

Title: Malaria Control Specialist	Funding Code: Grant: SC240035	Type of engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant	Duty Station: Juba
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Purpose of Activity/Assignment:

The Malaria Control Specialist reports to the Project Manager for guidance and general supervision. He/She supports the ministry of health with development of technical deliverables committed to the donor needing specialized expertise in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the National Malaria Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025. Under the Child Health Output within the country programme, this role will support the National Ministry of Health with the Integration of Case management using the Health Sector Transformation Project to expand the reach of the Malaria Program using the expanded PHC Support under the HSTP.

Scope of Work:

The incumbent is assigned all or part of the following responsibilities which are performed according to the needs and agenda:

- Provide technical support to the NMCP in developing/updating Integrated strategies for Malaria vector Control Response.
- Support promotion of the Integrated Vector Monitoring approach in South Sudan, including on new tools and technologies in the context of the Global Vector Control Response.
- Guide the NMCP to develop strategy for preparedness and response to outbreaks, in collaboration with the relevant units in the MoH.
- Coordinate collection and analysis of data and all relevant information on Malaria control.
- Provide technical guidance and advice to the NMCP and stakeholders in developing and implementing research proposals on various aspects of entomology and vector control in collaboration with relevant partners.
- Identify and contribute to technical assistance and capacity building activities for the NMCP in line with WHO guidance and strategies, including the development of training materials;
- Support training and/or refresher courses for national programme staff and partners on control of Vector Borne Diseases.
- Support the NMCP activities in line with workplan for implementation of Malaria control in South Sudan including participating in technical meetings, track progress and address challenges/constraints for successful implementation of activities of the NMCP;
- Monitor implementation of vector control and case management activities in South Sudan and provide technical inputs
- Provide technical guidance in the development of a comprehensive malaria related information system, compiling and collating data from the field, ensuring timely reporting of activities and dissemination of related information on vector control and case management policies and strategies including entomological surveillance and promoting IVM approach;
- Support the National Malaria Technical Working Group's Terms of References and ensure that regular meetings are held
- To support adaptation, dissemination, use and monitoring of norms and standards related to vector and arthropod-borne disease prevention and control, providing expertise and developing/revising of guidelines for South Sudan.

- Provide technical support to the UNICEF country office in the GC7 grant PR deliverables implementation and integration into the Health sector transformation project.
- Support emergency preparedness and response activities for the country office

Deliverables

- Training of state-level coordinators to conduct supportive supervision and presentation of findings decision-making.
- Develop an action plan to address the recommendations for scaling up IPTp in South Sudan
- Training of health workers in malaria case management, Report on case management training provided.
- Develop the 2025 Malaria Therapeutic Efficacy protocol and oversee the implementation of the study.
- Conducting facility audits for malaria service quality improvement, Report on the assessment conducted and findings and recommendations submitted.
- Development of the Annual work plan of the NMCP to ensure all planned activities are implemented. Submit the Annual Workplan of the NMCP
- Track NMCP progress in the NMCP in the implementation of the annual plan Submit the Annual Workplan of the NMCP
- Coordinate the NMCP in conducting Quarterly progress review meetings to track the implementation of activities. Provide quarterly reports on the progress of the NMCP in implementing the annual plan.
- Participate in monthly data review meetings, providing technical guidance on data interpretation and use.

Child Safeguarding

Is this project/assignment considered as “[Elevated Risk Role](#)” from a child safeguarding perspective?

YES NO If YES, check all that apply:

Direct contact role YES NO

If yes, please indicate the number of hours/months of direct interpersonal contact with children, or work in their immediately physical proximity, with limited supervision by a more senior member of personnel:

Child data role YES NO

If yes, please indicate the number of hours/months of manipulating or transmitting personal-identifiable information of children (name, national ID, location data, photos):

More information is available in the [Child Safeguarding SharePoint](#) and [Child Safeguarding FAQs and Updates](#)

