



Global Fund Update on Vector Control Financing

**RBM Vector Control Working Group
– February 2023**

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1. Global Fund Strategy 2023-2028

Malaria Strategy



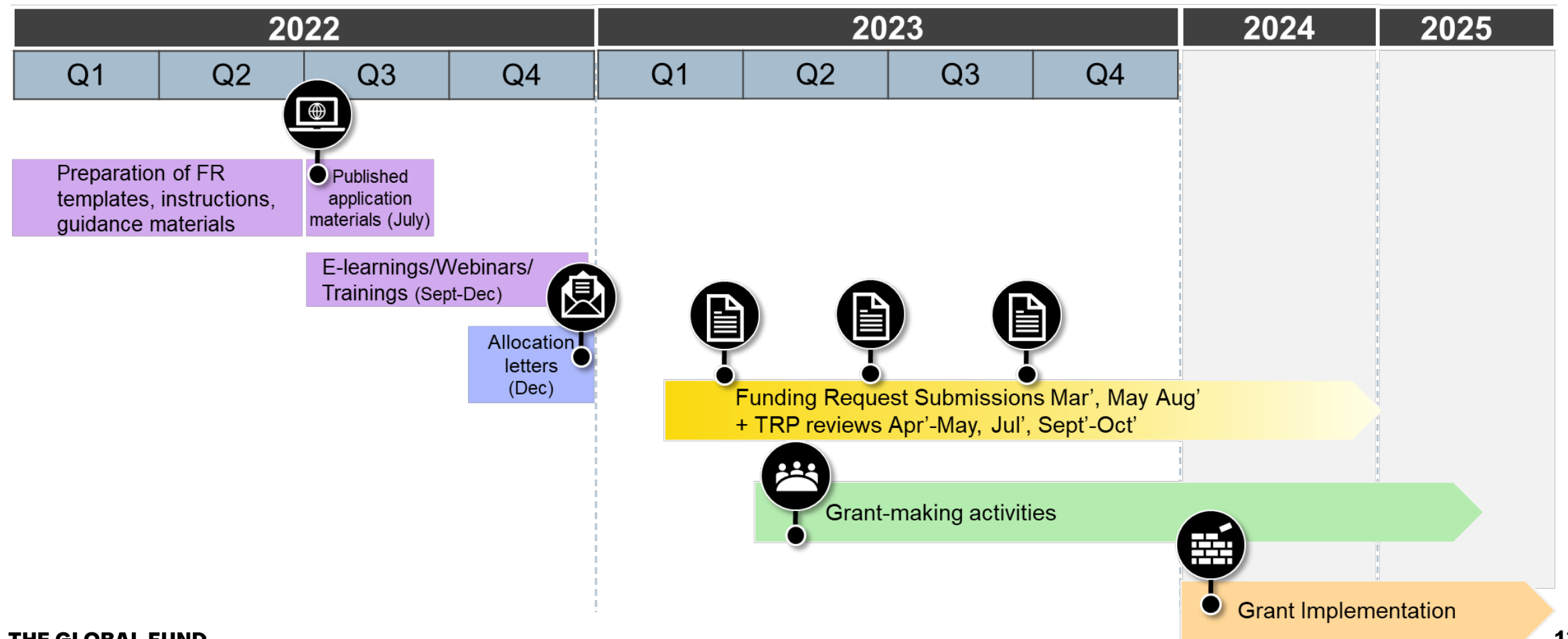
The new Strategy document is available [here](#).

Objectives

1. Implement malaria interventions, tailored to sub-national level, using granular data, and capacitating decision-making and action
 2. **Ensure optimal and effective vector control coverage**
 3. Optimize Chemoprevention
 4. Expand equitable access to quality early diagnosis and treatment of malaria, through health facilities, at the community level and in the private sector, with accurate reporting
 5. Drive towards elimination and facilitate prevention of re-establishment of malaria
- **Promote sub-national tailoring, evidence-based prioritization and entomological surveillance** expansion to ensure optimal coverage and strengthened programme effectiveness.
 - Address barriers hampering the rapid **scale-up of new products**
 - Foster and engage in partnership-wide discussions to align on partnership-wide challenges such as:
 - Maintaining **effective VC coverage**
 - Addressing **waste management**
 - **Invasive vector species**
 - Evolving **indicators** to emphasize coverage and underpin SNT
 - Ensuring **quality and performance** of vector control products

