

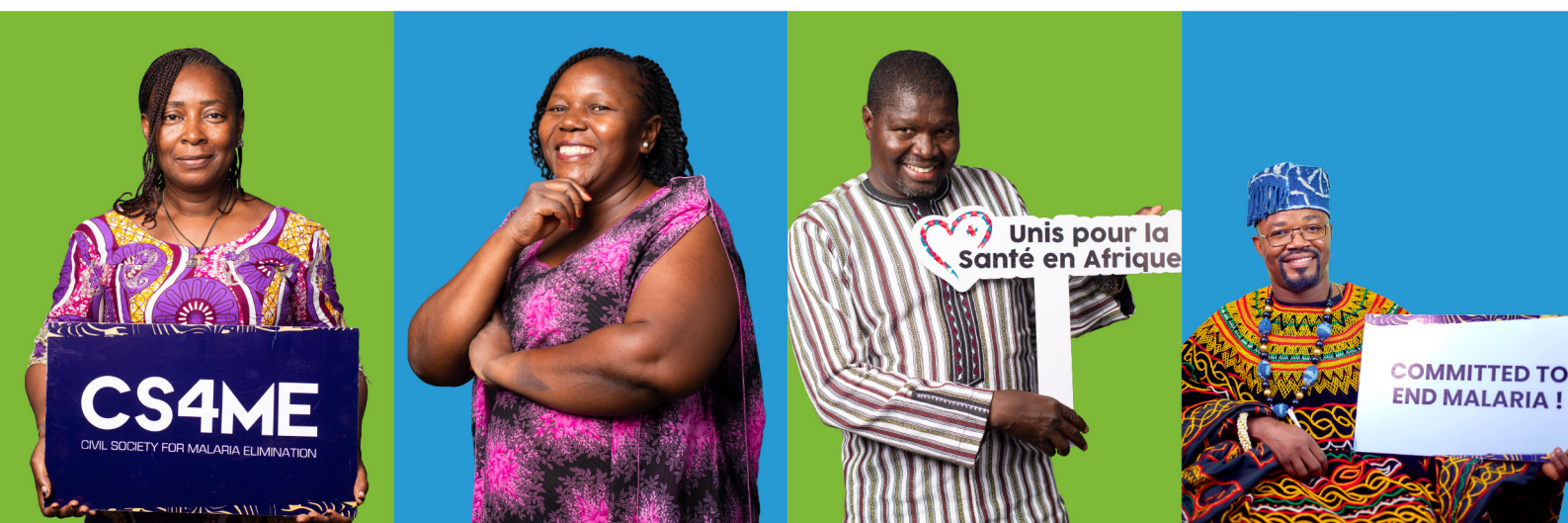


CIVIL SOCIETY FOR MALARIA ELIMINATION

# 2024 Annual Report



**Leveraging the power of civil society  
to increase community engagement  
in malaria programs.**



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## Foreword



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Every year, the CS4ME annual report is an essential resource for assessing the global advancements and shortcomings in the battle against malaria carried out by civil society and vulnerable communities. Moreover, this report gives us a temperature of the growth of the network and its impact in the fight. This year's report also offers an overview of the activities as well as the result according to the CS4ME Workplan.

In 2024, new data from the World Health Organization (WHO) revealed that an estimated 2.2 billion cases of malaria and 12.7 million deaths have been averted since 2000, but the disease remains a serious global health threat, particularly in the WHO African Region. According to WHO's latest World malaria report, there were an estimated 263 million cases and 597 000 malaria deaths worldwide in 2023. This represents about 11 million more cases in 2023 compared to 2022, and nearly the same number of deaths. Approximately 95% of the deaths occurred in the WHO African Region, where many at risk still lack access to the services they need to prevent, detect and treat the disease.


Also, during the year, a significant meeting gathering the Ministers of the Public Health of High burden High impact countries took place in Yaoundé-Cameroon.

The Civil society salutes the leadership of African countries which have committed themselves through the following 7 commitments of the Yaoundé Declaration to change the situation.

- 1 Strengthening political will,
- 2 Ensuring strategic use of information for action,
- 3 Providing better technical guidance,
- 4 Enhancing coordination and multisectoral action,
- 5 Strengthening national health systems,
- 6 Building collaborative partnerships for resource mobilization, research and innovation,
- 7 Ensuring a functional malaria accountability mechanism.

We, Civil Society Organizations under the global platform CS4ME, recognize the significant efforts and advancements achieved by our governments and all stakeholders engaged in the battle against malaria. We call for a commitment to gender mainstreaming that effectively considers the socio-cultural contexts of communities and acknowledges the vital role of women in combating malaria. Consequently, we advocate for the integration of gender perspectives, emphasizing community involvement in decision-making processes related to the formulation of strategies and the execution of malaria interventions as a fundamental assurance.

