

# INFORMATION SESSION



## **Call for expressions of interest**

Stepping up the fight  
against malaria through  
community-based  
approaches

L'Initiative – L'Accélérateur / Tuesday, December 10, 2024

# AGENDA OF THE SESSION

1. Introducing L'Initiative and L'Accélérateur
2. Presentation of CoEI Malaria
3. How to submit an application
4. Questions / Answers



## L'INITIATIVE IN A NUTSHELL

## OUR MANDATE

Launched at the end of 2011, L'Initiative is a facility implemented by Expertise France to complement the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

It **provides technical assistance** and **financial support** to Global Fund recipient countries to improve the effectiveness of its grants and enhance the health impact of funded programs. In this way, it helps ensure the effectiveness of **pandemic response** and **health systems**.

Forty countries are eligible for support from L'Initiative. Recent developments in L'Initiative are amplifying its **catalytic effect** by strengthening the capacities of health players, improving institutional, political and social frameworks, and supporting innovative approaches to pandemics.

Today, L'Initiative is a key partner in the Global Fund's impact.

It gives France and its players - the world of scientific and medical

research, civil society, public agencies, etc. - an unprecedented position in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Its budget for the current three-year period is 319 M€ / year (2023-2025), corresponding to 20% of **France's contribution to the Global Fund**.

The Initiative is governed by a multi-disciplinary **Steering Committee**, chaired by the French **Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs**. Members include representatives of civil society, AFD, the French Ministry of Health and Prevention, the research community, and permanent guests including the Global Fund Secretariat.

## HOW WE WORK

### Technical Assistance on demand

**Channel Expertises** is L'Initiative's technical assistance. Implemented throughout the year, missions vary in duration.

Their aim: to support those involved in the fight against pandemics in accessing and implementing Global Fund grants, with a capacity-building approach.

### Financing catalytic initiatives

The Initiative's **Projects Channel** supports medium-term programs with a catalytic aim (to change practices and health policies).

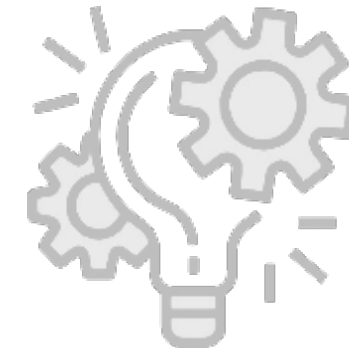
The Initiative supports the ecosystem and the fight against pandemics, with a particular focus on local and national players.



### Meeting the challenges neglected or new

**L'Accélérateur** is a mixed intervention modality that aims to create a structuring catalytic effect and constitute a transformative force capable of responding to neglected challenges.

Enabling L'Initiative to make strategic choices, L'Accélérateur focuses on health human resources and other neglected challenges.



## L'ACCÉLÉRATEUR

# PROJECTS TO INNOVATE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PANDEMICS

**L'Accélérateur** is a tool that complements the Initiative's other forms of support in areas prioritized and adopted by the Steering Committee. It enables the mobilization of several intervention modalities (technical assistance, project financing, grants to institutions or structuring funds), all of which are gender-sensitive.



## FIRST PRIORITY: HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH

Act for sustainable progress in access to healthcare services and in the fight against pandemics, thanks to more and better-qualified healthcare workers.



## SECOND PRIORITY TAKING ACTION ON NEGLECTED CHALLENGES

The Accelerator enables us to take action on neglected challenges in a limited number of countries, for example, by strengthening laboratories and their networks, supporting central purchasing agencies and regulatory authorities, strengthening community health systems, contributing to the operationalization of France's DSSR strategy, etc.

By setting up these support opportunities, the Initiative intends to test and enable changes in healthcare practices and/or policies, and the support or reform of healthcare systems. The Initiative also aims to identify activities and approaches for future Global Fund financing, with a view to scaling up.

