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Project details

- **Project name:** RBF Malaria Prevention and Control
- **Signature of Framework Agreement:** April 12th 2022
- **Donor:** The Global Fund through CCM-MoH/RBC
- **Project effectiveness date:** April 12th 2022
- **Date of closure:** June 30th 2024
- **Area of interventions:** Country wide
- **Key stakeholders:** Provinces, Districts, Hospitals, Health Centers, CHWs and Peers Educators.
- **Project objective:** By 2024, 85% of the high risk (hard to rich) population will have correct and consistent practices and behaviours towards malaria prevention and control interventions.

INTRODUCTION

L'Association de Solidarité des Femmes Rwandaise (ASOFERWA) is non- governmental organization (NGO) created in 1994 just after the Genocide. Its mission is encouraging Socio-economic rehabilitation and healthier living conditions among vulnerable groups and promote gender equality and equity; unity and reconciliation. The Vision is to build a “Rwanda free from poverty and any injustice where every citizen enjoys better living conditions, especially women, children and youth to enjoy their rights and psychosocial comfort”. ASOFERWA’s target groups include Women and Girls in general, Orphans and Youth, Widows, Old people without family support, Women with low income, Key populations in General, especially Female Commercial Sex Workers (FSWs) and people living with the HIV and AIDS (PLHIV).

In line with its mission ASOFERWA contributes to the improvement of socioeconomic wellbeing of families through different interventions with various partners, from that background ASOFERWA has strong experience in community mobilization and in Social behaviors change strategies especially in fighting against HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria across the country.

Rwanda has made significant step in controlling Malaria disease through implementation of various Malaria Prevention and control interventions including mass and routine distribution of Long Lasting Insecticide Nets (LLINs), Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS), early diagnosis and treatment at community and local health facilities levels combined with Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) interventions. But current statistics on Malaria show that it is a major public health problem or threat in Rwanda and is considered among the leading causes of morbidity and mortality.

The goal of the SBCC program is to contribute to reduction in malaria morbidity and mortality by 50% of the 2019 levels and one of the objectives of the Rwanda Malaria National Strategic Plan

2020-2024 is that by 2024, 85% of the population at risk will have correct and consistent practices and behaviors towards malaria control interventions.

To achieve to the above mentioned objectives, in partnership with Ministry of Health via Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC)/ Single Implementation Unit (SPIU) Malaria and other Parasitic Diseases Division), ASOFERWA was assigned to implement Social and Behavior Change Communication activities among hard to reach groups at National Level or Country wide as part of the implementation of National Malaria Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This quarterly narrative report outlines the activities and interventions carried out by ASOFERWA (ASSOCIATION DE SOLIDARITE DES FEMMES RWANDAISES) as part of the RBF Malaria Prevention and Control Program through specific area of interventions so called Malaria SBCC interventions among hard to reach groups in Rwanda and this is for Q4 FY 21_22, the period of April to June 2022. In general, the activities of this quarter were successfully implemented and were contributing to the overall goal and objectives which lead to the expected results under Malaria Prevention and control in the country.

The implemented project activities for Q4 /FY 2021-2022 were as follow: Conduct monitoring field visits from central levels to districts ;Conduct kick off provincial meetings and CoK for project introduction and Malaria key orientations priorities ;Conduct District Strategic Meetings to Identify Program Partners and beneficiaries and selection of beneficiaries, Peer educators among Malaria hard to reach groups, Organize zero Malaria Day Campaign and mobilization activities targeting Hard to Reach groups, and organize management meeting for the orientation of grant coordination and implementation of planned activities.

Main achievements include successful field visits organized and served as an opportunity to meet key partners and stakeholders being at provincial and the city of Kigali level and at district level in order to plan together the program implementation process, especially by preparing together the planned activities which include meetings and other events like campaign, looking of participation and beneficiaries. Plans and contacts made during filed visits impacted positively the implementation of the program.

Conducted provincial and city of Kigali kick off meeting served as opportunity to introduce Malaria Prevention and control interventions to targeted stakeholders at Provincial and CoK Levels and discussed about new plans and innovative approaches or strategies to prevent malaria through Social Behavior Change and Communication among hard to reach Groups. We have agreed on how the Malaria SBCC activities and implementation framework targeted hard to reach groups is built. The meeting discussed on strengthening collaboration mechanisms, frameworks and institutional structures to keep functioning the interventions in place for positive impact in the area of fighting Malaria.

The organized district strategic meetings served as an occasion to identify and select program and beneficiaries' representatives, building collaboration mechanisms and community structures. Discussed also with key actors and beneficiaries' representatives or peer educators on how activities under Malaria social behavior change and communication will be conducted among hard to reach groups at different levels to achieve the target.

Under Zero Malaria Campaign, special umuganda was organized and the event was successfully contributed to raising awareness on methods of malaria prevention, use of repellants which were displayed to participants during the event. Those activities were followed by Radio talk-shows with key messages on malaria prevention and control. The budget used this quarter is 66, 912,419 Rwf.

During the implementation, ASOFERWA staff were deployed accordingly, equipped with needed resources and we received technical support from Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC) where was needed.

Major challenge was the Covid-19 outbreak and the compliance with its preventive measures which could involve non planned budget, but in collaboration with national partners and local leaders, challenges were addressed. Mindset is still an issue but as we implement social and behavior change communication under Malaria Prevention and Control we may achieve to the satisfactory level of understanding.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

OUTCOME 1: Strengthened Malaria Social and Behaviour change and communication framework

1.1. Activity and its outputs:

1.1.1. Conduct monitoring field visits from central level to districts to assess the progress of implementation of program activities:

The objective was:

- To introduce ASOFERWA as new partner in Malaria prevention and control among hard to reach groups

- To discuss about the preparation of orientation and strategic meetings at provincial and district levels, participation and venues for meetings.