We emphasize on the importance of providing malaria control services fairly to all demographic groups within their specific



contexts. In times of crisis, humanitarian conflicts, pandemics, and the effects of climate change, it is essential to consider vulnerable populations, including displaced individuals, refugees, those deprived of their liberty, and persons with disabilities. This consideration should extend to prevention efforts, such as the distribution of long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs), preventive care for pregnant women and children, and the effective management of malaria for everyone.

When reading this report, remember we are not an institution but the voice of communities. These lines are the expression of the real need of the communities and also the return of the investment that each partner is making daily in the fight against Malaria.

Let's continue to join hand together in other to make sure that in a near future no one dies of malaria.

# Acronyms

<b>ACOMIN</b>	Civil Society in Malaria Control, Immunization and Nutrition
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
<b>CCM</b>	Country Coordinating Mechanism
<b>CLM</b>	Community Led Monitoring
<b>CRG</b>	Community, Rights and Gender
<b>CS4ME</b>	Civil Society For Malaria Elimination
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organization
<b>GC7</b>	Grant Cycle 7
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>ISA</b>	Impact Santé Afrique
<b>LA PLATEFORME</b>	Plateforme de réseaux et organisations faitières pour la lutte contre le VIH/SIDA, la tuberculose et le paludisme
<b>NFM</b>	New Funding Model
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>NHDP</b>	National Health Development Plan
<b>NMCP</b>	National Malaria Control Program
<b>NSP</b>	National Strategic Plan
<b>POALP</b>	Plateforme des Organisations et Associations de lutte contre le Paludisme au Congo
<b>PR</b>	Principal Recipient
<b>RACQJ</b>	Réseau des Associations et Organisations des Jeunes congolais
<b>RENAPC</b>	Réseau National des Positifs du Congo
<b>ROPPI</b>	Réseau des Organisations de Populations clés de Côte d'Ivoire
<b>RSSH</b>	Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health
<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis



# 1 Introduction

The Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) network was established in 2019 with the goal of bringing malaria civil society together and strengthening it so that it can play a significant role in bringing about change and eradicating the disease. In fact, the strategic plan for 2021–2025 has provided clear guidance for the platform's operations and further elucidated the roles of all parties involved.

The year 2024 was critical in the implementation of the activities related to the fight against Malaria in many countries. This was because the year marked the beginning of the implementation of the Grant Cycle 7 (GC7) funded by The Global Fund.

Moreover, some important events took place reshaping the fight against Malaria perspectives across Africa. Among those events we can highlight the Yaoundé Ministerial Conference that took place in the month of March and which resulted in a declaration signed by Ministers of Public Health of the High Burden to High Impact Malaria countries. The declaration was shared and disseminated by CS4ME to give the responsibility to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to hold their government accountable for the commitment they have taken by signing the declarations.

During the year, CS4ME awarded GC7 funds to 5 Civil Society organizations in Tanzania, Niger, Nigeria, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire to implement the Community Engagement Strategic Initiative funded by Global Fund. This resulted in the establishment of three new NMCP - CS4ME- Task force in Tanzania, Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana, a Platform where civil Society and National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) work to strengthen their collaboration to improve to take account the main needs of populations vulnerable to malaria.

Also, during the year, CS4ME conducted many activities related to capacity by organizing training webinars and also elaboration of tools to improve the capacity of CSOs on relevant topics.

In this report, we will share with you in a nutshell and figure the result of the activities the coalitions shared.

The following will report outlines the activities and outcomes in accordance with the CS4ME's objectives :

- Strengthen CS4ME member capacity and commitment to achieve malaria elimination;
- Build civil society influence with CCMs/NMCPs/NMEPs in at least 11 countries;
- Demonstrate the capacity and impact of civil society in at least 5 countries;
- Deepen CS4ME's advocacy presence and member capacity;
- Advocate for investing in Civil Society for malaria elimination;
- Strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of CS4ME's governance.

## Key achievements in 2024

- 2024 was the year of the launching of a new project for CS4ME also a year of growth of the network. CS4ME succeeded to :
  - 126 organizations joined CS4ME marking an increase from 774 in 2023 to 900 in 2024, in 48 countries, mainly in Africa and South Asia;
  - Four (04) tools produced to enhance the active participation of civil society actors in Global Fund mechanism, and also their meaningful participation in the fight against malaria in their various communities and countries;
  - Eight (08) webinars organized to help the CSOs acquire new information and share their experiences;
    - An average of 250 participants from 200 CSOs participated during each webinar;
  - 3 new NMCP - CS4ME Task force launched in countries in order to reinforce the civil society participation in decision making process for the fight against Malaria in their countries;
  - One more platform conquered by civil society representatives as CS4ME members in global decision-making bodies - the Community Connector;
  - Gender Equality Fund secured with the Global Fund.