# MALARIA: A NEGLECTED CHALLENGE

Following an analysis of available data on the main malaria indicators (WHO Global Malaria Report, Malaria Project, Global Fund), and consultation with various Initiative partners, the subject of malaria emerged as a priority.



## **MALARIA, A PANDEMIC THAT PERSISTS DESPITE ADVANCES**

Despite the efforts made in the fight against malaria and the advances made between 2000 and 2019, the disease has reached a plateau and the response is no longer generating progress, especially since the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2022, there will be 608,000 malaria deaths worldwide (32,000 more than in 2019). The number of cases, meanwhile, has increased by 16 million in 2022 compared with 2019 (i.e. 249 million cases in 2022). Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for the overwhelming majority of cases (94%) and mortality (95%), with **specific vulnerability of pregnant women and children under 5**, as well as gender differences in exposure to the disease and its treatment.



## **COMMUNITY HEALTH, AN ESSENTIAL TOOL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS**

Community health in Africa plays an essential role in improving access to and quality of primary health care. Community health workers have proved particularly effective in promoting health and preventing malaria. They have an important role to play in malaria prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, management and referral, as well as in raising awareness of malaria for behavioral change and vector control.



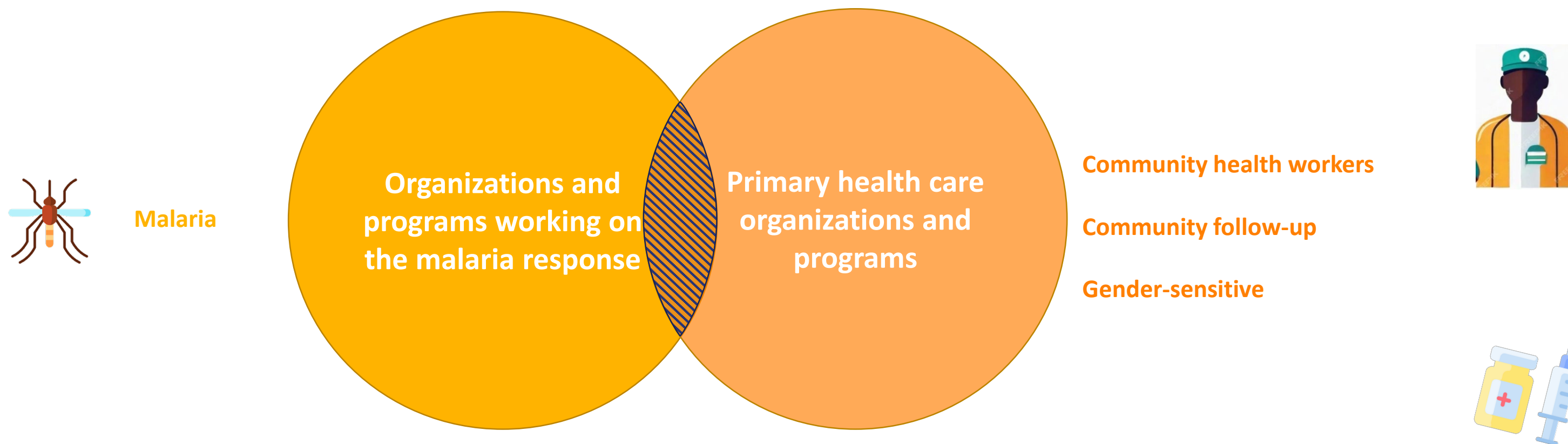


# INTRODUCING THE CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

# OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL - SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA

The overall objective is to improve the response to malaria by promoting, strengthening and amplifying community health approaches in the fight against malaria (*surveillance, health promotion, prevention, diagnosis and management*).

Projects will need to combine malaria and primary health care, focusing on the central role of community health workers and community monitoring (including CLM - Community Led Monitoring).