2. Moving into the new Grant Cycle

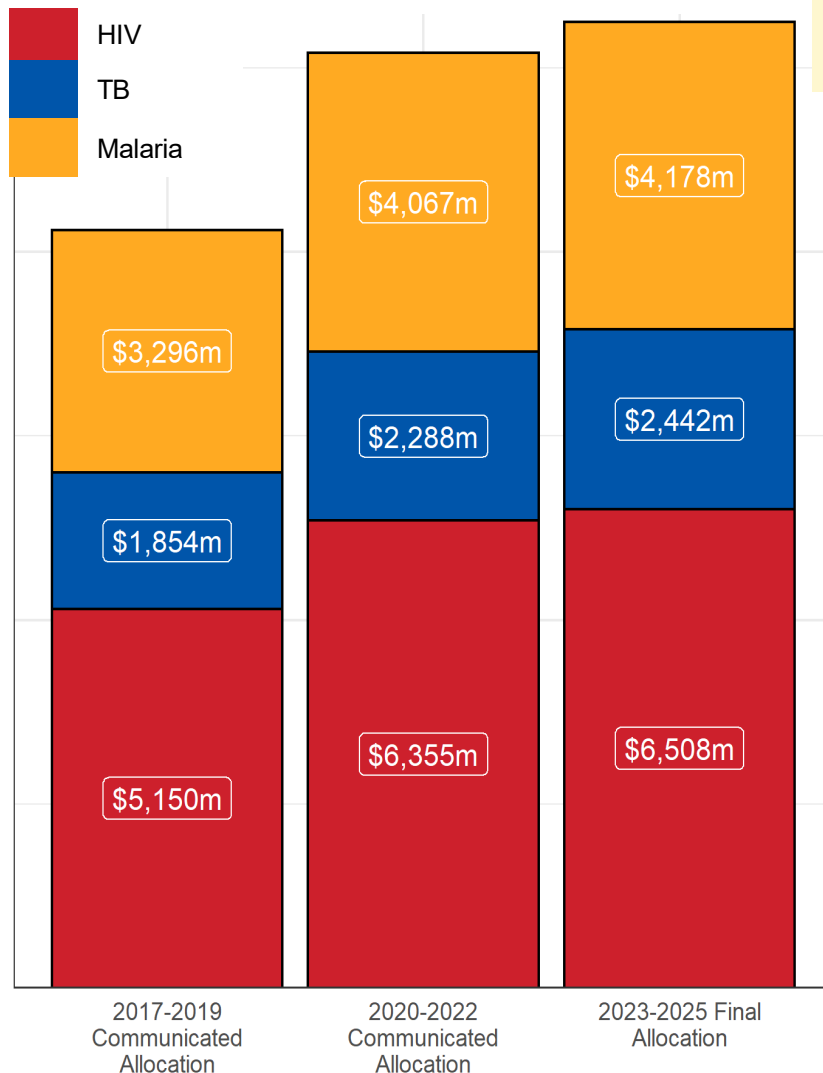
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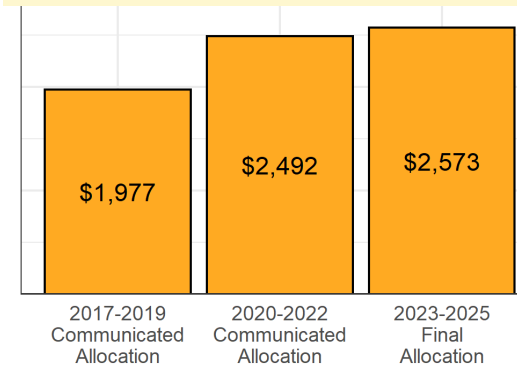
b. Allocations

The new Allocation information is available [here](#).



Slightly higher resource envelope, malaria funds **increase by \$111.2 million** compared to 2020-2022

Changes in malaria allocation to the 15 highest burden countries

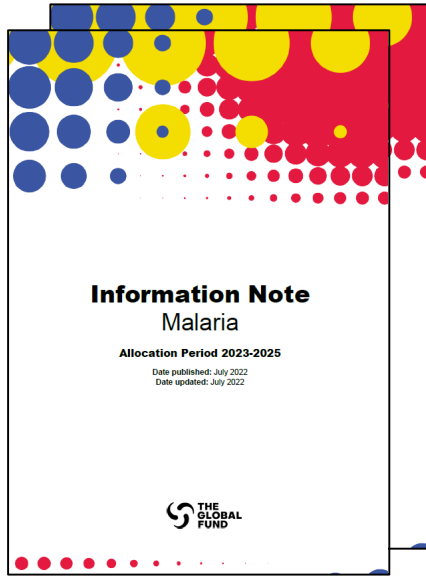


Summary of changes to malaria grants '23-'25 v. '20-'22

- 22 countries had decreases, average 13%
- 11 countries stable (0 – 0.5%)
- 29 countries had increases, average 12%
- No malaria specific catalytic funding (though NextGen SI)

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c. Funding request guidance on vector control



The Malaria Information Note is available [here](#).