A. Field visit organized in Southern province

On 07th June 2022, a joint field visit has been organized by ASOFERWA and Rwanda Non-Government Organization Forum (RNGOF) at the headquarter of the southern province.



Photo1: The staff of ASOFERWA and Rwanda NGOs Forum on HIV&AIDS meeting with the Executive Secretary of Southern province in his office on 7th June 2022.

After presentation of staff of the 2 above mentioned organizations and brief presentation on background of the partnership with Ministry of Health via RBC and the tasks assigned to each organization in Malaria prevention and control program, the Executive Secretary of the Southern province was interested and embraced the support in malaria prevention and control program in the province and agreed to collaborate in inviting the proposed participants to the meeting fixed on 13rd June 2022 and which could gather Directors of Health at District level, Director General of Hospitals, Permanent Secretary of JADF in Districts and the implementing partners representatives including ASOFERWA's staff and Rwanda NGOs Forum on HIV &HP staff, RBC Representative and Southern province representatives.

B. Field visit organized in Western province

As we were starting the Malaria Prevention and Control Implementation Program we did different things including meeting and concertation with local leaders and beneficiaries' representatives at Provincial and district levels as an occasion to prepare the full project implementation process.

The following are the activity outputs: Meeting with Western Province leadership took place on



08/06/2022 at the Headquarters of the Western Province and was convened by the Advisor to the Governor and was present the Director of Good Governance and from the side of partners ASOFERWA (ASSOCIATION DE SOLIDARITE DES FEMMES RWANDAISES) was represented by the Program Manager and Malaria Project Field Officer and Rwanda NGOs Forum (Rwanda Non-Governmental Organizations Forum) was represented by three (3) staff as we were planning jointly .

After the welcome remarks by the Advisor of the Governor, the Project Manager of ASOFERWA briefly presented planned activities. Target groups to work with were highlighted, and why qualified as Hard-to-reach groups and expected end results was shared being to reduce malaria to zero case in Rwanda. Project coverage zone was discussed whereby project will be implemented in all districts of the Western province but focusing on zones with the burden under Malaria Prevention and control. The meeting with leaders was occasion to discuss and seek for collaboration from the leadership/authorities across the Western Province. From the meeting the Governor's Advisor agreed to convene kick off provincial meeting which was scheduled on 14/06/2022 by which participants were Mayors of the districts, PS of JADFs, Hospital's Directors, Directors of Health departments in the districts, Representatives of key stakeholders in the coverage zone. On behalf of the leadership in western Province, Advisor to the Governor was embraced the partnership under Malaria Prevention Program and promised full collaboration for smooth and successful implementation.

C. Field visit for preparation of meeting in Northern province



Under monitoring field visits, we have realized and done 2 fields visits for preparation of kick off meeting at provincial and district strategic meeting at district level and two meetings were prepared and conducted as will be explained in the following paragraphs. On 09th June 2022, a field visit to the north province head office was done to meet the leadership or authorities in northern province. We met and discussed with honorable Governor, his adviser, and were present Rwanda NGO's forum and ASOFERWA's staff team. We have been highly welcomed

with hospitality in Northern Province.

The result is that she has welcomed the partnership and agreed to invited concerned people to the meeting which was fixed on 15th June 2022.



D. Field visit in Eastern province.

On 9th June 2022, ASOFERWA's team was made by Executive Secretary, and Director of Finance and Administration, acting as the Malaria project officer in charge of Eastern

Province were at Eastern Province's headquarters, whereby they were welcomed by the Governor himself.

The Governor was pleased to hear about the new Project of Malaria Prevention, and welcomed the collaboration with ASOFERWA and agreed to invite the stakeholders proposed by ASOFERWA in the meeting for the introduction of the project at the provincial level. They have also promised their full support in the implementation process under Malaria Prevention and Control Program. The meeting was concluded by scheduling the meeting at the Provincial level on 17th June 2022.

E. Field visit in the City of Kigali



On 14th June 2022, ASOFERWA staff led by its executive secretary as well as the Malaria project officer in charge of the city of Kigali paid visit to the city of Kigali headquarters, whereby they were welcomed by the vice-mayor of CoK in charge of social affairs and development.

The additional to the objectives of field visits in the City of Kigali was:

- Planning of the celebration of World Malaria Day campaign namely “Zero Malaria Campaign” through a special Umuganda that will take place in one of the District of the City of Kigali.

The vice mayor in charge of social- economic affairs, as well as Director of Health Department in the CoK, were pleased to hear about the new Project of Malaria Prevention, and agreed to invite the stakeholders proposed by ASOFERWA in the meeting for the introduction of the project at the

City of Kigali Level. They have also promised their full support in the preparation and the Participation on the special Umuganda in line with the celebration of world Malaria Day. The meeting was concluded by scheduling the meeting at the CoK level on 27th June 2022, and the special Umuganda on 30th June 2022.

F. field visits organized at district levels:

On 14th to 15th June 2022, a field visit was organized and done by the Malaria project field officer in Southern province at Gisagara District to get introduced to the local authorities and identify key people especially representatives of beneficiaries to be invited in the orientation meeting at District level and meet the participants to the meeting at district level.

People met and their title: Vice Mayor of Social affairs, Vice Mayor of Economic affairs, Director of Health department, Director of Good governance, Director of Social protection, District cooperative officer, Representative of National Council of People with Disabilities, Land and Territorial officer

This was an occasion to explain and introduce to them ASOFERWA and about collaboration with RBC in Malaria prevention and control program and target groups by which ASOFERWA will work with and why the orientation meeting should be organized. The proposed date for district strategic meeting was agreed on and fixed 21st June 2022 at MONTANA Hotel Ltd in Gisagara District.

