

# THE REGIONAL CSO MALARIA PLATFORM

Secretariat: ARC, Bangkok, Thailand

*The Regional Malaria CSO Platform in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) is a network of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) from the Global Fund RAI implementing countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam. The Platform serves as the CSO constituency engagement mechanism for the RAI RSC.*



The Regional Malaria CSO Platform aims to provide common space to all the CSOs from the GMS that are working on malaria or working for the communities vulnerable to malaria in the region through other development programs e.g. for education, human right provision, and other health services, including to the Mobile Migrant, Ethnic and Vulnerable (MMEV) populations. It is a platform for sharing good practices, capacity strengthening and coordinated actions for advocacy

and policy change to address malaria issues among vulnerable groups.

Work of the platform is to support CSOs and the community for access to health services and avoid unnecessary legal and policy barriers, discrimination by reaching out directly to organizations and networks that provide services and are managed and run by the community.

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***CSO platform was established in 2014 with initiative of the RAI RSC CSO representatives, as a common space for CSO to come and share information best practices, lesson learnt, issues and challenges from the RAI grant. ARC is host of platform and received grant from the GF to run the platform activities for the period of the 2018-2020 under the RAI2E***

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## PLATFORM MAIN GOALS:

The main goal of the platform is to provide common space to CSOs in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam to share information, advocacy, transparency & accountability and good governance of RAI2E regional implementation. This

effort is to help community in accessing to services and avoid unnecessary barriers with the policy, discrimination and stigma by reaching out directly to service provider networks that manage and operate by the community.

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## PLATFORM ADVOCACY AGENDA

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*The platform advocacy is focused to strengthen and empower communities, with adequate resources, regardless of their identity, legal status and geographic location. Platform advocacy are focused on three thematic areas bellows:*

1. Community engagement and community led service
2. Multi-sectoral collaboration and domestic resources for UHC
3. Surveillance and data utilization

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### COUNTRIES COVERED:

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam

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### ***Approved Grant Funding from the Global fund.***

***Total approved funding USD 922,690***

*Approved funding 2018: USD 269,263*

*Approved funding 2019: USD 330,328*

*Approved funding 2020: USD 323,099*

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## THE CSO PLATFORM KEY ACTIVITIES (2018 – 2020)

**1. Regional consultation:** This activity is planned to organize twice a year prior to each RAI RSC meeting. Purpose is to provide a unique opportunity to learn and to share information among the CSOs of RAI2E implementing countries and prioritize issues and challenges for RAI RSC CSO representative to share with broader RSC as an advocacy effort.

**2. National consultation:** Purpose of national consultation is to bring Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), community-based network, malaria risk population network such as migrant and ethnic community network and country CCM malaria representatives in one place at national level and discuss the effectiveness of Regional Artemisinin Initiatives 2 Elimination (RAI2E) implementation as well as issues from the field level implementation experiences.

**3. Cross learning and field visit:** The exposure visit will enable CSO to interact with and learn from each other, allowing them to view and share practical examples of challenges and success in malaria situation.

CSO representatives from Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand will be invited to join the learning visit.

**4. Training and coordination for technical support to CSOs:** This activity is aimed to provide technical support to CSOs to improve their capacity in advocacy. Platform will connect its country network to related organization who provides technical information and guidance. This also includes multi-sectoral collaboration including engagement with private sectors and donors in RAI2 E implementing countries and improve.

**5. Community network building:** Project partner (CSO of 5 GMS countries) will review and map out existing networks of migrant workers, volunteers, ethnic community, forest and farmworkers, youth and women in the implementing areas at national level to provide strengthen community voice and engage them meaningfully in the Global Fund RAI grant. This is also to build/strengthen network capacity to serve their community after finishing of the Global Fund grant.

**GOVERNANCE OF THE MALARIA CSO PLATFORM**

*Regional Malaria CSO platform is governed by the steering committee, which is a group of CSO representatives from Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Lao PDR. Each country has nominated 3 steering committee members, where 1 of them is as a focal person for the country level coordination. RAI RSC CSO representatives serve as advisors to the platform. Steering committee meets at least 2 times per year to discuss platform activities and ensure effective and transparent governance mechanism of the platform*

**PLATFORM STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**Cambodia:**

- Partners for Development (Pfd), focal organization
- Malaria Consortium
- Catholic Relief Service Office (CRS)

**Thailand:**

- Raks Thai Foundation, focal organization
- World Vision Foundation of Thailand
- Kenan Institute, Thailand

**Lao PDR:**

- Lao Positive Health Association (LaoPHA), focal organization
- Population Education and Development Association (PEDA)
- Health Poverty Association (HPA), Lao PDR

**Vietnam:**

- Center for Supporting Community Development Initiatives (SCD)), focal organization
- Center for Health Consultation and Community Development (CHD)
- Vacant

**Myanmar:**

- Population Service International (PSI), focal organization
- University Research Co., LLC (URC)
- Save the Children

**RAI RSC CSO REPRESENTATIVES AND ADVISORS:**

**RAI RSC CSO representatives and Advisors:**

*Louis Da Gama, and Frank Smithuis*

**RAI RSC CSO alternate representatives:**

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