms Valerie Traore**, moderator

14:05 – 14:25

Key messages

- **Ms Luseshelo Simwinga**, primary care provider / midwife, Malawi
- **Dr Jimmy Opigo**, Ministry of Health, Uganda
- **Professor Dyann Wirth**, Chair, WHO Malaria Policy Advisory Group
- **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization

14:25 – 14:40

Proposed updates to the strategy

- **Dr Pedro Alonso, Director**, Global Malaria Programme, World Health Organization

14:40 – 15:15

Moderated discussion

- **Ms Valerie Traore**, moderator

15:15 – 15:25

Partner perspective

- **Dr Abdourahamane Diallo**, CEO, RBM Partnership to End Malaria

15:25 – 15:50

Moderated discussion

- **Ms Valerie Traore**, moderator

15:50 – 15:55

Final thoughts

- **Dr Pedro Alonso**, Director, Global Malaria Programme, World Health Organization

15:55 – 16:00

Wrap-up and close

- **Ms Valerie Traore**, moderator

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