

## **RBM Partnership to End Malaria Media Fellowship Application**

### **About the RBM Partnership to End Malaria**

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria is the largest global platform for coordinated action towards a world free from malaria. It is comprised of over 500 partners - from community health worker groups and researchers developing new tools, to malaria-affected and donor countries, businesses and international organisations.

The RBM Partnership's vision is a world free from the burden of malaria. Our mission is to support malaria-affected countries and galvanise global action across all sectors to end malaria for good.

In line with its mission, the RBM Partnership is committed to building capacity for journalists to produce high-quality, well-researched journalism about malaria and its impact on families and communities, and society, including from a health, education, economic perspective.

### **About the RBM Partnership to End Malaria Media Fellowship**

For the first time, the RBM Partnership invites print/online and broadcast journalists based in the 11 countries with the highest burden of malaria to apply for the RBM Partnership to End Malaria Media Fellowship.

The fellowship is designed to support the deepening and expansion of print, broadcast, and/or multi-media news coverage that engages citizens and/or policy makers in the 11 highest burden countries on issues related to malaria and its impact. Topics could include best practices for protecting citizens from malaria, policies needed to prioritize funding for universal coverage of life-saving malaria interventions, and partnerships and innovations that are accelerating the end of malaria.

The award offers an opportunity for journalists to learn from leading global health and malaria experts the key challenges and opportunities to eliminate malaria within our generation, as well as to investigate malaria-related issues in their country.

### **Media Fellowship Details**

For a duration of one year, the RBM Partnership will support selected fellows with projects and features relating to malaria. The Media Fellowship will comprise:

- A compulsory workshop taking place in Geneva, Switzerland in May 2019, led by leading global malaria experts, where selected fellows will learn about challenges, opportunities and initiatives focused on ending malaria;
- Introductions and meetings organised between fellows and global, regional and national organisations working to end malaria;
- Limited financial support for approved in-country or in-region projects proposed by individual participants; and,
- Continued support with coordination of relevant projects and updates on new developments.

Travel-related expenses will be covered and a per diem provided for the trip to Geneva. In addition, limited financial support will be provided for project-related travel or research.

### **Who Should Apply and Application Deadline**

If you are a journalist from one of the 11 high burden malaria-affected countries (please see list below) with a passion for improving health and a hunger to learn more about malaria and the difference you can make in your country and/or region, we would like to hear from you.

## Terms and Conditions

- Selected participants will be required to attend the compulsory workshop in Geneva – exact dates to be confirmed.
- Per diem, accommodation and travel from the journalist's closest airport will be included for the compulsory workshop in Geneva
- A commitment of four published/aired features will be required within a year of the fellowship (between April 2019 and December 2019). Employers/editors will be required to provide consent to support this commitment
- A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 11 journalists will be selected for the fellowship
- Only journalists living and working in the following countries will be considered for the fellowship: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, India, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania.

## About Malaria

Thanks to global partnership, there has been tremendous progress in eliminating malaria – one of the world's oldest and deadliest, but preventable diseases. Between 2000-2016, more than seven million lives saved and over one billion malaria cases prevented.

However, challenges remain. A child still dies every 2 minutes, and 11 countries carry the burden of 73% of the world's malaria. For the first time in more than a decade, rates of malaria are on the rise in the highest burden countries, while an increasing number of countries have less than 10,000 cases, confirming that progress is uneven. Despite numerous pledges by malaria and non-malaria-affected countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the global goal of eliminating malaria by 90 percent by 2030, funding for this goal has stagnated, putting at risk the hard-earned progress to-date.

**Application form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (country and city/ town): \_\_\_\_\_

Current media outlet: \_\_\_\_\_

Outlet type: Print/ Online/ Broadcast/ Freelance

How long you have been employed by your current media outlets and details of previous media employers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language: English / French / Portuguese

How has malaria affected you? (max. 300 words)

How do you hope to make a difference in accelerating efforts to end malaria? (max. 500 words)

Please share any previous experience you have of writing about malaria and its impact on society and/or working with malaria organisations in your region? (max. 500 words)

Briefly describe an investigative journalism project relating to malaria that you would propose researching to drive change in your country/region (max. 500 words)

Please share at least 5 examples of your work in prominent news outlets which demonstrate an interest in reporting on healthcare or development challenges in your country, and how your coverage has had a transformative impact on the issue.

*The deadline for applications is **Thursday 31 January 2019**. All completed application forms should be sent by email to [scpc@endmalaria.org](mailto:scpc@endmalaria.org). Any questions about the award should be sent to the same email address. Selected fellows will be notified by **Thursday 28 February 2019**.*