

## **Malaria Civil Society Mobilizes for the Effective Provision of Long Lasting Insecticide –Treated Mosquito Nets (LLINs) to the Populations of the Centre and South regions of Cameroon!**

To the attention of:

- His Excellency Paul BIYA, President of the Republic of Cameroon

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- His Excellency the Prime Minister, Head of Government of Cameroon

- His Excellency the Minister of Public Health of Cameroon

- His Excellency the Minister of Finance of Cameroon

- The Director of the Public Contract Regulatory Agency of Cameroon

**Subject: Acquisition of Long-Lasting Insecticide-Treated Mosquito Nets (LLINs) for the free mass distribution campaign in the Centre and South regions of Cameroon.**

On 04 April 2022, the Ministry of Public Health of Cameroon, by means of an Emergency International Open Call for Tenders N°003/AOIO/MINSANTE/CSPM-PNLP/2022 of\_04/04/2022, launched the procedure for the purchase of Long-Lasting Insecticide-Treated Mosquito Nets (LLINs) as part of the 2022 free mass distribution campaign for the Centre and South regions, whose requirements were estimated at 2,799,750 LLINs.

Following the press release issued by the Minister of Public Health on 12 September 2023 concerning the results of the call for tenders, we, Cameroon's Civil Society Organizations, have taken note of the award of the contract to a service provider for the delivery of LLINs to the various sites.

However, we, Cameroon's Civil Society Organizations, have recently learned that another service provider has challenged the award of the LLINs contract as presented in the above-mentioned press release, pointing out the lack of transparency in the process of appointing the service provider to deliver the contract, thereby putting a halt to the LLINs procurement process initiated by the Ministry of Public Health in 2022.

This halt in the LLINs procurement process could result in the non-use of counterpart funds allocated to the purchase of these LLINs before the end of the year and, consequently, the non-distribution of LLINs to Millions of people living in these regions, especially children under the age of 5 and pregnant women who did not benefit from the free LLIN distribution campaign during the last two mass distribution cycles (2019 for the Centre and 2022 for the South).

To this end, we, Cameroon's Civil Society Organizations, working for the fight against Malaria, hereby express our dissatisfaction to the government in the face of this situation halt in the process of acquiring LLINs for the Centre and South regions. This situation is extremely detrimental to maintaining the good health of the populations of these two regions. This is because LLINs are currently the most cost-effective way of preventing Malaria.

According to the survey of malaria indicators in Cameroon carried out by the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) in 2022, the prevalence of malaria is highest in the Centre and South regions, with 49% and 46% respectively. These figures are an alarming indication of the negative impact of the lack of LLINs for these populations since the last two distribution campaigns. We, Cameroon’s Civil Society Organizations, are convinced that free distribution of LLINs will be an effective way of significantly reducing the burden of malaria in these regions.

To guarantee the definitive success of this initiative, we, Civil Society Organizations of Cameroon, call for:

**(1) The allocation of sufficient resources for the fight against malaria**, the success of this 4th campaign of mass distribution of LLINs in the Centre and South regions depends on the urgent mobilization of domestic resources amounting to around 10 billion FCFA to finance the purchase of LLINs but also for operational costs, especially logistical costs related to the transportation of these LLINs from the region to the community, and the cost of distribution;

**(2) Consultation between service providers and key government players in order to discuss this worrying situation**, will enable the sharing of information and permit the making of informed decisions which could encourage collaboration between stakeholders;

**(3) The initiation of an emergency procedure for the purchase of LLINs**, which will speed up the procedure process so that the LLINs can be distributed in the regions concerned as soon as possible, because everyday more children and pregnant women die of malaria in these regions.

We, Cameroon’s Civil Society Organizations, hope that our concerns will be taken seriously and that solutions will be found quickly. The conclusion of this acquisition will remain a victory in the fight against malaria.

We, Cameroon’s Civil Society Organizations, ask that you accept, Dear leaders and decision-makers, our best regards.