## *Health services = prevention & health promotion, screening, diagnosis, treatment*

Projects are encouraged to address the following cross-cutting themes:

- **Gender-sensitive** (differentiated approach based on exposure to mosquitoes, access to information and health services)
- **Community monitoring and surveillance** (strengthening the skills of community health workers; strengthening data collection and analysis; etc.)
- **Cooperation between civil society organizations**, primary healthcare structures, local authorities and national programs
- Interventions targeting **peripheral areas (particularly hard hit)** are encouraged to submit this call for projects.

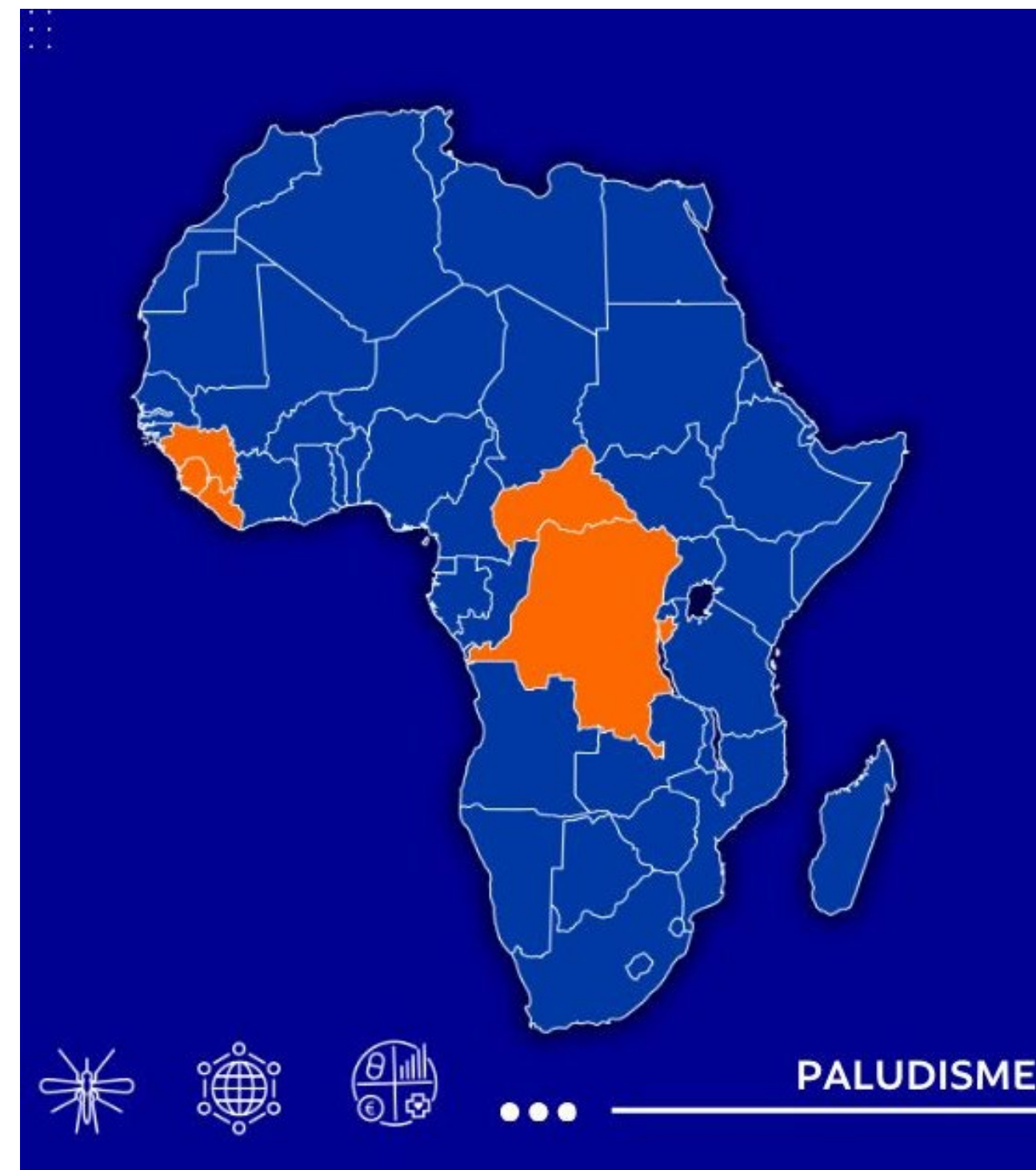
### **Target populations :**

**General population** in affected areas, with particular attention to

- **key malaria populations** (*refugees and internally displaced persons, migrants, pregnant women, children under five, indigenous populations from highly endemic areas, etc.*) and
- **people who are geographically distant from healthcare facilities**

# ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES OF IMPLEMENTATION

- Burundi
- Guinea
- Liberia
- Sierra Leone
- Central African Republic
- Democratic Republic of Congo



