

Symposium on Malaria prevention and control in mobile and hard-to-reach populations

6-8 April, 2022, Paramaribo, Suriname





Sharing knowledge and continuing the global conversation on controlling and eliminating malaria in remote populations

The Suriname Ministry of Health, supported by TDR, the European Regional Development Fund (FEDER) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, will host a symposium on malaria prevention and control in mobile and hard-to-reach populations on 6-8 April 2022, in Paramaribo, Suriname.

The symposium will bring together experts, technical agencies and health institutions working across the globe to share knowledge, innovative approaches and tools aimed at eliminating malaria in these at-risk populations.

Malaria is still highly prevalent in many mobile and hard-to-reach populations in the Guiana Shield region, as well as in other parts of the world. This is mainly due to their mobility and remote locations, which make it difficult to access adequate diagnostic and treatment services.

The inability to reach these communities and provide adequate services not only undermines global efforts to eliminate malaria, but also reduces the quality of life and economic prospects of these communities.

To address this challenge, there is a need for targeted approaches and tools that focus on the specific requirements of the populations concerned.

Currently, innovative solutions and interventions are being developed, tested and proven at many research sites in malaria-affected parts of the world. These include, for example, the Malakit project, a study which evaluates the impact and potential further development of a malaria self-diagnosis and treatment kit in these populations.

This symposium aims to give these types of innovations greater visibility within the global community, in order to accelerate the implementation of solutions to eliminate malaria and leave no one behind.



Background to the symposium

A regional meeting on malaria in mobile populations was organized by the Suriname Ministry of Health's Malaria Programme in 2019. It was attended by countries in the Guiana Shield, France, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Global Fund.

The 2022 symposium, organized by the Suriname Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Foundation for the Advancement for Scientific Research in Suriname (SWOS) and the Centre Hospitalier de Cayenne, aims to continue the discussions initiated in 2019.

The main objectives of the symposium are to:



Share experiences and lessons learned from innovative approaches to malaria control and prevention in mobile and hard-to-reach populations;



Share preliminary results from ongoing operational research projects or pilot studies on this topic; and



Discuss the applicability of innovative strategies in different contexts.

The symposium will also be an opportunity to facilitate networking among key experts and implementers in the field and foster coordinated efforts to eradicate malaria.

A summary report with an overview of the strategies developed or in-progress and their impact will also be made available and disseminated after the symposium.

Details on how to register for the event can be found [here](#).

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