Done in Yaounde - Cameroon, 22<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**List of signatory Civil Society Organizations**

N°	Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
1	Plateforme mondiale Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME)
2	Impact Santé Afrique (ISA)
3	Approche Participative, Développement et Santé de Proximité (APDSP)
4	Coalition de la Société Civile pour le Financement de la Santé et la CSU (COFIS-CSU)
5	Organisation de la Femme pour l'Islam sans Frontière (OFIF)

6	Providing Opportunities for Youths and Women Empowerment and Rights (POWER)
7	Plan International Cameroun
8	Fondation MoJe
9	Association des Femmes Engagées pour le Développement du Cameroun (AFEDEC)
10	Association des Jeunes pour un Comportement Positif (AJECP Cameroun)
11	Association Village Secours Enfants Démunis (AVSED)
12	Substainable Impact for Developement Africa (SIDAF)
13	Global Action for Health (GA4H)
14	Association Féminine Vision Positive (AFVIPO)
15	Fonds de Renforcement des Associations œuvrant en faveur des Nécessiteux pour plus de Justice sociale à travers des Actions Communautaires (FRANJAC)
16	Centre d'Appui pour le Développement local (CADELCO)
17	Sanabil Social and Cultural Development Association
18	Réseau des jeunes du Cameroun
19	Sustainable Women Organization (SWO)
20	OSER Humanitaire
21	Youth Action for Health and Social Change (YOU'ACTH)
22	All About Us - Africa (AAU-A)
23	Association des Jeunes Réunis pour le Développement du Diamaré
24	DÉFENSEURS SANS FRONTIÈRES
25	Association pour la Sensibilisation et la Scolarisation des Jeunes Camerounais (ASSJC)
26	Organisation Panafricaine des femmes pour la promotion sociale et le développement

27	TAKE Care of Human Being (TAHBE)
28	Jeunes en Action pour le Développement Local et Communautaire
29	Fondation Espoir et vie
30	Malaria Youth Army Champion (MYAC)
31	Association au Secours des Orphelins et autres Personnes Vulnérables
32	Association Camerounaise pour l'Education Sexuelle des Adolescents
33	CAMYIRD (Cameroon Youth Initiative for Rural Développement)
34	Association des amis de socaret2
35	Association des Volontaires pour la Santé et le Développement à Rey-Bouba
36	Association EDUC-ACTION
37	Association des volontaires pour la promotion sociale
38	Association des volontaires unis pour le développement du Cameroun
39	NERF Ladies International Association
40	One Health - Communication for development in Action
41	Reach Out Foundation
42	Réseau Camerounais pour la Riposte conjointe contre le VIH Tuberculose et Paludisme
43	Réseau des associations de PETTE
44	Association pour la promotion des albinos au cameroun (APAC)
45	Association pour la Promotion du Développement Durable
46	ASSOCIATION POUR LA SANTE COMMUNAUTAIRE KAELE
47	Association pour la Sensibilisation et la Scolarisation des Jeunes Camerounais
48	Association pour le bien-être et le développement durable
49	PENASED CAMEROON
50	Association Vision de Femme

51	Care for the Hopeless impact Missions
52	THE SHEMKA FOUNDATION
53	Réseau Camerounais des Associations des Personnes Vivant avec le VIH/SIDA
54	Association des Jeunes d'Essos et Environs de Yaoundé (AJESSEY)
55	Appui Aux Initiatives de Développement communautaire (AIDEC)
56	International Day of the African Child and Youth
57	NO LIMIT FOR WOMEN PROJECT (NOLFOWOP)
58	Denis Miki Foundan (DMF)
59	Cameroon Women and Girls for Peace Movement (CAWOGIPEM)
60	Youth For Peace Cameroon Movement (YOPCAM)
61	Inspire Change
62	13 Degrés à l'Ombre
63	SOS SOLIDARITY RIGHT AND HEALTH (SORIH)
64	HEALTH DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES (HEDECS)
65	Plateforme des OSC pour la Promotion de la Vaccination et le Renforcement du Système de Santé au Cameroun (PROVARESSC)