Projects submitted may be implemented in one or more of the countries on this list. Multi-country projects will only be accepted if they are part of a clearly justified regional dynamic.

# AMOUNTS & DURATION

Total budget available for this CoEI: **€8,000,000**.

The **total grant** requested must be between **€500,000 and €2,000,000 per project**.

The Initiative may finance the entire project budget. However, co-financing of at least 10% of the total budget is strongly recommended (co-financing can be provided in the form of valorization),

The implementation period should be between **36 and 48 months (between 3 and 4 years)**.

# PARTNERSHIPS

The idea behind the project is to implement it in partnership:

- A **project leader** who will receive the grant, sign the contract and be accountable to Expertise France;
- **One or more implementing partners**, who will receive a budget delegation from the sponsor;
- **Stakeholders**, who will not receive a budget delegation but may be closely involved in the implementation of certain activities.

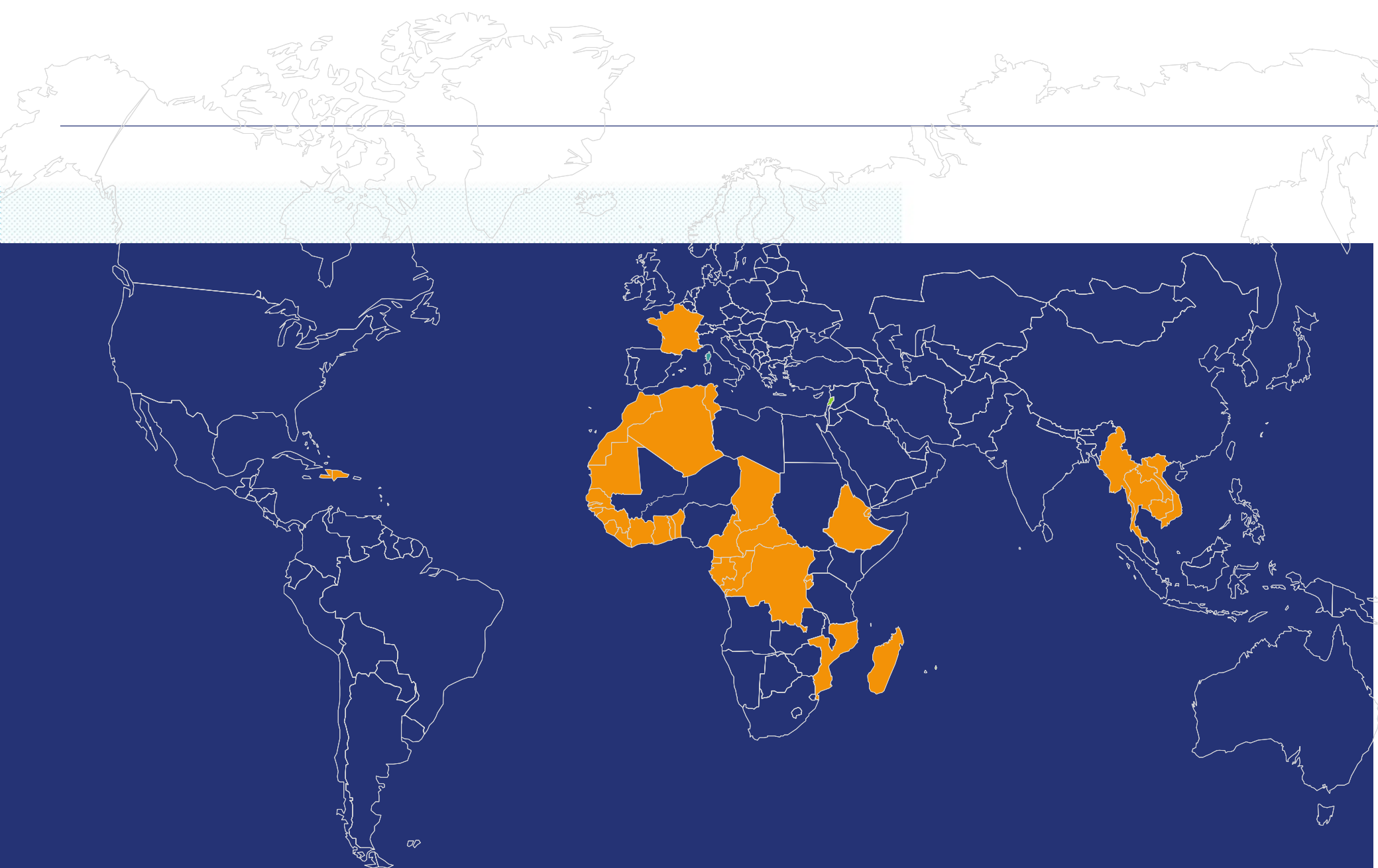
The sponsor and its partners may be healthcare structures, civil society organizations, ministries and associated programs, research institutes, universities or any other organization meeting the eligibility criteria.

