

Financing Community-driven Malaria Elimination

Conference Malaria No More! Netherlands

INVITATION: 25th April 2012
Burgers Bush Zoo, Arnhem, The Netherlands

Malaria elimination can only be achieved by self-reliant community-driven investments and action.

During this conference we will focus on the best achievable options for this.

You are needed!

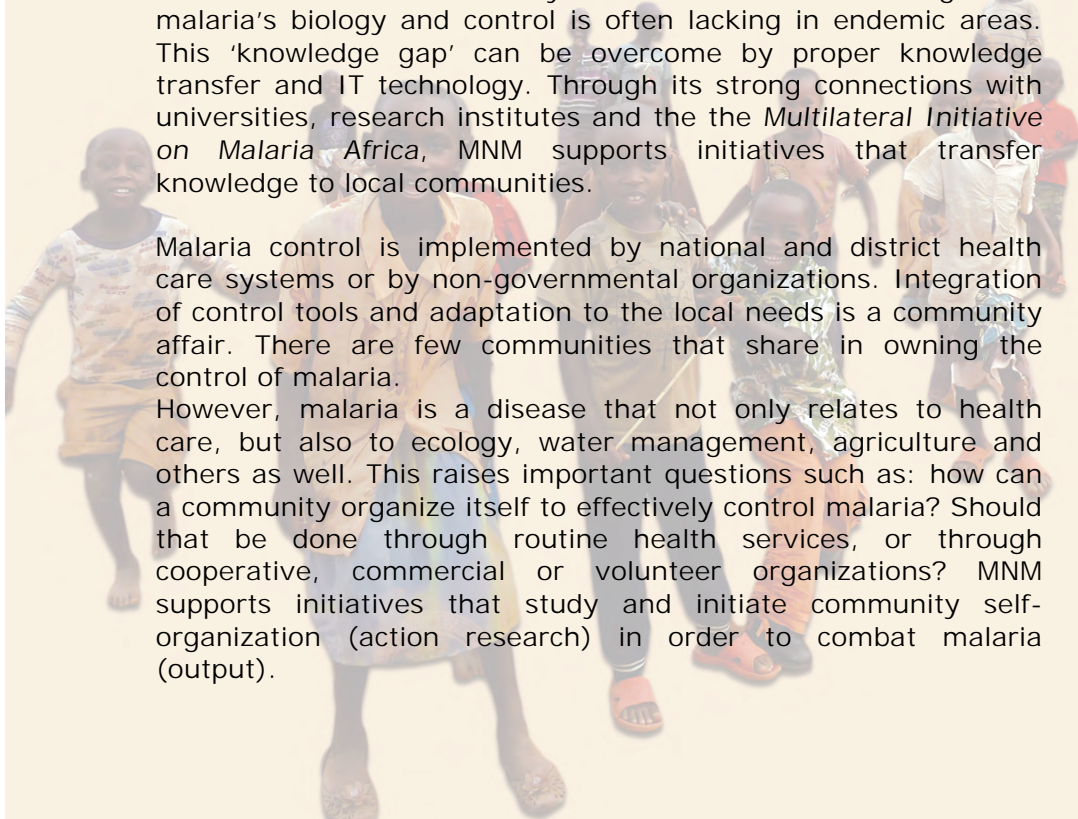
We will meet on the 25th of April 2012.



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Malaria No More! Netherlands (MNM) supports innovative ways of malaria control and is determined to shift towards elimination. Multiple tools are available for malaria control. When employed properly it should be possible to eliminate malaria. It is impossible to eliminate malaria when depending on donor funds alone. Contributions to malaria control in Africa mounted to approximately 2 billion US\$ in 2011, where approximately 6 billion US\$ are needed to shift from control towards elimination. Other sources are needed. Malaria can only be controlled and eliminated when the approximately 0.7 billion African citizens in malarious regions share ownership of malaria control and elimination. 'Ownership' and 'investment' are intrinsically connected and both are required when people wish to improve their living conditions. Knowledge and motivation are fundamental to ownership of any problem and its solution.

There is enough knowledge available to support evidence based malaria control. Unfortunately, even a basic understanding about malaria's biology and control is often lacking in endemic areas. This 'knowledge gap' can be overcome by proper knowledge transfer and IT technology. Through its strong connections with universities, research institutes and the the *Multilateral Initiative on Malaria Africa*, MNM supports initiatives that transfer knowledge to local communities.

Malaria control is implemented by national and district health care systems or by non-governmental organizations. Integration of control tools and adaptation to the local needs is a community affair. There are few communities that share in owning the control of malaria. However, malaria is a disease that not only relates to health care, but also to ecology, water management, agriculture and others as well. This raises important questions such as: how can a community organize itself to effectively control malaria? Should that be done through routine health services, or through cooperative, commercial or volunteer organizations? MNM supports initiatives that study and initiate community self-organization (action research) in order to combat malaria (output).

Any sustainable enterprise, irrespective of its source of investment, must have a return on investment. The outcomes of effective malaria control are a substantial decrease in malaria transmission and, through a reduced disease burden, economic enhancement; this powers further investments. Higher income is a principal indicator of improved living standards but also 'improved health' could be an indicator with fewer losses of labor days and fewer disease related economic losses and lower costs for medical care.

To date, there is little experience with models of financing community-driven malaria control. Most prevailing ideas relate to existing microfinance products. Pertinent questions for developing financial models are: which are the "hidden" economic resources for malaria elimination? How can existing economic structures (e.g. farmers' cooperatives) be mobilized to engage in malaria elimination and which incentives could help? What determines the willingness and the ability to invest by a community "trapped in poverty"? Do indicators of improved outcome increase the willingness to invest and how should investments be recruited, voluntarily or by taxation? Which self-organizational model provides a trustworthy financing and implementation partner, and many more questions.

These questions and other questions should help identifying generic characteristics of one or more financing models for malaria elimination in different scenarios (low income - rural - high transmission; low income - rural - low transmission; middle income - rural; (sub)-urban)

Our conference creates an inspiring environment for presentations and discussions (keynote lectures, plenary discussions, world café with laptop sessions). We will remove barriers and together work out a few models for community driven malaria control.

Join us on April the 25th!

Dr. Peter J. de Vries, chair Malaria No More Nederland.



Preliminary program

Reception and registration

Welcome

Scientific Pitches by Expert Partners: the Big Malaria Puzzle

What Malaria Means to Africa, keynote 1

Prof. Wilfred Mbacham, University of Yaoundé I, Multilateral Initiative on Malaria Africa

Empowerment, People and Politics Against Malaria, keynote 2

Presenting Malaria Case Studies, market place and laptop sessions

Financing Models for Malaria Control and Elimination, keynote 3

Think tank round 1

Malaria elimination by the community: knowledge, mobilization, organization and change

Think tank round 2

Malaria elimination by the community: financing and investment models

Closure

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