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CIVIL SOCIETY FOR MALARIA ELIMINATION

How the Global Fund can increase the use of malaria lifesavings tools through the Malaria Impact Accelerator

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The Global Network Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME), which brings together more than 1,000 civil society organisations and local networks in 55 countries, welcomes the **Global Fund Malaria Impact Accelerator.**

This potential new financing mechanism will mobilize and deploy substantial additional restricted financial contributions from private philanthropy through the Global Fund. It will support country-led efforts to expand access to malaria prevention and treatment with the highest malaria burden and lowest economic capacity.

CS4ME thanks the private philanthropy partners on this bold decision to invest in malaria. It is a signal of hope for the millions of families, and children above all, who still pay the heaviest price for this preventable disease.

Why effective protection matters

From the World Malaria report 2025 malaria caused **282 million cases** and **610,000 deaths.** Global malaria funding in 2024 **was $3.9 billion, only 42 per cent of the $9.3 billion target for 2025.** That leaves a gap of about **US$5.4 billion.** At the same time, antimalarial drug resistance is spreading in East Africa and threatens our most effective treatments. We must **prevent malaria** and **protect the cure.**

CS4ME fully supports the priorities below put forward by the **Communities Delegation to the Global Fund Board** and We call for:

- **Greater investments in community leadership and engagement.** Community engagement cannot remain an add-on funded with what is left at the end of grant-making. Malaria interventions should include **dedicated, predictable budgets for community engagement.**
- **Invest in Community systems strengthening** through the **expansion and support of Community Health Workers** to increase access and use of malaria services at the last mile.
- **Measurement of effective protection.** Distributing nets or reaching campaign targets does not guarantee that people are protected. Success should be measured by whether families actually use the tools they receive, whether people are tested and treated promptly, and whether cases and deaths go down in their communities.
- **Expansion of community-led monitoring.** Support communities to document barriers such as stock-outs and gaps in access to malaria testing and treatment. Use those findings in programme reviews and track whether problems are resolved.

- **Make social and behaviour change a core malaria intervention sufficiently funded and** work with communities to understand why proven tools go unused or care is delayed. Then engaged Civil Society Organization to design locally appropriate interventions that address those barriers and measure whether practices change.

To our governments in malaria affected countries

To accelerate progress towards malaria elimination, **CS4ME** calls on governments in malaria affected countries to:

- **Meet the regional malaria 2024 Yaounde Declaration goals**
- **Increase domestic funding for malaria** by raising and executing national malaria budgets to meet the national malaria strategic plans goals
- **Meet Global Fund co-financing requirements** by delivering on agreed commitments on time.

Malaria is preventable and treatable; no one should die from this disease. Let's increase access to and use of life-savings malaria tools through the Malaria Impact Accelerator and domestic financing to protect more lives.

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