The recent stalling of global progress on malaria has been further compounded by COVID-19. How can countries safely maintain essential malaria services during the pandemic? What actions are needed now to secure a strong footing for future success in tackling malaria and other urgent health challenges?

Two virtual forums on 3-4 September will take stock of the current situation in countries affected by both malaria and COVID-19, including successes, pain points, best practices and lessons learned. On day 1, participants will hear from country-based experts about the incredible work that has been done to maintain critical malaria services. Their shared insights will form the basis of discussions on day 2 with national and global health leaders.

Day 1: Voices from the field

3 September, 2pm CET / 8am EDT

Day 2: Rising to the challenge

4 September, 2pm CET / 8am EDT

The discussions will be moderated in English with simultaneous translations provided in French and Spanish. Confirmed speakers and registration details follow.

AGENDA

DAY 1: Voices from the field

3 September, 2pm CET / 8am EDT

Country perspectives
- Dr Dorothy Achu, Ministry of Health, Cameroon
- Dr Mariam Adam, WHO, Sudan
- Dr Baltazar Candrinho, Ministry of Health, Mozambique
- Dr Neeraj Dhingra, Ministry of Health, India
- Dr Helene Hovat, Ministry of Health, Suriname
- Dr Paola Marchesini, Ministry of Health, Brazil
- Dr Olugbenga Makaulu, Ministry of Health, Nigeria
- Dr Jimmy Opinge, Ministry of Health, Uganda
- Dr Harriet Passqua, Ministry of Health, South Sudan
- Dr Sovannaroth Siv, Ministry of Health, Cambodia

Other speakers
- Dr Pedro Alonso, Director, WHO Global Malaria Programme
- Dr Abdourahmane Diallo, CEO of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria
- Dr Socé Fall, Assistant Director-General, Emergency Response, WHO
- Dr David Buddo, CEO, Medicines for Malaria Venture
- Dr Melanie Renshaw, Co-Chair of the Country and Regional Support Partnership Committee, RBM Partnership
- Ms Julia Wallace, Malaria Division Chief, Global Health Bureau, US Agency for International Development

DAY 2: Rising to the challenge

4 September, 2pm CET / 8am EDT

Opening statement
- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

Speakers
- Dr Abdourahmane Diallo, CEO of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria
- Dr David Nabarro, Special Envoy of the WHO Director-General on COVID-19
- Dr Mathilde Hoeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa
- Dr Miro Bozic Perkovic, Director Emeritus of the Pan American Health Organization and Board Member of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria
- Mr Peter Sands, Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Dr Philip Wolkoff, Director for Malaria, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Dr Dyann Wirth, Chair, WHO Malaria Policy Advisory Committee