Results: The local authorities welcomed the new partner and its interventions in malaria prevention and control among hard to reach group and provided the key contact of the representatives of the target group.

On 17th June 2022, we made a field visit in Gasiza center, Base sector in Rulindo district aiming meeting key persons in the district to planning together for district strategic meeting and looking at identification of beneficiaries and key contact of their representatives. Among people whom we met there is Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs, Director of Health, District cooperative officer and the representative of National Council of People with Disabilities. Representative of the target group have been identified and the Vice Mayor in charge of social affairs agreed to invite participants to the district strategic meeting which was fixed on 24th June 2022.

On 16th June 2022, a field visit conducted by ASOFERWA at Kicukiro District Head office to



meet the District Executive administrator (DEA). The objective of the meeting was to introduce ASOFERWA as an implementing partner of RBC in Malaria prevention and control project and requesting the collaboration of district leaders in implementing the activities planned in the above mentioned project. The District promised the partnership and support in organization of district strategic meeting which fixed on 28th June 2022.

In addition, on 24th June 2022, a meeting of zero malaria campaign preparation through special “umuganda” were organized at Kicukiro District head office with Director of Health, PS JADF Kicukiro, Good governance, Army representative and Police at District level to discuss and select the site of “umuganda” and the target group to be invited especially motorcyclists.

Outcome 2: Increased Advocacy for High Level Support to Sustain Malaria Prevention and Control Interventions.

2.1. Conduct kick off provincial meetings and CoK for project introduction, and Malaria key orientations priorities.

The meeting objectives:

- Introduce Malaria Prevention interventions to targeted stakeholders at Provincial level and discuss about new plans and innovative approaches/strategies to prevent malaria through Social Behavior Change and Communication among Easy to reach Groups.
- Discuss and agree on how activities for Malaria Social Behavior Change and Communication will be conducted targeting Easy to reach groups.
- To strengthen collaboration mechanisms, frameworks and institutional structures to keep functioning the interventions in place for positive impact in the area of fighting Malaria.

The kick off meeting expected results were:

- Stakeholders at Provincial level have a clear understanding of the new strategies for malaria prevention and goals of Malaria SBCC project among hard-to-reach groups.
- Participants agree on how Malaria Social Behavior and Change Communication activities will be implemented, their roles and responsibilities
- Strategic collaboration mechanisms and frameworks are discussed to maintain positive interventions in the area of fighting Malaria and NTDs.

2.1.1. Kick off meeting in Southern Province:



On 13rd June 2022, an orientation meeting on Malaria prevention and control project among high risks groups were organized by ASOFERWA in collaboration with Rwanda NGOs Forum and the southern province at QUIET HAVEN Hotel in Nyanza District. The meeting was officially opened by E.S of the Southern Province welcoming participants and appreciating their contribution in Malaria fighting.

Main objective:

Discuss about activities, new plans and innovative approaches/strategies towards strengthening collaboration mechanisms and demand for accountability in the area of fighting



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Malaria and NTDs and contributing on the reduction of new Malaria cases and NTDs Cases to Zero.

To the meeting were present: Directors of Hospitals (7), Directors of Health at district level (10), Permanent secretary of JADF in southern province (7), Staff of ASOFERWA (2), Staff of Rwanda NGOs Forum (4), Chairman of RNGOF (1), RBC Representative(1),Executive Secretary of Southern province **(1).Total participants were 31.**



Photos: The program Manager of ASOFERWA presenting the interventions of 2 organizations in the provincial meeting.

Photo 2: RBC Staff in Malaria Prevention senior officer presenting the Malaria situation on 13rd June 2022.



After the introduction of 2 local NGOs in Malaria



prevention and control interventions among high risk groups; the situation of Malaria-at country level including data of Southern province was shared by RBC representative, Malaria Prevention Senior Officer and followed presentation on the roles of ASOFERWA and Rwanda NGOs Forum under Malaria Prevention and Control program. Rwanda NGOs Forum and ASOFERWA's Staff in charge of southern province have been presented to the meeting participants and those are Mr Serugaba Thierry and Mrs Ucyeye Claudine.

Results: The participants understood the situation of the malaria in their respective districts, its impact on the livelihood of their population. Appreciated the support of the local non-government through RBC and understood why the special consideration of the hard and easy to reach groups is needed in fighting Malaria.

Participants also promised collaboration to meet the goal of reducing malaria mortality and morbidity at least 50% by 2024.

2.1.2. Kick off meeting in Western Province:

The meeting was held at Romantic Hotel on 14/06/2022 and its main objective was to discuss



about plans, activities and innovative approaches/strategies towards strengthening collaboration mechanisms and demand for accountability in the area of fighting Malaria and NTDs Prevention and Control to contributing on the reduction of new Malaria cases and NTDs Cases to Zero case in Rwanda.

The meeting brought together different authorities from the western province level namely Advisor of Governor, DGs of Provincial and District Hospitals, Directors of Health Department at district

level, JADF's PS at district level, 5 staff of Rwanda NGO, RBC Malaria Prevention Program Senior Officer and ASOFERWA staff represented by the Program Manager and Malaria Project Field Officer. In total 33 participants were present among them 10 were women and 23 were men. We got an excuse from the Advisor to the Governor that some of the invited people were in a retreat and could not attend the meeting. The meeting was opened by the Advisor to the Governor whom after the introduction, highlighted the importance of the meeting and his wishes to the participants was a fruitful meeting and good deliberation to all participants.

