

WHO South-East Asia Regional Office (SEARO)

Webinar Series

Updates on Global Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Manual and Diagnostics in the LF Elimination Programme

Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) remains a major public health concern in the South-East Asia Region, requiring continuous efforts to achieve its elimination as a public health problem. Monitoring, evaluation, and advanced diagnostic tools play a crucial role in assessing progress and refining intervention strategies. The latest WHO guidelines introduce significant updates that enhance global LF elimination efforts, making it essential for stakeholders to stay informed and align their strategies accordingly.

This webinar aims to update national programme managers and key stakeholders on the latest WHO guidance on M&E and diagnostics for LF elimination. Participants will gain insights into new methodologies, implementation challenges, and best practices to strengthen their respective LF programmes.

27 May 2025 from 13.30 – 14.30 India Standard Time (IST)

Maldives (Male): IST – 00:30; **Sri Lanka** (Colombo): IST + 00:00; **Nepal** (Kathmandu): IST + 00:15; **Bangladesh** (Dhaka) & **Bhutan** (Thimphu): IST + 00:30; **Myanmar** (Yangon): IST + 01:00; **Indonesia** (Jakarta) & **Thailand** (Bangkok): IST + 01:30; **DPR Korea** (Pyongyang) & **Timor Leste** (Dili) IST + 03:30

Registration:

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Agenda

Time	Topic/Segment	Facilitator/Presenter
13.30 - 13.31	Welcome and introduction	Achmad Naufal Azhari
13.31 - 13.36	Opening remarks and objectives of the webinar	Dr Aya Yajima Regional Advisor NTD WHO SEARO
13.36 - 13.46	WHO's M&E Manual for LF Elimination Programme: Key Updates and Changes in the 2024 document (2nd Edition)	Dr Jonathan King Global NTD Programme WHO HQ
13.46 - 13.56	Brugia Test Plus: Advancing Diagnostics for Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination Programme	Dr Dinesh Raja Vector Control Research Center, India

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13.56 - 14.06	Country Field Experiences: Lessons Learned, Challenges, and Best Practices in LF Programme Implementation	Prof. Taniawati Supali, Department of Parasitology Universitas Indonesia
14.06 - 14.21	Interactive Q&A session (Participants can submit their questions in the Q&A room, which will be addressed during this session. If time permits, 2-3 participants will have the opportunity to ask their questions directly to the panelists)	
14.21 - 14.24	Participants' feedback	
14.24 - 14.29	Closing remarks, wrap up, and next step	Dr Aya Yajima
14.29 - 15.30	Closing	Achmad Naufal

Target Audience

- National NTD/LF programme managers and coordinators
- NTD/LF focal point in WHO country offices
- Public health professionals working in NTD/LF programmes
- Researchers and academics specializing in NTD/LF
- NGOs and international organizations supporting LF elimination efforts

Expected Outcomes

Participants will acquire a comprehensive understanding of the latest WHO guidance on the monitoring and evaluation, equipping them to integrate these updates into their LF elimination programmes effectively. This will help optimize programme performance and accelerate progress toward LF elimination goals.