***International organizations*** such as regional state organizations (e.g. WAHO) or United Nations agencies **are not eligible as sponsors or partners**.

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The main carrier (Project Leader) must meet the following criteria:

- Registration as a legal entity with a Board of Directors or Management Committee and a registered office in a country eligible for the Initiative or in France;
- Legal existence of at least 3 years at the time of filing;
- Have sufficient management capacity to manage the project's annual budget.



## COUNTRY OF PROJECT OWNER

For this AMI, the project owner must be of French nationality or from one of the 38 countries eligible for the Initiative.

This means that the holder must have articles of association registered in that country, with a board of directors or executive board.

**Antennas, representations and local offices**, even if recognized and duly registered in a country on the list, but emanating from an organization based in a non-eligible country (such as the UK, Switzerland or the USA), are **not eligible as a carrier**.

*There are no restrictions on the country of origin of implementing partners.*

**Please note: project activities must take place in the country or countries already mentioned: Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia.**

**The anchoring of the project sponsor and its partners in the country of implementation will be carefully studied.**

- Algeria
- Benin
- Burma
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Comoros
- Congo
- Ivory Coast
- Djibouti
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Equatorial Guinea
- Mozambique
- Haiti
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Morocco
- Maurice
- Mauritania
- Mozambique
- Republic of the Congo
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Chad
- Thailand
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Ukraine
- Vietnam



# IN-COUNTRY REGISTRATION

Legal existence **of at least 3 years** at the time of filing in one of the above-mentioned eligible countries:

→ *verified on the basis of the **organization's declaration** to the authorities of the country concerned ;*

→ *for ministries and other public programs, it is possible to submit the **creation decree**.*

If in doubt, contact the team directly: [ami.paludisme@expertisefrance.fr](mailto:ami.paludisme@expertisefrance.fr)

# FINANCIAL CAPACITY

The main sponsor must have sufficient management skills to manage the project budget.



**The average annual budget may not exceed 70% of the project sponsor's total annual expenditure for 2023.**

**Minimum annual expenditure 2023 =  $\div$  0.70**

Example: If the project is worth €500,000 over 4 years, the annual average is €125,000. This annual average must represent a maximum of 70% of the sponsor's annual budget, i.e. €178,571 (70% of €178,571 = €125,000).