On the meeting agenda there was the guiding presentations and discussions on Malaria prevention and control Program. In his presentation, the representative of RBC /Malaria Prevention Program Senior Officer shared the status of malaria or Malaria landscape in Rwanda including the Malaria status data as by 2021 and highlighted the importance of all joint, targeted and strategic efforts for malaria eradication. On behalf of Malaria Implementing partners, with the PowerPoint presentation, the Program Manager of ASOFERWA shared main activities, approaches and strategies envisaged in order to reduce Malaria to zero case in the western province. Was highlighted that there is a need of closer collaboration in serving hard-to-reach groups as targeted by ASOFERWA. Was explained that hard to reach groups include: Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Track Drivers, Motorcyclists and Cyclists, Crossborder Traders under informal trading, People with Disabilities (PWDs), and Seasonal workers.

2.1.3. Kick off meeting in Northern Province:

On 15th June 2022; ASOEFERWA organized a kick off meeting under Malaria prevention and control Program in collaboration with Northern Province.



The meeting was aiming at introducing the Malaria Program and sharing on how the malaria project is designed, planned activities and needed efforts in order to fight Malaria and NTDs among hard to reach group. The meeting was also a space to discuss on the activities implementation process.

The meeting was opened officially by honorable Governor of Northern Province and the was held in CLASSIC LODGE Ltd, and gathered the following people: Governor herself and the advisor to the governor, Vice Mayors, Directors of Health departments at Districts level, Director generals of District Hospitals, RBC representative and Representatives of Malaria Program implementing partners such as Pro Femmes Twese Hamwe, Rwanda NGOs Forum and ASOEFERWA. After the opening remarks RBC representative shared with the participants the Malaria landscape in Rwanda with updated statistics and Prevention interventions in place. Implementing partners also shared the planned activities and implementation process. The meeting took almost two hours and we therefore concluded and decided that stakeholders may collaborate for successful implementation of the Malaria Prevention and Control project activities.

2.1.4 Kick off meeting in Eastern Province:



The meeting was organized by ASOEFERWA in partnership with Rwanda NGOs Forum, and took place on 17th June 2022 at Silent Hotel /Kayonza District, and it brought together key stakeholders and partners that works under Malaria Prevention and Control program interventions at the Eastern Province Level.

The meeting was opened by Permanent Secretary of the

Province, Board Member of RNGOF chairperson. The meeting participants including: Provincial RBC representative, Districts



Governor in Eastern ASOEFERWA and was attended by 34 authorities and staff, hospitals Director

generals, Districts health department directors, Good governance Directors, Youth volunteer representative and PS/JADF at District level.

During the meeting the Malaria situation in the Eastern Province was presented to the participants by Malaria Prevention Program senior officer/RBC, and the overview of all the activities that will be done by ASOFERWA and Rwanda NGOs Forum during the project implementation process was also shared. The meeting was concluded by all participants agreeing to collaborate with implementing partners of MoH/RBC in implementing the project among the targeted groups namely easy and hard to reach groups.

2.1.5. Kick off meeting in City of Kigali:



The kick off meeting was organized by ASOFERWA in partnership with Rwanda NGOs Forum, and took place on 27th June 2022 at Lemigo Hotel, and it brought together key stakeholders and partners that works under Malaria Prevention and Control program interventions at the City of Kigali and National Level.



The main objective of the meeting was to discuss about activities, new plans and innovative approaches/strategies towards strengthening collaboration mechanisms and demand for accountability in the area of fighting Malaria and NTDs and contributing on the reduction of new Malaria cases and NTDs cases to Zero.

The meeting was launched by urban health specialist on behalf of CoK, ASOFERWA Executive secretary and RNGOF chairperson. The meeting was attended by 30 participants including: CoK authorities, RBC representative, Districts hospitals Director generals, Districts health department directors, good governance Directors, Youth volunteer representative, PS/JADF at District level,

members of other CSOs working on Malaria Prevention project like Rwanda NGOs Forum and ASOFERWA's Staff.

During the meeting the Malaria situation in the City of Kigali was presented to the participants by Malaria Prevention Program senior officer/RBC, where it has been shown that GASABO district has the highest Malaria Incidence of 92, followed by KICUKIRO District with the incidence of 65, and NYARUGENGE District with the incidence of 59 during the Fiscal year of 2020-2021. The overview of all activities that will be done by ASOFERWA during the project implementation process was also shared. The meeting was concluded by all participants agreeing to collaborate with ASOFERWA in implementing the project among the targeted groups namely hard to reach groups.

Outcome 3: Strengthened Malaria SBCC Framework

3.1. Conduct District Strategic Meetings to Identify Program Partners and beneficiaries and selection of beneficiaries Peer educators among Malaria hard to reach groups

The meeting objectives:

- identify and select program and beneficiaries' representatives to build collaboration on mechanisms and community structures
- Discuss with key actors and beneficiaries' representatives or peer educators on how activities under Malaria social behavior change and communication will be conducted among hard to reach groups
- To strengthen collaboration mechanisms, frameworks and institutional structures to keep functioning the interventions in place for positive impact in the area of fighting Malaria.

3.1.1. The district strategic meeting in Gisagara:

On 21st June, 2022 at MONTANA Ltd Hotel at GISAGARA District, an orientation meeting



was organized by ASOFERWA in collaboration with Gisagara District. 32 participants (25 men and 7 women) including 3 people with disabilities (2 men and 1 woman) were present.

The main objective was to reinforce community based interventions in the area of Fighting Malaria and NTDs as we contribute on the reduction of new Malaria cases.



