



APMEN ANNUAL MEETING

7 September 2020, 13:00 – 17:00 Hanoi time (GMT+7)

Introduction

The Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network (APMEN), established in 2009, is a network of national malaria programs (NMP) and partner institutions, including research, academic, and implementing organisations to provide technical and operational support to NMPs for accelerating malaria elimination.

APMEN is hosted by the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) and the APMEN Annual Meeting is an important element of the virtual Malaria Week that is being hosted by the Government of Viet Nam this year. The Annual Meeting provides a forum for NMPs and partners to review technical and operational progress and challenges from across Asia and the Pacific, and to elevate lessons learned and challenges encountered for policy advocacy with senior officials at the APLMA Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) during Malaria Week.

Background

National malaria programs have faced new challenges this year, due to COVID-19, in their ability to ensure continued malaria service delivery. The pandemic has also placed significant restrictions on travel. The APMEN Secretariat developed a series of webinars 'APMENxChange' and 'APMEN TechTalks' to support continued sharing of information and knowledge exchange through the network. The APMEN Working Groups (Vector Control, Vivax and Surveillance & Response) have hosted these webinars to focus on the technical challenges faced by NMPs and to allow for sharing of expertise and latest developments from research and implementation across the network. More information on the APMEN webinars [here](#).

This year's APMEN Annual Meeting will focus on critical challenges highlighted by NMPs, including the challenges of engagement with private providers and integrated community-based approaches to malaria elimination. We hope through discussions at the Annual Meeting, each NMP will be able to dig deeper into these areas in their individual country context to enhance their national and subnational efforts.

AGENDA

Time	Topics	Session Chair/Speakers
13:00-13:30	Opening session	
	Opening Remarks	Prof Tran Thanh Duong, Director, NIMPE, Viet Nam
	Progress made towards elimination and challenges due to COVID-19	Prof Tikki Pang, Chair, Board of Directors, APLMA
	Country engagement to strengthen health systems for improved malaria outcomes	Dr Sarthak Das, Chief Executive Officer, APLMA
13:30-15:00	Session 1. Private provider engagement for malaria elimination	
13:30	Introduction to session	Ms Sandii Lwin, Founder and Managing Director, Myanmar Health and Development Consortium (MHDC)
13:40 – 14:10	National Malaria Program (NMP) experiences with private provider engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghanistan • Indonesia • Myanmar 	<p>Dr Sami Nahzat, NMLCP Manager, Ministry of Public Health, Afghanistan</p> <p>Dr Didik Budijanto, Director, Vector-borne and Zoonotic Disease Prevention and Control Program, Ministry of Health, Indonesia</p> <p>Dr Wint Phyoo Than, Deputy Director (VBDC), Ministry of Health & Sports, Myanmar</p>
14: 15	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some of the challenges and opportunities with strengthening quality of private providers? • How can we integrate data from the private sector into national health systems? • Timing and funding of private provider engagement plans • Experiences from the TB program • Peer to peer collaboration: Learning from the Zambian experience 	<p>Moderated by Ms Sandii Lwin</p> <p>Dr Mutinta Mudenda, Director, National Malaria Elimination Centre, Zambia</p> <p>Dr Kemi Tesfazghi, Program Director (GEMS+), Population Services International (PSI)</p> <p>Dr Badri Thapa, Scientist (Malaria & Environment Health), WHO Myanmar</p> <p>Mr Arnab Pal, Senior Manager (TB Programs), Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)</p>
14:48	Wrap up: summary of discussions and priority actions and recommendations for SOM	Ms Amita Chebbi, Senior Director, APMEN

15:00-17:00	Session 2. Sustaining malaria interventions during a pandemic – the critical role of community-based approaches in health system strengthening	
15:00	Welcome remarks and overview of session	Ms Josselyn Neukom, APMEN/APLMA Consultant Mr Ben Sadek, Senior Advocacy Lead, Comic Relief
15:15	Community-based approaches – the evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaria Consortium • PSI • Solomon Islands 	Discussion facilitated by Josselyn Neukom Dr Htin Kyaw Thu, Technical Specialist, Malaria Consortium Asia Dr Han Win Htat, Deputy Country Director, PSI Myanmar Dr Leonard Boaz, Deputy Director, Vector Borne Disease Control Program, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Solomon Islands
16: 05	Sustaining community-based interventions through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh • Cambodia • Health Poverty Action • Medical Action Myanmar 	Discussion facilitated by Josselyn Neukom Dr Afsana Alamgir Khan, Deputy Program Manager, Malaria & ATD, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh Dr Siv Sovannaroth, Chief of Technical Bureau and Malaria Program/PIP Manager, National Center for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria Control, Ministry of Health, Cambodia Dr Thet Lynn, Deputy Director, Health Poverty Action, Lao PDR Dr Hnin Su Su Khin, Operations Director, Medical Action Myanmar
16:45	Wrap up: Overview of key themes and priority actions and recommendations for SOM	Josselyn Neukom

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