Purpose of Malaria Information Note:

- Complements the normative guidance to assist with preparation of the funding requests and to cover Global Fund considerations around procurement and supply chain management etc.

Vector control guidance emphasizes:

- Strong recommendation for use of (IRS or) **most effective ITNs in areas of pyrethroid resistance**; statement that PBO or dual ai nets should be proposed in areas that previously received these; encouragement to carefully consider sizes/accessories and locations for deployment
- Expectation that ITN strategy may well be **sub-nationally varied** (as appropriate) with consideration given to ITN types, ITN delivery approaches (timing, channels)
- Funding requests asked to elaborate both i) **the full need** for optimal effective coverage, and ii) **the actual asks** in the FRs, which may be lower if budget was not available. This supports better understanding of the needs for market interventions / additional funding etc.
- Flags the importance of support for strengthened **entomological surveillance** and efforts to monitor and respond to **An. stephensi**

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- Evolution of data sources and indicators intending to enable more effective SNT, active programme management and more appropriate performance tracking
 - In Grant Cycle 7: some modifications to outcome indicators to increase information on coverage. Piloting of reporting on stratified subnational level indicators.
 - Work underway to evolve the Global Fund's use of standard indicators, aligned to efforts at WHO, to ensure coverage is more central to our evaluation of performance.
 - Engaging with the partnership efforts to evolve data collection methodologies, data sources and digitalization to enable more robust indicators as part of the efforts to ensure quality data for SNT and proactive programme management

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- Efforts to ensure entomological surveillance remains a priority
 - Important to lay the groundwork for upcoming new vector control tools (as well as decision making on current)
 - Will be challenging budget prioritization decisions
 - Decisions on appropriate scope and scale remain challenging
 - Collaboration with partners, including private sector (SC Johnson)
- *An. stephensi*
 - Current landscaping underway to examine current scope and needs around entomological surveillance and control efforts in the MENA region, intended to help inform funding requests (SwissTPH contracted)
 - Lack of catalytic funding in Grant Cycle 7

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Considerable awareness and excitement over the RCT data
Technical guidance to strive for most effective net/ensure replacement in areas previously receiving



Evidence of high demand for non-pyrethroid only nets in the current grant cycle



Experiences of supply, ability to get specific nets on time



CFP field performance? Context and future guidance around this



Countries' ability to pay and approach to malaria budget prioritization Influenced by unit prices / absence of co-pay

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- Guidance and aspiration for most effective ITNs - versus financing
- Ensuring robust market conditions: working internally and with partnership to look at mechanisms to ensure sufficient capacity and appropriate/affordable pricing for dual ai nets and improved demand forecasting
- Distribution efficiency: support to requests for modified distribution approaches with evaluation; efforts to improve efficiency of allocation; increased digitization – including much under C19RM funding; AMP role remains critical

• Newer tools:

- No catalytic funding
- Continued work with partners
- Evaluation funding continues until 2024 with contracted work around ITNs and IRS examining operational questions linked to co-deployment; comparative cost-effectiveness, life-span etc.
- New RFP: <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/business-opportunities/>

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• Addressing waste management

- Organization wide efforts to address waste management, of GF financed commodities in particular – led by our health systems team
- Specific work to explore improvements in ITN area specifically – led by our supply operations team

• ITN performance and quality

- Engagement in the Gates/i2i/Chai led partnership work – engagement of multiple TGF teams
- Further consideration needed on how efficacy is understood, communicated, and used to inform procurement decisions – engagement of multiple TGF teams
- On-going internal work on specific quality signals and challenges - led by our Quality Team and Risk Teams
- Concerns around ITN longevity / retention informing work on all the above

Update to partners

RFP: Entomological investigations and stakeholder perspectives to support introduction of dual active ingredient ITNs into the wider vector

- The Global Fund, Net Transition Initiative has launched an RFP.
- For more details, please check : <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/business-opportunities/>

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| RFP Title | Entomological investigations and stakeholder perspectives to support introduction of dual active ingredient ITNs into the wider vector control space |
| Issue Date | 3 Feb 2023 |
| Deadline for Questions, Question to | 15 Feb 2023 manon.vanrijswijk@theglobalfund.org |
| RFP Closing Date | 3 March 2023 (5 PM, Geneva local time) |

Thank you



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