## FINANCIAL CAPACITY

This means that **the maximum budget requested must take into account the project sponsor's annual expenditure for 2023**. Adjustments can be made over the life of the project.

**Maximum budget requested = 0.70 x annual expenditure in 2023 x project duration in years**

Example: If the sponsor has deferred 200,000€ of annual expenditure to 2023 and the project is **over 4 years**, he can therefore request  $200,000\text{€} \times 4 \text{ years} \times 0.70 = 560,000\text{€}$ .

If the promoter has deferred 200,000€ of annual expenditure to 2023 and the project is over 3 years, the project is not eligible, since  $200,000\text{€} \times 3 \text{ years} \times 0.70 = 420,000\text{€}$  and the minimum amount required is 500,000€. You therefore need to propose a 4-year project to be eligible.



*Please note that this means that **some organizations will not be eligible as project sponsors**. So if an organization has deferred €170,000 of expenditure to 2023, applying the rule:  $\text{€}712,000 \times 4 \text{ years (maximum project duration)} \times 0.70 = \text{€}476,000$  is below the minimum of €500,000.*

# HOW THE CALL WORKS

**Phase I:** Submission, appraisal and pre-selection of letters of intent (November 2024 to January 2025)

**Phase II:** Development of a complete project (From March 2024)

At the end of Phase I, L'Accélérateur can offer **support to pre-selected project to help them set up their complete work.**

This support is not compulsory, and can take a variety of forms depending on needs.

# PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

- Call for expressions of interest: **October 30, 2024**
- Call for expressions of interest closes: **January 13, 2025**
- Decision on pre-selection of organizations : **End of February 2025**
- Complete project development : **Spring 2025**
- Selection of complete projects : **Summer 2025**

# DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED (IN ENGLISH OR FRENCH) 1/2

- **Concept note** (Appendix 1)
- **Administrative form** (Appendix 2)

## DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED 2/2

- A **copy of the** main sponsor's **articles of association** (if in a language other than French or English, a simple translation will be required);
- **Proof of registration of** the main supporting organization, including its registered address (if in a language other than French or English, a simple translation will be required) or affidavit if not available in your country;
- Proof that the main sponsor has **met its social and tax obligations in the country of registration** (e.g. latest URSSAF certificate when the sponsor is registered in France or equivalent available, latest tax certificate or **equivalent available**);
- **Latest complete financial report** (income statement and balance sheet) from the main sponsor organization, validated by the Annual General Meeting or **other governing body**;
- **The** main sponsor's **projected budget** for 2024;
- **The latest annual activity report** from the main sponsor ;
- **The latest** validated **audit report** from the main sponsor (*if available*).

## WHEN IN DOUBT

The Initiative is well aware that these documents are not always available, depending on the procedures applicable in the various countries.

**If you have any doubts or difficulties in providing certain documents, please contact the team directly: [ami.paludisme@expertisefrance.fr](mailto:ami.paludisme@expertisefrance.fr)**

In all cases, if a document does not exist in the country concerned, we advise you to indicate this on the administrative form.



# HOW TO SUBMIT



Applications must be sent by e-mail in **PDF format** before **January 13, 2025 at 12:00** (Paris time UTC+1) (date and time being taken as proof) to the following e-mail address: [ami.paludisme@expertisefrance.fr](mailto:ami.paludisme@expertisefrance.fr)

If the size of the attachments exceeds 10 MB, you will need to send the documents in two separate e-mails.

**Once you have submitted your application, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. If you do not receive it, please let us know by writing to the same e-mail address.**

# CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact the L'Accélérateur team by sending an email to the following address:

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Questions and answers will be published regularly on the AMI website:

[AMI 2025: Tackling malaria through a community-based approach - The Initiative | Sida, tuberculose, paludisme](#)



# QUESTIONS?