

Supporting NMCPs to implement LSM

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We urgently need to support NMCPs

- Many countries are implementing LSM in Africa: Angola, Zambia, Ghana, Tanzania, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Malawi, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Benin, Mauritius, Mauritania, Gabon- starting soon-, ...
- Most of them have **NOT** followed the recommendations of the WHO's LSM manual (particularly on the planning phase, **issues of M&E, choice of larvicides**, etc.)

How to support them

- List countries conducting or planning LSM (promote it where relevant?)
- Form a body of “experts” who can give technical assistance (experience in operational implementation of LSM)
- **Key:** Send in technical assistance or evaluation team (**WHO-backed**): link up with a local research institute for M&E where possible

Challenges

- Some countries do not have a (strong) entomological monitoring system (cross-cutting emergency)- can be set up quickly
- Need for a LSM officer at NMCP level (capacity?)
- Ideal to link local research institutions to NMCPs (e.g. NMCP TZ and IHI)

Where TA would help

- Training LSM officer/team on:
 - Deciding on where and when to do larviciding
 - Writing local SOP for LSM
 - Testing and deciding on larvicides
- Technical training field staff on:
 - Mapping and knowing mosquito habitats
 - Calibrating machines, applying larvicides, etc

Our task- can we agree?

- Are NMCPs the best sector to do LSM? (IVM)
- Multi-sectoral approach? how do we go about this?
- Community based (sustainability) or top-down “outside the system”
- Not one size fits all... **debate is good but lives are at stake!**