



METRICS FOR MANAGEMENT

## CASE STUDY: Updated Malaria Indicators and Data Framework

Location: Global | Funding: Gates Foundation

### THE CHALLENGE

Between 2000-2015, comprehensive efforts to combat malaria resulted in declines in both incidences and mortality worldwide. From increased funding to decreased costs for essential interventions, such as long-lasting insecticidal nets and lower-priced drugs, global cases and mortality rates fell by 37% and 60%, respectively, saving an estimated 6.2 million lives in sub-Saharan Africa alone. Since then, funding has leveled off, and issues like insecticide resistance and COVID-19 disruption have contributed to an increase in both cases and deaths.

### THE SOLUTION

With the support of the Gates Foundation, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria engaged Metrics for Management (M4M) in revising Global Fund's framework for malaria data — making the framework more user-centered with enhanced country-driven data collection. M4M led a consultative process

to ensure indicator revisions incorporated feedback from donors and country programs and explored alternative data collection methods to improve the timeliness and granularity of data for key malaria indicators, an important step with the end of the DHS program. M4M worked closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) to ensure alignment between Global Fund and WHO indicators.



The Global Fund's initiative will lead to more nuanced and timely data and enable better-informed programmatic decisions at the sub-national level. The ultimate goal, with an updated framework for future interventions, is to renew the downward trend, reducing malaria morbidity and mortality worldwide.

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