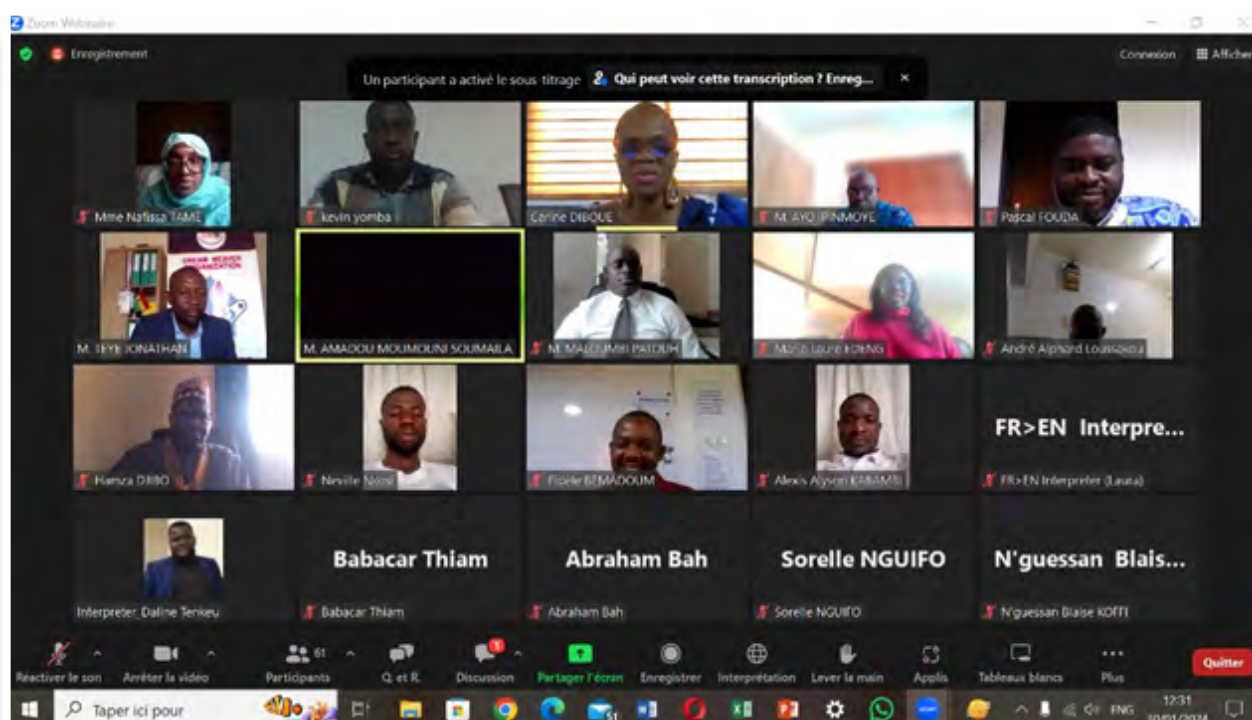
## 2 Strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of CS4ME's governance

Strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of CS4ME's governance was achieved through the demonstration of accountability and transparency of CS4ME both to its members, as well as to external stakeholders. It is specifically about:

- The annual meeting of members to present the results of previous year and suggestions for the current year so that CS4ME activities meet the needs of members;
- The meetings of the steering committee for the strategic, operational and financial follow-up of CS4ME activities;
- The meeting of the Friends of CS4ME high level group;
- The engagement of CS4ME members in the different working groups that support the CS4ME Secretariat in the implementation of the network's activities.

### 2.1 Annual meeting for members

Every beginning of the year, CS4ME Secretariat with the collaboration of its Steering committee organizes an annual conveying for its members. The Annual meeting of CS4ME members is a unique platform where all the members of the network meet to plan the year and have the necessary and same orientations as they will proceed during the year. For the year 2024, the annual meeting took place on Wednesday 31st January 2024. The key points discussed during the meeting was around CS4ME's 2023 key achievement, perspectives for 2024, Update on the 2023 work of the CS4ME working groups Presentation of CS4ME CRG work plan 2024 and others topic as How to become CS4ME member and the new mechanism for CS4ME members. One of the main suggestions during the meeting was to have a framework for periodically strengthening civil society representatives at CCM level, mainly key populations and certain target groups at CCM level, especially in the French-speaking West African zone, which could help them to better share information and evidence in our advocacy actions. Also, it was discussed that CS4ME, through the CCMs, must ensure Civil Society is involved in the process of implementing malaria control activities and that it has the necessary resources to be involved in the activities.