Work Assignments Overview <i>(activities/tasks to be completed by consultant)</i>	Deliverables/Outputs <i>(outcomes, different from activities)</i>	Delivery deadline	Estimated Budget
<p>Hold one centralized training of state-level coordinators to conduct supportive supervision and presentation of findings decision-making.</p>	<p>Detailed Training Report of the state-level coordinators on the essential elements of strengthening supportive supervision and using such in decision-making.</p>	<p>2 weeks (due 15 Nov 2024)</p>	<p>6%</p>
<p>Support the annual program review meeting of the NMCP, facilitating the concept note and sub-national and national presentations of the Malaria teams, support the program achievements planning template design and population</p>	<p>Share Annual Workplan Document which consists of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Assessment Report: Detailing the current state of the unit, identifying gaps, and highlighting areas needing improvement. • KPI Framework: that Establishes a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that will be used to measure the success of the workplan. • Implementation Roadmap: A detailed plan that outlines the steps needed to achieve the objectives, including timelines, responsible parties, and required resources, including a roadmap, and milestones to track progress. • Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan: Design an M&E plan to regularly assess the progress towards the strategic objectives including timing for review meetings, and criteria for evaluation. • Training and Capacity Building Programs: Outlining necessary training sessions and capacity building measures to ensure 	<p>2 weeks (due 30 Nov 2024)</p>	<p>6%</p>

	<p>that all team members are equipped to fulfill their roles in the workplan effectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder Engagement Plan: Develop a plan to continuously engage stakeholders throughout the implementation phase. This should detail communication strategies and methods for gathering ongoing feedback. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold engagements with the National Malaria control program, Preventive Health Directorate and Reproductive Health Directorates to develop an action plan to address the recommendations for scaling up IPTp in South Sudan Support a situational analysis using the action plan for IPTp developed, conduct 3 field missions to facilitate focused group discussions around the situational analysis desk reviewed and using this draft an operational plan for IPTp scale-up strategy. 	<p>Intermittent prevention of Malaria in Pregnancy scale-up Action plan and costed operational plan consisting of the following:</p> <p>Baseline Data Report: Compile and present baseline data on current IPTp coverage in south sudan, malaria incidence among pregnant women, and existing healthcare infrastructure.</p> <p>Scaled-Up Coverage Goals: Clearly defined targets for IPTp coverage among pregnant women, broken down by states and administrative area, to be achieved by the end of the plan period.</p> <p>Detailed Implementation Strategy: specific actions to increase IPTp uptake, such as training healthcare providers, community mobilization, and integration of services at antenatal care points.</p> <p>Cost Analysis and Budgeting Document: Provide a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the scale-up, including medication, training, outreach, and monitoring and evaluation activities, aligned with funding sources and financial forecasts.</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement Strategy: documenting focused group</p>	<p>8 weeks (due 31st Jan 2025)</p>	<p>30%</p>

	<p>discussions and engagement with key stakeholders such as healthcare workers, community leaders, NGOs, and government officials to gain support and coordinate efforts for IPTp scale-up.</p> <p>Supply Chain Management Plan: A plan to ensure the consistent availability of antimalarial drugs and related supplies at all antenatal care locations, including logistics for procurement, storage, and distribution.</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation Framework: Design a robust M&E framework that includes indicators for process (e.g., number of healthcare workers trained), output (e.g., quantity of antimalarial drugs distributed), and outcome (e.g., reduction in malaria incidence among pregnant women).</p> <p>Policy Recommendation Document: Based on the findings and outcomes of the IPTp scale-up, provide recommendations for policy adjustments or enhancements to strengthen malaria prevention efforts in pregnancy.</p> <p>Cost Efficiency Analysis: Review of the financial efficiency of the implemented actions during the last grant cycle, evaluating cost per outcome achieved and suggesting areas for financial optimization for the new strategy.</p>		
<p>Conduct data cleaning and review clinic for the National Malaria Control Program and the MOH Directorate of Monitoring and Evaluation at National, providing technical guidance on data interpretation and use in Unity State</p>	<p>Detailed Capacity Building Report, covering summary pretest, post-test and outcomes of the Malaria data review and analysis training.</p>	<p>2 weeks (due 14th February 2025)</p>	<p>6%</p>
<p>Facilitate the TET TWG to review the lessons learnt from the 2024 TET and facilitate a review of the existing protocol to develop the 2025 Malaria Therapeutic Efficacy protocol</p>	<p>2025 Malaria Therapeutic Efficacy protocol developed</p>	<p>6 weeks (due 31st March 2025)</p>	<p>22%</p>