After the introduction and presentation of the participants, ASOFERWA's Malaria Field Officer, explained what is ASOFERWA, its mission and its interventions and the targeted groups. The Malaria situation and Prevention in the country and particularly in Gisagara



District was part of the discussions. Participants were reminded that Gisagara district is the first district in Rwanda to have high Malaria incidence.

The program staff from Rwanda Interfaith Council for Health (RICH) shared to the participants the Malaria situation specifically in Gisagara District and went through the Malaria incidence, severe malaria, malaria related deaths by sector and percentage. Service delivery issue was discussed at Community Health workers and health facilities levels. The big issue was that the big number of the population are not

receiving services from CHWs /HBM but for the health posts.

The participants discussed about the challenges met by CHWs and they observed that some medicines are absent at their level or delay to be provided by the pharmacists due to lack of information or mismanagement of medicine provision or the breakup of the distribution chain. They recommended that every concerned institution must do regular follow up and give feedback on time so that the problem identified be resolved on time or immediately. Everyone has committed to give her/his contribution in Malaria prevention and control starting at his household. The participants wished that the training on Malaria and how to prevent it is needed and the availability of repellants in order to be able to share the real information and tangible facts to their communities or community members.

3.1.2. The district strategic meeting in Rubavu:

The district strategic meeting was held at MOSTEJ Hotel on 21/06/2021 in Rubavu District from



Western Province. Main objective was to strategize on reinforcing community-based interventions in the area of fighting Malaria and NTDs. The meeting was convened by ASOFERWA in closer collaboration with district authorities including by the Mayor of Rubavu District and brought together District authorities and staff, partners and stakeholders representatives, ASOFERWA's staff represented by the Executive Secretary and Malaria Project Field Officer and target groups representatives namely Peer educators or volunteers from FSWS,

Motorcyclists, Cyclists, Cross border traders, Truck Drivers ,People with Disabilities (PWD) and Seasonal Workers. After the welcoming speech from the Director of Good Governance who represented the Mayor of Rubavu District, the Executive Secretary of ASOFERWA shared to

participants the activities to be conducted by ASOFERWA in general highlighted the importance of meeting and discussing on how activities under Malaria Prevention and Control through Social Behavior Change and Communication will be executed among hard-to-reach groups. He focused on collaboration mechanisms, frameworks and institutional structures in place for positive impact in the area of fighting malaria. Malaria Project Field Officer discussed and gave guidance on hard-to reach groups mapping exercise and in collaboration with participants, especially peer educators present in the meeting. Thirty-five (35) participants were present in the meeting and represents 100% of participants as were expected in the meeting.

The table below contains the data collected during the district strategic meeting and during the preparation phase of the activities implementation process and may be useful for further steps.

3.1.3. District strategic meeting in Rulindo:

The meeting held at Nyirangarama Hotel, Rulindo District on 24th June 2022, and was opened officially by Permanent Secretary of JADF. The meeting started on 11:00 am and ended at 01:30 pm. Among participants we have 13 women and 20 Men in total 33 people.



The meeting discussed deeply the Malaria Prevention and Control Program among hard to reach groups as assigned by MoH/RBC to ASOFERWA. There was task to identify the beneficiaries' representatives and discuss about target groups members mapping exercise for easy implementation process.

Result: The meeting was smoothly done and together with representatives of target groups some data was collected on mapping and identification process in order to serve hard to reach concerned groups.

3.1.4. District strategic meeting in Bugesera:

In the Eastern Province, Bugesera District was selected to accommodate the district strategic meeting and took place on 23rd June 2022, in SUNRISE GUEST HOUSE, Nyamata.



The Main objective of the meeting was to reinforce community based interventions



in the area of fighting Malaria and NTDs as we contribute on the reduction of new Malaria cases and NTDs Cases to Zero.

The expected results include:

- Program partners and beneficiaries' representatives are identified and selected accordingly.
- Participants discussed and agreed on how Malaria Social Behavior Change and Communication activities will be implemented, understood their roles and responsibilities
- Strategic collaboration mechanisms and frameworks are discussed to maintain positive interventions in the area of fighting Malaria and NTDs.

The participants in the meeting were 33 persons, where the main guest was Health department



director in Bugesera district who represented the Vice Mayor in charge of Social affairs of Bugesera District who was supposed to be present in the meeting.

During the meeting ASOFERWA's Programs Manager gave a presentation on ASOFERWA's profile and has explained in deep the activities that will be carried out by ASOFERWA in Malaria prevention and

control project and a clear explanation has been given on the target groups that we will be working with, a clear emphasis has been made on the need for every citizen in the district to have ownership and take as his/her own slogan or moto of the campaign which says: "zero malaria starts with me".

3.1.5. District strategic meeting in Kicukiro

In the City of Kigali, KICUKIRO District was selected to accommodate the meeting and it took place on 28th June 2022, in Classic hotel. The Main objective of the meeting was to reinforce community based interventions in the area of fighting Malaria and NTDs as we contribute on the reduction of new Malaria cases and NTDs Cases to Zero.

The expected results were:

- Program partners and beneficiaries' representatives are identified and selected accordingly.
- Participants discussed and agreed on how Malaria Social Behavior Change and Communication activities will be implemented, understood their roles and responsibilities

- Strategic collaboration mechanisms and frameworks are discussed to maintain positive interventions in the area of fighting Malaria and NTDs.



The participants in the meeting were 29 persons, where the main guest was, Health department director in Kicukiro district who represented the DEA of Kicukiro District.



During the meeting ASOFERWA's Executive Secretary gave a presentation on ASOFERWA's profile and has explained in deep the activities that will be carried out by ASOFERWA in Malaria prevention and

control project and a clear explanation has been given on the target groups that we will be working with.