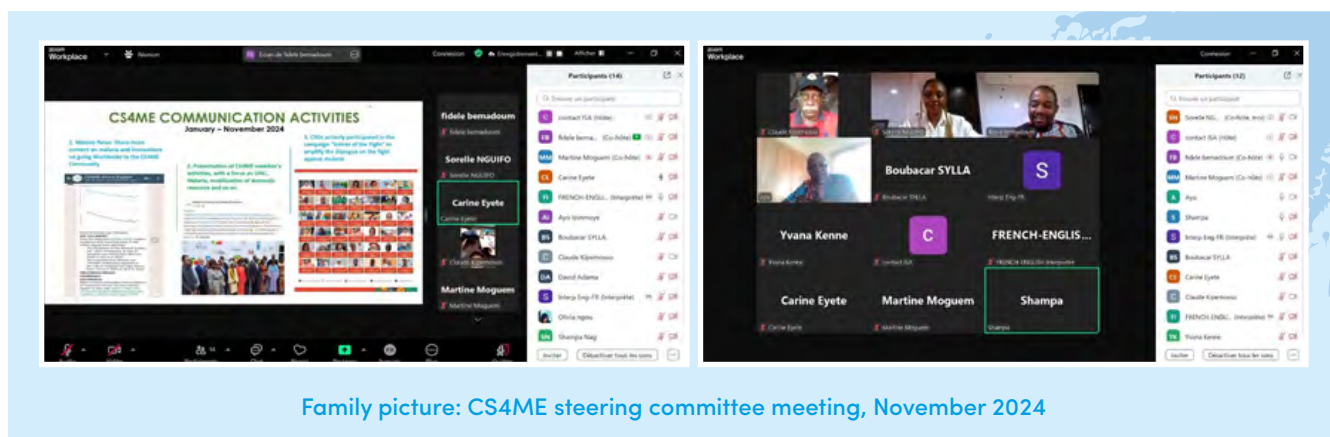
Family picture: CS4ME annual meeting 2024

## 2.2 CS4ME Steering committee



The steering committee is the body of the platform that discusses critical issues and gives recommendations for the good functioning of the network. During 2024, the committee held four quarterly sessions. The group made of high profile volunteers sit to make key decisions for CS4ME. During the meeting they went through and reviewed the implementations of the activities. One of the major points discussed during the third quarterly meeting was on how CS4ME can showcase the work of its members in the WHO 2024 annual report on Malaria. Another point was how to identify Asian members in the steering committee. Also following those meetings, some major recommendations were kept as to:

- Recruit a new asian member to sit to the steering committee;
- Share information and activities carried out by CS4ME members with the Global Fund Board and national CCMs;
- Contribute to the WHO World Report by including CS4ME activities;
- Launch a campaign to mobilize and engage civil society in helping to reverse trends in malaria morbidity and mortality based on data from the World Malaria Report 2024 at national and global level;
- Involve civil society in promoting greater integration and implementation of vector control strategies (VCS) in national malaria control policies and programmes.



Family picture: CS4ME steering committee meeting, November 2024

## 2.3 Friends of CS4ME high level group



During the year 2024, the Friends of CS4ME held one meeting in the month of July. CS4ME recognizes that its partnerships and network are an important asset, particularly as it is strengthening its role and reputation. The friends of CS4ME high level group are equivalent of an advisory body and group of champions, who:

- provide financial support to ensure CS4ME is able to fulfil its mission;
  - provide CS4ME with advice and guidance from an external perspective;
  - serve as external champions of the platform to help amplify its voice and presence
- Member of Friends of CS4ME are;



**Development partners** who are willing to work with CS4ME and other donors to provide strategic support to CS4ME, ensuring that it is able to effectively function in terms of bringing community voices to the national, regional, and global levels, and delivering impact at the community level through engaging communities to participate in malaria elimination;

**Celebrity ambassadors** who are well known either in their communities/countries or are globally recognized, who are willing to represent CS4ME and help share its messages and raise awareness about the importance of the community's role in malaria elimination.

**Governmental stakeholders** who are able to share with the development partners and country Celebrity's participants the priorities in their various countries, the situations and the gap to help them better orient their interventions and funding.

During the meeting, many ideas and recommendations that came up are as follow; about World Malaria Report that will focus on Gender and Equity as the World Malaria Day and it is important to showcase in the report how the work of the civil society in promoting Human right as health response. Another point was about qualitative implementation insight into service uptake was and the idea here is that data CLM data must me valued and CS4ME is well placed to to collect the CLM data in countries and do a one pager that will share to show the importance of the tool.

## 2.4 CS4ME members engagement in strategic working groups

As in previous years, the influence of CS4ME is growing thanks to the participation in strategic working groups. During the year 2024, the CS4ME members participated in many Strategic Groups. In the month of December, the members participated in community connector.

Also, the Civil society participation in Global Fund Board in 2024, in RBM Board in 2024, in the Yaoundé Ministerial conference 2024 - Tackling malaria in countries hardest hit by the disease and also participated in the BIG Push plan.

Another great news for CS4ME was the nomination of its members **Ayo Ipinmoye (ACOMIN)** from Nigeria (left picture) and **Hamza Djibo (ESCAVI)** from Niger (right picture) on their recent appointment to the RBM Partnership for Malaria Elimination Board as alternate members of the Board representing civil society.



With their experience and proven leadership in global health, CS4ME is confident that their contributions will significantly enhance the work of the Council and the Partnership as a whole to advance the shared vision of a malaria-free world.

### 3 Strengthening CS4ME members capacity to achieving malaria elimination

One of CS4ME's main missions is to strengthen the capabilities of its members. Once again, this year, the secretariat has implemented several capacity-building activities, including civil society malaria coffee talk sessions, the development of several tools for the effective participation of civil society malaria in the GC7 process, and training in these tools, as well as training in Community-Led Monitoring (CLM).