<p>Conducting facility audits for malaria service quality improvement across all 10 states</p>	<p>Report on the assessment conducted and findings and recommendations and an action plan to incorporate in Malaria Supportive Supervision.</p>	<p>4 weeks (30th April 2025)</p>	<p>12%</p>
<p>Training of health workers in malaria case management in 7 states and admin areas,</p>	<p>Report on case management training provided having the following components.</p> <p>Executive Summary Provide a high-level overview of the training program, its purpose, and key findings regarding malaria case management training outcomes. Summarize the measurable results achieved from the training.</p> <p>2. Background and Objectives Briefly describe the malaria case management training, including its goals and objectives. Highlight key deliverables planned before the training.</p> <p>3. Training Scope and Methodology Outline the scope of the training: the number of participants, regions covered, and healthcare sectors involved. Explain the methodology used during the training (e.g., workshops, simulations, assessments). Discuss the training materials and resources provided.</p> <p>4. Key Results and Outcomes Knowledge Acquisition: Provide evidence (e.g., pre- and post-training tests, assessments) of how the participants' knowledge about malaria case management improved. Percentage increase in understanding of key concepts (diagnosis, treatment, and prevention). Success rate of participants in post-training evaluations. Practical Skills: Include practical skills development indicators, such as</p>	<p>4 weeks (due 31st May)</p>	<p>12%</p>

	<p>participants' ability to correctly diagnose and treat malaria cases. Percentage of participants who demonstrated proficiency in using Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) and administering anti-malarial treatments.</p> <p>Participant Engagement: Provide feedback and engagement metrics, such as participation rates, interaction in practical exercises, and feedback from trainees.</p> <p>5. Challenges and Lessons Learned Identify any challenges faced during the training program (e.g., logistics, language barriers, resource limitations). Discuss the lessons learned and how these can be applied to future training initiatives.</p> <p>6. Conclusion and Recommendations Summarize the key results and outcomes achieved. Provide recommendations for improving future malaria case management training programs. Include suggestions for scaling the program, if applicable.</p> <p>7. Annexes Attach relevant supporting documents, such as: Training materials. Detailed test results or evaluations. Participant lists and feedback. Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) reports.</p>		
<p>Coordinate 2 quarterly review meeting with the NMCP and 1 mid-year review meeting to track the implementation of activities.</p>	<p>Provide a mid-year report on the progress of the NMCP in implementing the annual plan detailing the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Summary: A concise summary that highlights key findings, progress against goals, and major issues encountered. 		<p>6%</p>

	<p>This section should provide a quick overview for decision-makers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress Overview: Detailed analysis comparing planned activities versus actual achievements.• Data Collection and Analysis Report: Data compilation gathered through monitoring activities, such as the number of interventions conducted, the geographical coverage of services, and the populations reached with statistical analysis used to measure progress against key performance indicators (KPIs).• Challenges and Solutions: Identification of any significant challenges or bottlenecks that have hindered progress, along with the strategies implemented to address these issues, including lessons learned and best practices identified during the period.• Risk Management and Mitigation Report: Update on any new risks identified, the status of existing risks, and the effectiveness of mitigation strategies employed.• Recommendations for the Second Half of the Year: Based on the mid-year findings, outline adjustments or enhancements to the strategy and activities for		
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	<p>the remaining period to ensure the annual goals are met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action Plan for Next Reporting Period: Detailing action items and timeline for the next phase, including any shifts in strategy or additional resources needed.• Appendices: Supporting documents, data tables, methodology descriptions, and any other relevant materials that substantiate the report's findings. <p>Provide final technical report on consultancy.</p>		
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