



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Zero Malaria! Civil society is engaged**

### **Launch of the first global network of Civil Society Organizations for Malaria Elimination on April 25, 2019**

**Uniting civil society organizations and communities to achieve malaria elimination**

**#AccelerateTheMovement**

On April 25, 2019, will be held in Paris (France), the official ceremony of the World Malaria Day jointly organized by RBM- Partnership to end malaria, WHO and the French Government. This date will be the marked by the official launch of the Global Civil Society Network for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME).

CS4ME was created at the first World Malaria Congress in July 2018 in Australia, during a strategic workshop organized by GFAN Asia-Pacific and APCASO with the support of the Global Fund to fight AIDS TB and Malaria and the Congress organizers, the meeting was attended by 40 organizations from around the world including representatives of communities and civil society engaged in the fight against malaria at national, regional and global levels.

"At a time when the world has the resources and tools to prevent and treat malaria, it is unacceptable that it is mainly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities that continue to suffer and die from this preventable and curable disease. This is why civil society and communities have decided to join forces and work in synergy with various stakeholders in a more effective way to eliminate malaria." Says Ms. Ngou Olivia, Global Coordinator CS4ME. On World Malaria Day the network will be officially launched and organizations will be asked to register.

Civil Society organizations play a key role in the road to achieve malaria elimination.

Regional malaria civil society platform, Greater Mekong Sub-region in collaboration with more than 50 civil society organizations and in partnership with the National Malaria Control Program, academia and research organization, lead advocacy actions towards local leaders and strong community actions through engaging community and civil society organization at national and regional level, providing opportunity for networking and sharing best practices, cross learning, capacity development and advocacy campaign.

We welcome and encourage these efforts.

#### **About CS4ME**

CS4ME's goal is to connect civil society organizations and malaria control communities on a single platform. Promote and advocate for malaria control programs and interventions to be more effective, sustainable, equitable, innovative, inclusive of civil society, community-based, human rights and gender-based and adequately funded. To become a member of CS4ME, [for civil society organization's working in the fight against malaria](#), register from April 26, 2019 on our website.

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