For World Malaria Day, CS4ME issued on 24 and 25 April 2020, a statement of utmost importance to the leaders and decision-makers.

The Declaration was developed by CS4ME members through consultations and working groups and is a reminder that while the world is currently facing a health crisis due to COVID-19, it is important to continue the malaria fight because malaria will hit the hardest the most vulnerable communities that do not have access to quality prevention and care services in a timely manner.

Below are some key points from the Declaration:

- **Increase the allocation of national resources for health** and prioritize high-impact, community-led interventions;

- **Ensure that high-quality malaria control tools and effective products** (such as Long-lasting Insecticidal Nets) **continue to be deployed** in even the most remote communities;

- **To increase the technical, financial and institutional capacity of Civil Society and community-based organizations** so that they can contribute even more effectively and qualitatively to the reduction of malaria morbidity and mortality;

- **Expand community-based interventions against malaria** by increasing the number of trained, equipped and equitably remunerated Community Health Workers (CHWs);

- **Ensure the protection of health workers and community health workers** who are essential for the continuity of malaria control services during the COVID-19 crisis

The full CS4ME Statement is available at:

[https://cs4me.org/news-resources/news/world-malaria-day-2020-declaration/](https://cs4me.org/news-resources/news/world-malaria-day-2020-declaration/)

It was widely shared with partners, media, parliamentarians, private sector actors, the Ministry of Public Health of Cameroon, 45 National Malaria Control Programmes in Africa, the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Public Health of Niger and all members of the CS4ME platform in addition to social networks.
Joint statement GFAN Asia Pacific/ CS4ME / Malaria Free Mekong / GMS Platform

For World Malaria Day celebrated on 25 April 2020, the Global Civil Society Network for the Elimination of Malaria (CS4ME), the Global Fund Asia Pacific Advocates Network (GFAN AP) and the Regional CSO Platform on Malaria (GMS) have also issued a joint statement.

The statement is available at the following address:
https://gfanasiapacific.org/2020/04/zero-malaria-starts-with-increased-investments-political-commitment/?fbclid=IwAR1SnkyJmPu5y86s1zj5E7PUT0XXTK1Hzyy4N2rt68YNZ931BBa4XwAr3ivU

CS4ME on the Web

From 21 to 25 April 2020, for the 13th celebration of the World Malaria Day, the CS4ME initiative was illustrated in various key actions on the web.

With its partners: The Global Fund, GFAN Africa, GFAN Asia Pacific, the platform participated in the dissemination of the key messages through social networks with the «Zero Malaria Starts With Me» campaign, which aims to raise community awareness about malaria.

Civil Society actors affected by malaria at the decision-making level: nothing for us without us! » she stresses.

She gives examples of CS4ME’s advocacy for the Global Fund Replenishment.

She makes a comparative analysis between malaria and COVID-19. The common thread that emerges is the imperative need to increase domestic resources to address these pandemics.

She concludes by reiterating the commitment of CS4ME and Impact Santé Afrique to campaigns to encourage communities to adopt preventive behaviours against COVID-19 and malaria.

The Global Coordinator of CS4ME and Executive Director of Impact Santé Afrique, Ms. Olivia Ngou also wrote articles that appeared on the Devex and Global Cause websites published respectively on 23 and 25 April 2020. Articles in which:

She notes the key role that Civil Society and communities play in the fight against malaria: « We call on decision-makers, including local governments, the private sector, bilateral and multilateral donors and international institutions, to involve representatives of communities and
Always in the framework of the 13th WMD, CS4ME launched, on April 23rd 2020, its campaign « United To End Malaria! The Fight Must Continue » using a framework created on Facebook.

The objective of this campaign is to raise awareness on the one hand about malaria and on the other hand, to challenge the collective conscience on mobilization, solidarity, the importance of uniting everyone (leaders, governments, private sector, Civil Society, media, medical students, communities) to achieve the elimination of malaria by 2030. More than 100 people joined the movement and in turn raised awareness about malaria among their loved ones, helping to make the campaign a success. CS4ME would like to thank all the organizations and individuals who participated in this campaign, which is really theirs.

The Association des Femmes Engagées pour le Développement du Cameroun (AFEDEC) is a member organization of CS4ME working on behalf of children aged 0 to 5 years exposed to malaria. For World Malaria Day in the context of COVID-19, not being able to carry out activities in the field, AFEDEC produced an awareness video featuring children. The objective was to reach communities so that they take malaria seriously from the first symptoms and go to the nearest health center.

It is the story of a little girl who presents the malaria symptoms. The mother first practiced self-medication, then resorted to «street medicine» and finally brought her child to the hospital after 2 weeks. The child is then treated by a doctor who gives recommendations to the mother to prevent malaria in the future.

This video published twice on social networks 9880 views with a reach of 62559 people touched at the first broadcast.

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