#### 3.1 CS4ME Training Webinars

One of the objectives of CS4ME is to build the capacity of its members so that they have updated information about Malaria. The training webinars are organized based on topics identified by CSOs. Once they are identified, experts are contacted to do presentations and to interact with the CSOs.

During 2024, we organized 4 webinars and we also replay 1 webinar. The first webinar on gender in July was animated by an expert from Clinton Health Access Initiatives (CHAI) and the second webinar that took place in November was animated by a Gender Expert of the Global Fund Mrs Emilomo Ogbe.

The CSOs were trained on the following topics during the year

➤ **How to integrate Gender in Malaria Control Activities:** The key target here was to help the CSOs to integrate gender in Malaria control activities. The CSOs were so interested in the topic and recommended having a more practical session which we organized with the expert from the Global Fund in the month of November.

➤ **Resistance in the fight against Malaria Causes Challenges and Remedial Actions:** The aim of this webinar was to edify CSOs to understand the causes of resistance in the fight against malaria, assess the associated issues and challenges, and propose concrete and effective actions to remedy them. The recommendations of the CSOs was to share with them the new resistance about Malaria when results of research are out.

➤ **How to conduct and effective Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning of malaria control interventions:** The objective of this webinar was to help the CSOs to have an effective MEAL mechanism. Following the training, the CSOs requested to have a training on how to capitalize and document their asset

Each training registers more than 80 participants from more than 20 countries.

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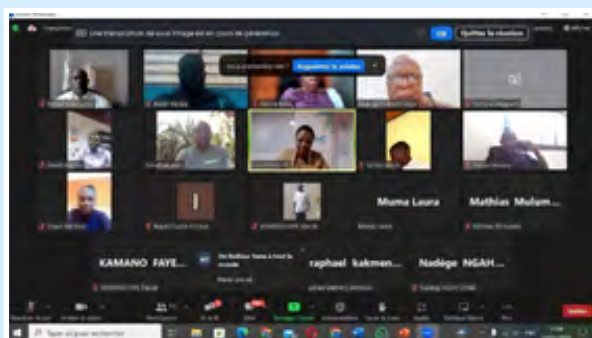
### 3.2 Civil Society malaria coffee talk

The Malaria Civil Coffee Talk is a great opportunity during which CSOs meet to learn more about on one particular topic. During the webinars, CSOs are invited to share their experience with the participants and improve the south-south collaboration. During the year, CS4ME held 4 malaria coffee talks in May, September, October and November. The Topic of the discussions were around challenges in the implementation of the GC7. Also, the presentation like CLM of malaria interventions, Community involvement in the fight against malaria, were among the topics.

During each coffee talk webinar, we recorded the participation of an average of 100 participants for each meeting from more than 44 organizations. The webinars were translated in English and in French to help more CSOs get access to the sharing's.

Some key takes away from these coffee talks were:

- The elaboration of a best practices document and a one-pager to synthesize how to implement malaria CLM in Africa;
- Advocacy targeting private sector to fund the activities related to the fight against Malaria.



Flyer and family picture Malaria Civil Society Coffee talks sessions May 2024

### 3.3 Enhancing Civil Society with specific tools related on malaria



Tool developed by the CS4ME secretariat

One of the assets of CS4ME is to be able to have resources they can use for their activities on the field. For this reason, CS4ME each year and when there is an opportunity to elaborate tools and sometimes update existing tools so that the CSOs are equipped to tackle new topics because they have updated information at hand. During the year, CS4ME worked and updated the following Tools. For all the tools, webinars were organized as to make sure that the civil society contribute in elaboration and also to reinforce their ownership.

- The Global Fund: What I must know as a civil Society Organization active in the fight against Malaria;
- How to develop a SMART advocacy action plan;
- Facilitation guide for monitoring of key malaria interventions at community level under the Global Funds GC7 grant;
- The CS4ME Community-Led Monitoring for key Malaria programs for CSOs.



### 3.4 The CS4ME World Malaria Day annual forum 2024



This year, the annual CS4ME forum took place on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in a zoom format on the theme: **“Advancing the fight – ensuring malaria interventions are communities centered”**. This forum was organized as a prelude to the celebration of the 17th World Malaria Day. During this annual CS4ME forum, 284 participants from 34 different countries coming from Africa, Asia, North America and South America, and Europe attended the forum online. The main objectives of the forum was to share the global malaria situation with a particular attention to Africa and South Asia, and the key commitments of the Yaoundé Declaration; share the key principles to build gender malaria transformative programs; share advancing equity and human rights in malaria programs; present the Global Fund approach and tools box for CSOs; present a gender approach to reducing malaria among pregnant women; present the key role of civil society and communities to advance the malaria fight; present how to reach the most vulnerable

with malaria services in different contexts; present CS4ME and the tools developed by CS4ME for members; collect feedback from CS4ME members and partners on how to ensure that no one is left behind on access and use of malaria services; continue promoting community monitoring and engagement in the context of malaria control and elimination; share best practices and first-hand experiences of community engagement with CSOs and other stakeholders.