A clear emphasis has been made on the need for every citizen in the district to have ownership in the prevention and Control of malaria as the motto of the campaign says it clearly: "zero malaria starts with me".

During the meeting the time has been taken to discuss about the special umuganda organized for the celebration of Malaria Day, the participants (that have a role in umuganda) and ASOFERWA's staff have agreed on the venue, and all the logistics required for the preparation of umuganda, on that day KICUKIRO district officials as well as Kicukiro sector officials has assured that they will do the mobilization of the targeted groups especially the motorcyclists as well as the general population for their participation in that special umuganda.

4. Participate in World Malaria Day Campaign and mobilization activities targeting Hard to Reach groups and general population.

4.1. Radio and TV talkshows:

On 25th June 2022, a Radio and Tv show has been broadcasted on ISANGO star radio, as part of the celebration of world Malaria

Day. Message delivered by Malaria Prevention Senior Officer/RBC and Malaria field officer/ASOFERWA and Urban Health Management Specialist/Cok. RBC representative talked about Malaria in general, its transmission, and more about how it can be prevented and controlled, speakers talked about the interventions being implemented by RBC in collaboration with CSOs for Malaria prevention and control in country.

ASOFERWA Malaria Prevention Program officer talked about ASOFERWA profile in general, and the new program of malaria prevention through hard-to-reach group, she talked about the activities that will be carried out during this program that have the motto of “**zero malaria starts with me**”, insisting on the involvement of each and every citizen in this campaign, especially the targeted groups of hard-to-reach groups members, as ASOFERWA is in charge of them. Sensitized the hard-to-reach groups members to use repellants to protect them from the mosquito bites, that can be easily found in pharmacies and to other kiosks and outlets.

The urban health specialist, talked about the interventions and activities that are being done in the city of Kigali for the prevention and control of malaria. Taken time to request the audience to be part of this campaign aiming to reduce malaria by following all the methods indicated by health officials such as using the LLINs, going for malaria diagnosis to the community health workers near them once they have fever.

4.2. Special umuganda organized under’’Zero Malaria Campaign’’ in Kicukiro District:



On 30th June, 2022, the Zero malaria Campaign continued started by special Umuganda, the event took place in Kicukiro district, Kicukiro Sector, Kagina Cell, the event was attended by Kicukiro District Executive administrator, who was the guest of honor, Division Manager of Malaria and other NCDs/RBC, ASOFERWA Coordinator, Kicukiro Sector executive secretary , representative of the army, Rwanda national Police, DASSO, Kicukiro sector residents , youth volunteers and around 100 motorcyclists have participated .



The event was aiming to destroy bushes, stagnant waters that serve as mosquitos' habitat and proliferation area. The event helped to raise awareness on one method of malaria prevention, that is the use of repellants, with the help of SFH, repellants have been displayed for every participant to see them. On that day questions have been asked to the participants to access their knowledge on Malaria, methods to prevent it...the participants who answered well to the questions were awarded t-shirts and repellants.

The event was concluded by remarks from RBC division manager, Kicukiro District DEA, who all



insisted on the participation of the population in the prevention and control of Malaria. For the message shared on that day to reach a large number of targeted



groups and population in general, different media house has been invited to cover the event.

Under this activity promotional materials were developed for zero malaria campaign and visibility:



As part the program, on 25th April

2022, ASOFERWA participated in World Malaria day which held



in Gisagara District, South Province, with the theme: "Zero Malaria Starts with me" and this was an occasion to share messages on Malaria prevention and control interventions and measures. Different key actors and partners in Malaria prevention and Control program, like CSOs, Government Partners, Local Leaders and Health Workers among others have participated.

5. Organize management meeting for orientation of grant coordination and implementation of malaria planned activities

For a better coordination of the interventions, it was planned in the action plan the meeting of the steering committee at the level of ASOFERWA with the mission to ensure the rational execution and the accompaniment of the project.

During this 4th quarter which ends with June 2022, in the hall of ASOFERWA on June 30, 2022, a meeting was held led by Mrs. NYINAWAYIRU Grace, president and legal representative of ASOFERWA; this report reviews the essential points discussed and the decisions taken.

Items on the agenda were:

- Presentation of the action plan and implementation of the RBF Malaria project from April to June 2022
- Exchange ideas on planning activities for the RBF Malaria 2022/2023 project
- Draft Revision of ASOFERWA Administrative and Financial Management Manual Document

Decisions taken:

After the adoption of the items on the agenda, and the discussion in plenary session, the following decisions were taken:

- 1) The activity report of the RBF Malaria project was assessed and approved but with the observations to be integrated before transmission to RBC
- 2) The 2022/2023 action plan must still integrate the activities of the “Zero Malaria start with Me” campaign to involve the whole community in the prevention and management of Malaria, and in general the 1st draft of the action plan action 202/203 has been done.
- 3) The meeting approved the Draft revision of the administrative and financial management manual and requested the Executive Secretariat to engage the experienced consultant to finalize the revision within a period of not less than 30 days from July 1, 2022.

In the closing of the meeting, Legal representative of ASOFERWA thanked the Ministry of Health and RBC for the technical and financial support provided to ASOFERWA for the execution of projects in the field of health also thanked all the participants in this meeting and asked for the involvement of everyone in the execution of the decisions taken. So she ended the meeting.

Program Management and Coordination

ASOFERWA through its program department has to ensure effective Malaria Prevention and Control implementation process of planned activities via joint planning with all involved partners both at local level and at central level, follow up of implementation process and agreed interventions.

The leadership of ASOFERWA and staff team each through assigned duties played a very big role in implementation and coordination of interventions as conducted by ASOEFRWA towards achieving fixed objectives in the area of Malaria Prevention and Control Program. And Continuous and closer collaboration with key stakeholders and partners such as RBC for guidance and districts for coordination in implementation process was key factors to successful implementation.