During the webinar, pre-recorded presentations and speeches were broadcast, followed by open discussion sessions for participants. In addition, some speakers were able to give their presentations in live and interact directly with participants to inform them about the various concepts covered in the presentations. The CS4ME secretariat acted as moderator, coordinating exchanges between all participants and speakers, as well as providing logistical support. Different discussion topics were presented by speakers through five sessions : foremost, the opening session tackled about malaria situation in the world – where we are now ?; then the first session focus on building malaria gender transformative programs, followed by the second session which focused on ensuring equity in malaria programs & reaching the most vulnerable: experience from civil society in several countries, finally the third session focused on moving forward – key actions civil society can take to advance health equity, gender and human rights in malaria programs – leave no one behind.



Participants of the CS4ME annual forum 2024



# 4 Building civil society influence with National Malaria Control Program

## 4.1 Task force NMCP-CS4ME

The Task Force is a **CS4ME initiative** that can be defined as a mechanism for formal exchanges to strengthen the partnership between the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) and civil society, serving as a platform for discussions on current needs in the fight against malaria, strategies implemented at national level, gaps identified and the role of civil society in this fight.

The NMCP - Civil Society CS4ME Task Force is a framework for consultation between the NMCP and CSOs active in the fight against malaria and members of CS4ME. This is a mechanism for civil society to regularly engage with the NMCP afin exchange information and views as partners, and contribute in the implementation of national strategies and decisions to improve the fight against malaria at country level.

### 4.1.1 Launching of NMCP-CS4ME platform in Ghana



Picture launching task force NMCP-CS4ME Ghana 2024  
(with the CS4ME focal point Mrs Cecilia Seno'o)

The launch of the NMCP-CS4ME-OSC Ghana taskforce. A national working group on the National Malaria Elimination Program (NMEP) and CS4ME was created, composed of eleven (11) members including representatives of the NMCP, members of the CCM and CSO malaria and media. The rationale for this taskforce is to strengthen the capacity of CSOs/NGOs to improve awareness at the community level, increase awareness, change behavior and increase advocacy efforts using data analyzed by CLM. The taskforce's mandate includes:

- Strategic direction: Provide technical support to CSOs and NGOs for effective participation in malaria elimination efforts;
- Capacity building: Develop training programs on advocacy, communication, resource mobilization and malaria elimination strategies;
- Collaboration: Facilitate information sharing and collaboration between CSOs/NGOs, the NMEP, and the CCM;
- National Advocacy Strategy: Develop and implement a strategy to influence policy and mobilize resources;
- Evaluation of Contributions: Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of CSO/NGO contributions to malaria elimination efforts.

The second meeting was held to orient members of the Taskforce on their mandate and functions. The main facilitator was the NMEP Coordinator. The emphasis laid on resource mobilization will be on how private enterprises can shoulder the financial burden of malaria interventions.

### 4.1.2 Launching of NMCP-CS4ME platform in Cote d'Ivoire

On 15 October 2025 Cote d'Ivoire launched their first NMCP-CS4ME task Force. During that first meeting 04 malaria CSOs, 04 SRs met with others partners like, Save The Children, five partners (HIV, RIOF, RIJES, COLTMR CI, FENOSCI), 02 members of the CCM, and the NMCP, along with four members of the platform met for this launching that was a significant milestone for the activities that will really enable Malaria Civil Society in the country to express the needs of communities.

The Task Force was created to strengthen community involvement, support advocacy on behalf of vulne-

rable populations and improve access to healthcare services. It is made up of CSOs, technical and financial partners, and government representatives.



Family picture of the launch of the Task Force at Cote d'Ivoire

#### 4.1.3 Launching of NMCP-CS4ME platform in Tanzania



NMCP – CS4ME National Task Force in Tanzania was launched on August 2024 with the participation of Malaria communities, CSOs, NMCP, and TNCM representatives. The launch was made possible through collaboration among the stakeholders and TOR development and agreed to both parties. After the launch, 9 CSOs members were selected (through sending applications) to join the task force member. 6 members were also selected from NMCP to make the total number of 15 members of the Task Force. The Task Force members met physically for the quarter meeting which also was

an opportunity for them to select representatives from CSOS and NMCP respectively. In this meeting members also shared challenges on malaria services delivery to local communities especially the management of mosquito nets, gender barriers that hinders access of women to malaria services, SBCC and issues around GC7 implementation update.

#### 4.1.4 NMCP – CS4ME meetings in the others countries (Cameroon, DRC, Niger and Nigeria)



Expertise France team at the 3rd quarterly meeting of the Task Force NMCP – CS4ME Cameroon

In **Cameroon** The NMCP – CS4ME Cameroon taskforce held four quarterly meetings in 2024. During the third and fourth meeting, representatives from Expertise France and from the Global Fund took part. The taskforce's monitoring and evaluation committee has completed more than 70% of the joint actions agreed to contribute in the fight against malaria in Cameroon. These meetings have provided an opportunity to exchange information on key interventions by the NMCP and CSOs, to identify critical issues facing communities in the fight against malaria and to advocate for the

needs of vulnerable populations to be taken into account. Collaboration between the NMCP and CSOs has been strengthened. The Task Force model has been proposed to the Cameroon's national HIV/AIDS fight committee for replication to enhance collaboration between this Committee and HIV civil society.

In **DRC**, The NMCP- CS4ME Task Force meeting took place on August 23rd, 2024. The main purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the recommendations formulated at Task Force meeting of 2023 and identified best practices that could contribute to improving malaria control. Two presentations were made, one on universal health coverage in relation to malaria by Ms Clarisse MBO of NMCP and the other on the One Impact approach by Maxime LUNGA of STOP TB DRC.

In **Nigeria** The first meeting of the task force for the year 2024 took place in July with 22 participants in collaboration with the National Malaria Elimination Program (NMEP). Its objective was to ensure alignment of the Honorable Minister's 9-point agenda for malaria intervention in Nigeria across all thematic areas. The Ministerial Roundtable on 'Rethinking Malaria' provided a central platform for stakeholders to assess the current state of malaria control efforts in Nigeria, explore innovative strategies, and forge partnerships to accelerate progress towards elimination. The commitments made and strategies outlined underline the collective will to fight malaria and improve public health outcomes in Nigeria. At the end of the forum, the coordinating minister for Health and Social Protection drew up and shared a list of nine key changes and strategic actions to combat malaria in Nigeria.



In **Niger**, 04 sessions of the NMCP-CS4ME Task Force were organized in June, August, November, and December respectively. The issues addressed were: the importance of sharing the activities of the CE-SI project to the NMCP, the necessity to identify the actions to be carried out together for 2024, and the importance of conducting a national mapping of CSOs involved in the fight against malaria in Niger.



## 5 Civil Society Advocacy for communities at the national, regional and global level

- 150 LLins Distributed to orphanage in Douala;
- 60 local leaders were sensitized;
- 17,000 people covered Indoor Residual Spraying in the fight against malaria.

### 5.1 Advocacy campaigns in DRC

During the year 2024, RACOF, a CS4ME member conducted an advocacy activity targeting the religious leader. The aim of that advocacy action was to mobilize local opinion leaders (pastors and others) to strengthen communication within communities for the use of Malaria services. Following the advocacy meetings organized across 3 health zones in the Kinshasa Provincial Health Division, they recorded the following results:

- 3 advocacy meetings organized to mobilize local leaders in the fight against malaria.
- 60 local leaders sensitized to the challenges of communication and general information on malaria;
- 3 exchange frameworks for local players to boost communication in the fight against malaria have been set up, and will be supported by the respective BCZs.

### 5.2 Advocating for the inclusion of socially vulnerable populations in the fight against malaria in Cameroon

Thanks to an advocacy conducted by CS4ME in Cameroon, a LLIN handover ceremony took place on Friday, April 5, 2024 at the Coeur de Jesus orphanage in the Bangue health district of Douala. The aim of this activity was to make 150 LLINs available to 07 orphanages identified in the Bangue and Cité des Palmiers health districts, in the commune of Douala 5ème.

The ceremony was attended by public health and Ministry of Social Affairs (MINAS) officials from the Region, as well as CSOs from the city of Douala who are members of the NMCP- CS4ME Cameroun Task Force.

In the continuity of that advocacy to improve the coverage of the Socially vulnerable populations in the fight against malaria, CS4ME following a meeting held in December 2023, organized a strategic follow-up meeting to take into account the priority needs of socially vulnerable populations in the fight against Malaria within the framework of the GC7. During that meeting which took place on the 31 July 2024 in Yaoundé, the following recommendations were noted

- Having a budgeted action plan for activities targeting the vulnerable population,
- Making sure the Ministry of Social Affairs is involved in the process of the elaboration of the strategic plan of the fight against Malaria
- Making sure the activities related to the fight against Malaria is taking into account during special event for Vulnerable populations.

### 5.3 Promoting the use of indoor residual spraying in the fight against malaria: The case of Guinea

During the year, The NGO Club des Amis du Monde member of CS4ME in Guinea implemented the Indoor residual spraying (IRS). Indoor residual spraying (IRS) involves applying long-acting insecticides (6-12 months) to the walls and roofs of homes. To implement this project, the CSO started by elaborating the document procedures and tools to collect the data. Then they proceeded by the recruitment of the human resources and the elaboration of a follow up plan. The project was implemented thanks to the financial support of a mining company in the administrative division of Beyla, Kérouané and Forécariah, covering a population of over 17,000 people.



Thanks to the project, there was significant reduction in malaria rates in project areas (e.g. from 47% to 15% in Boffa). Also, as it improved the involvement of the community, it also helped to transfer vector control skills to communities.