Monitoring and field visits were organized, the engagement of different stakeholders at community or field level l was strengthened and impacted the involvement of local leaders, health workers

staff and representatives of beneficiaries. Through Orientation and coordination meetings at Provincial level and through the district strategic meetings local government staff, Health Workers Staff and other stakeholders were engaged and promised to keep supporting project activities.

This involves regular consultation and collaboration mechanisms in place between ASOFERWA and National to local actors to make sure that the program expected outcomes are to be achieved. For smooth project management needed and involved resources were availed to support results based Management as envisaged.

Monitoring and Evaluation

MALARIA INDICATORS TO BE REPORTED ON BY CSOs IMPLEMENTING SBCC INTERVENTIONS AMONG HARD TO REACH GROUPS

Two main indicators to be highlighted: Number of hard to reach population mapped and reached

Number of people with disabilities mapped and linked to care

In support to the above mentioned indicators and according to the categories of targeted hard to reach groups ASOFERWA may respond to the following indicators:

| Target Group | Key Indicators | Target Group | Key Indicators |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| Female Sex Workers (FSWs) | # of hotspots for FSWs mapped # of FSWs reached with Malaria Prevention Messages # of Peer educators identified and trained on Malaria Control among FSWs and their Clients # of installed outlets or kiosks for repellents # of FSWs linked to care /HBM | Motorcyclists and Cyclists | # of hotspots of Motorcyclists and Cyclists Parking mapped # of reached with Malaria Prevention Messages and Control # of Peer educators recruited and trained on Malaria Control # of installed outlets or kiosks for repellents # of Motorcyclists and Cyclists mobilised on repellents use |
| Track Drivers | # of hotspots of track drivers Parking mapped # of Track Drivers reached with Malaria Prevention Messages and Control # of Volunteers recruited and trained on Malaria Control # of installed outlets or kiosks for repellents # of Track Drivers mobilised on repellents use | Cross border traders | # of zones mapped for Cross border traders # of Crossborder traders reached with Malaria Prevention Messages and Control # of peer educators recruited and trained on Malaria Control # of installed outlets or kiosks for repellents # of Crossborder traders mobilised on repellents use |
| PWDs | # of People with Disabilities reached with Inclusive Malaria Prevention Messages | Seasonal workers | # of Companies identified and mapped , # of seasonal workers reached with Malaria Prevention |

| | | | |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| | # of PWDs Council members trained on Malaria Control among People with disabilities # of PWDs linked to care /HBM | | Messages and control # of volunteers identified and trained on Malaria Control among Seasonnal workers # of seasonnal workers linked to care /HBM |
| To all groups | Need assessment report among hard to reach groups and hotspots contrywide | | # of sessions with CHWs on Malaria Prevention Strategies and Control among hard to reach groups |

Financial Implementation progress

Expenditures incurred during the period of April - June 2022

| Planned activities | Total planned budget | Requested budget | Disbursed amount | Utilized amount | Total remaining budget | Comments |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Output1: Meeting done and Program Beneficiaries identified and Peers Selected | | | | | | |
| Conduct District strategic Meetings to Identify Program Partners and beneficiaries and selection of beneficiaries Peer Peer educators among Malaria hard to reach groups | 6,426,800 | 6,426,800 | 6,426,800 | 6,426,800 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Sub total | 6,426,800 | 6,426,800 | 6,426,800 | 6,426,800 | 0 | |
| Planned activities | Total planned budget | Requested budget | Disbursed amount | Utilized amount | Total Remaining budget | Comments |
| Output 2: | | | | | | |
| Participate in World Malaria Day Campaign and mobilization activities through Hard to Reach groups (Motorcycles in the City of Kigali) | 12,637,740 | 12,637,740 | 12,637,740 | 12,637,740 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Sub total | 12,637,740 | 12,637,740 | 12,637,740 | 12,637,740 | 0 | |
| Output 3: Meeting organized and Participants attended | | | | | | |
| Planned activities/ Items | Total planned budget | Requested budget | Disbursed amount | Utilized amount | Total Remaining budget | Comments |
| Conduct kick off provincial meetings and CoK for project introduction, and Malaria key orientations priorities. | 9,297,800 | 9,297,800 | 9,297,800 | 9,297,800 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Sub total | 9,297,800 | 9,297,800 | 9,297,800 | 9,297,800 | 0 | |
| Planned activities/ Items | Total planned | Requested | Disbursed | Utilized | Total | Comments |

| | budget | budget | amount | amount | Remaining budget | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Output 4: # meetings organized | | | | | | |
| Organize management meeting for the orientation of grant coordination and implementation of Malaria planned activities | 527,000 | 527,000 | 527,000 | 527,000 | 0 | |
| Sub total | 527,000 | 527,000 | 527,000 | 527,000 | 0 | |
| Planned activities/ Items | Total planned budget | Requested budget | Disbursed amount | Utilized amount | Total Remaining budget | Comments |
| Output 4: | | | | | | |
| Conduct monitoring field visits from central levels to districts to assess the progress of implementation of program activities | 6,897,400 | 6,897,400 | 6,897,400 | 6,897,400 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Sub total | 6,897,400 | 6,897,400 | 6,897,400 | 6,897,400 | 0 | |
| Program Management and Coordination (Human Resources, runnings costs) | | | | | | |
| Planned activities/ Items | Total planned budget | Requested budget | Disbursed amount | Utilized amount | Total Remaining budget | Comments |
| Human Resources | 15,240,960 | 15,240,960 | 15,240,960 | 15,185,679 | 55,281 | |
| Running costs | 15,940,000 | 15,940,000 | 15,940,000 | 15,940,000 | 0 | |
| Sub total | 31,180,960 | 31,180,960 | 31,180,960 | 31,125,679 | | |
| Grand Total | 66,967,700 | 66,967,700 | 66,967,700 | 66,912,419 | 55,281 | |

PROCUREMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

| N o | Tender name | Planned budget | Procurement Plan Amount | Procurement method used | Contract amount | Delivery date | Comments |
|--------|--|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| 01 | Car hiring | 6,716,740 | 6,716,740 | Contract framework | 6,716,740 | 30/06/2022 | |
| 02 | Hotel/refreshment for participants in the meetings | 4,492,000 | 4,492,000 | Open tender / Request of quotations | 4,492,000 | 30/06/2022 | |
| 03 | Promotion materials (banners) | 450,000 | 450,000 | Request of Pro-forma Invoices | 450,000 | 30/06/2022 | |
| 04 | Promotion materials (T-shirts,) | 4,800,000 | 4,800,000 | Open tender / Request of quotations | 4,800,000 | 30/06/2022 | |
| 05 | Anti-Malaria Song production and performance | 4,500,000 | 4,500,000 | Open tender / Request of quotations | 4,500,000 | 29/06/2022 | |
| 06 | Office equipment (laptops) | 3,500,000 | 3,500,000 | Open tender / Request of quotations | 3,500,000 | 10/06/2022 | |
| 07 | Office equipment (printers) | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | Open tender / Request of quotations | 1,000,000 | 10/06/2022 | |
| 08 | Office equipment (office chairs) | 2,400,000 | 2,400,000 | Open tender / Request of quotations | 2,400,000 | 07/06/2022 | |
| 09 | Office equipment (desks) | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 | Open tender | 1,200,000 | 30/06/2022 | |
| 10 | Radio talk shows | 1,980,000 | 1,980,000 | Open tender | 1,980,000 | 24/06/2022 | |
| 11 | Radio spots production | 300,000 | 300,000 | Open tender | 300,000 | 24/06/2022 | |
| 12 | Radio spots airing | 1,440,000 | 1,440,000 | Open tender | 1,440,000 | 30/06/2022 | |

ACHIEVEMENTS

The activities implementation process for quarter four, Fiscal year 21_22 was successful because we have managed to implement all planned activities under Malaria Prevention and Control program through given social and behavior change communication activities contributing to the achievement of key indicators and targets.

As by activity, successful field visits organized and served as an opportunity to meet key partners and stakeholders being at provincial and the city of Kigali level and at district level in order to plan together the program implementation process, a lot were prepared, planned and executed. Again Plans and contacts made during filed visits impacted positively the implementation of the program.

Conducted provincial and city of Kigali kick off meeting served as opportunity to introduce Malaria Prevention and control interventions to targeted stakeholders at Provincial and CoK Levels and discussed about new plans and innovative approaches or strategies to prevent malaria through Social Behavior Change and Communication among hard to reach Groups.

The organized district strategic meetings served as an occasion to identify and select program and beneficiaries' representatives, building collaboration mechanisms and community structures.

Under Zero Malaria Campaign, "special umuganda" was organized and the event was successfully contributed to raising awareness on methods of malaria prevention, use of repellents, etc. and was supported by radio talk-shows for awareness raising and messages dissemination.

Positive feedbacks received from the authorities or Local leaders are assuring us their full support and collaboration in the implementation of the Malaria SBCC project.

The project mission under the activities of this quarter has reached a large number of the population due to coverage of different media houses as well as the production of the song, TV spot and Radio talk-shows carrying the message that "zero Malaria prevention starts with Me".

In summary, the planned activities were achieved at 100%, the participants were interested by the program and promised their collaboration and involvement, Malaria challenge was understood by everyone and committed to play his/her role in its reduction to zero starting by each one from their families, some representatives namely peer educators of the target groups have been identified.

KEY CHALLENGES

Some key targeted participants in meetings and events like Governors, Mayors, Vice mayors were not available due to the close out of the financial year and the preparation of imihigo evaluation but they have been represented or replaced by their delegates and we worked successfully with the available ones.

The Covid-19 outbreak and compliance to its preventive measures was a challenge because there was no budget reserved to the Covid-19 testing activities and other related logistics but through closer collaboration with concerned people we manage to implement all activities as planned.

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

-The next phase of implementation must take Covid-19 context into consideration,

-Next Plan of activities may include and consider the following activities:

- ✓ Identify and select the peer educators to be trained from targeted groups
- ✓ Training of peer educators on malaria prevention and control interventions
- ✓ Conduct Introduction and orientation meeting within other districts not covered
- ✓ Organize quarterly meetings in line with data collection, sharing project progress and for advocacy,
- ✓ Organize Zero Malaria Campaign using different channels to raise awareness,
- ✓ Organize Monitoring and field visits in favor of smooth implementation of the project

LIST OF KEY ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEXT QUARTER (Not applicable)

CONCLUSION

This report states the activities done by ASOFERWA in relation with Malaria prevention and Control targeting hard to reach groups. Activities mainly implemented are related to the introduction and orientation meetings at provincial and district level and identification of target groups. The different categories of people met were interested and appreciated the role of ASOFERWA in Malaria reduction and promised their participation and collaboration during the

implementation process. The stakeholders and partners appreciated the new innovative approaches and strategies of working with hard to reach groups members as additional efforts to the work done via Community Health Workers (CHWs), Local Leaders and the way of deploying the interventions at community level. Commitments towards achieving the program targets have been registered and assured through community based interventions.

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