## 5.4 Civil Society Advocacy for communities at the national, regional and global level

The year 2024 was another greatest opportunity to reinforce the presence of Civil Society on a significant advocacy platform. So, this year the Civil Society participated to the **Community Connector meeting platform** from the 3rd to 5th December, 2024, CS4ME joined the Community Connectors Platform meeting at the Global Fund's headquarters in Geneva. The goal was to harness and amplify the expertise of communities to strengthen the malaria response. The Community Connector is a dynamic platform that enables the Global Fund Secretariat to tap into community knowledge, share effective strategies, and overcome challenges in implementing policies and programmes. This effort supports the Global Fund's Communities, Rights, and Gender (CRG) Strategic Initiative, which highlights the critical role of human rights and gender equality in ending epidemics like HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.

# 6 Gender Equality Fund Initiative

During the year, CS4ME signed a 3 year (August 2024–December 2026) new project under the Gender Equality Fund Initiative. The project is being implemented by a consortium of Partners among which Tb Women and Yplus Global as the lead of the consortium. The Focus Countries of the project are Zambia, Lesotho, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, Eswatini.

The project goal is to work with communities to design, deliver, advocate for and influence gender-transformative and gender affirming approaches to health with three main objectives that are

**Objective 1:** Strengthen the delivery of Adolescents Girls and Young Women (AGYW) led/serving CBO grants in Nigeria to advocate for integrated HIV, TB and Malaria responses for AGYW. Our call for proposals will emphasize this focus on integration and CS4ME will support the review of Nigeria small grants applications, ensuring integration of Malaria components is clearly articulated and concise outcomes developed in the application.

**Objective 2:** To support AGYW leaders in all our diversity to exert influence and advocate effectively for integrated, gender-transformative policies and programmes that promote the health, wellbeing and rights across HIV, TB and Malaria.

**Objective 3:** Strengthening the technical capacity of AGYW in all their diversity in 6 countries (Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Nigeria and Zambia) with a strong focus on TB, Malaria and gender specifically, and developing their leadership capacity through a TB Leadership Academy.

CS4ME will be conducting training and also support advocacy efforts of AGYW within the project. During the year, the following activities were

- The participation to the inception meeting with all national stakeholders including the Nigeria CCM, line ministries such as Ministry of Health, National Aids Council to introduce the Gender Equality Fund (GEF) with aim to strengthening gender transformative advocacy initiatives for integrating HIV, TB, SRHR, and GBV as key priorities, took place in Nigeria in August 2024;
- The Review of Call for applications GEF grantees by CS4ME to ensure the ask of the Malaria component is very clear and visible;
- The nomination of a Malaria representative as part of the Project Advisory Group;
- The Selection of 3 Malaria AGYW to participate in the first cohort of the TB Academy;
- The Elaboration of the plan and the first draft of the Malaria Modules to be integrated in the TB Academy to strengthen HVF/GEF grantee's technical capacity on TB and Malaria, for effective and integrated advocacy approaches to improve health outcomes.

## 7 Challenges

The perfect storm in the malaria fight globally affected primarily communities access to lifesaving malaria services . Communities are facing multiple challenges due to:

- Insufficient financing for malaria to scale up interventions in all areas at risks and accelerate innovations and including support for strong community engagement;
- Climate change and extreme weather events/flooding ;
- Increasing malaria cases in many areas;
- Spread of mosquito resistance to perythroids which require purchasing new nets that address this issue;
- Insufficient coverage of communities with malaria tools (nets, vaccines, testing, treatments ..) especially those in rural, remote areas, conflict zones;
- Insufficient usage of malaria prevention tools and deployment of communication programs tailored to communities needs in their diversity and inclusive of gender human rights and cultural issues;
- Insufficient coverage and funding dedicate for community health workers.

## 8 Perspectives and conclusions

It essential and urgent to ensure global, national, sub national commitments to end malaria and increase accountability.

Following the Yaounde declaration signed in 2024, CS4ME intends to ensure monitoring of the engagements taken by countries, especially the malaria domestic budgets allocation.

In addition , 2025 is a critical year with the upcoming Global Fund & GAVI replenishments. CS4ME will actively contribute to advocacy campaigns leveraging the voices of civil society.

We will join forces and foster partnerships with networks of CSOs in HIV, TB and including youths and women based organizations to increase effective community health in countries.

We will continue to build capacity of CSOs in malaria technical areas, innovative approaches & tools, gender integration, resources mobilization and community led monitoring. Gender was at the heart of topics discussed in the Malaria community and this was reinforced by the award of the Gender Equality Fund to CS4ME.

Finally, CS4ME will conquer new ground in term in collaboration between National malaria control Programs (NMCPs) and civil society at country level with the launch of CS4ME - NMCPs taskforces in additional countries.

We believe strong community engagement and demand will lead us to achieving malaria elimination goals.

Join us and let's work together to save lives.

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