

# Multi-country results dissemination meeting

## Rapid Access Expansion Programme



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Global **Malaria** Programme



World Health  
Organization



- In 2015 there were 5.95 million deaths of children under five globally<sup>1</sup>
- Half of all child deaths (49.6%) occurred in sub-Saharan Africa
- 30% of those deaths are from malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea
- Coverage of life saving interventions, especially in sub-Saharan Africa is still unacceptably low due to inaccessible or poor quality of care.

*1. Lancet 2016*



# Rapid Access Expansion Programme (RAcE)

Five year programme from 2012-2017 supported by Global Affairs Canada



- Technical: Contribute to the reduction of child mortality due to malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea by increasing access to diagnostics, treatment and referral services.
- Policy: Stimulate policy updates in participating countries and catalyze scale-up of integrated community case management (iCCM)
- Why RAcE?
  - Ministry as the lead
  - Systematic best practice for integrating iCCM in existing primary health system



- **Grantor:** Government Affairs Canada
- **Grant Period:** April 2012-October 2017
- **Country selection criteria:** high disease burden, enabling policy, commitment by ministries of health, potential for scale-up
- **NGO selection and review:** independent Project Review Panel

Country	NGO Partner
Democratic Republic of the Congo	International Rescue Committee
Malawi	Save the Children
Mozambique	Save the Children
Niger	World Vision
Nigeria – Abia State	Society for Family Health
Nigeria – Niger State	Malaria Consortium



Actor	Role
<b>WHO</b>	Joint management across Headquarters, Africa regional office, Intercountry support teams, country offices.
<b>Ministries of health (national, regional, local)</b>	General leadership to facilitate iCCM sustainability as an integral part of government health services. National strategy integration and promotion.
<b>Non-governmental organisations</b>	Programme support at national and regional/provincial levels, including training, mentoring, follow-up, commodities tracking, and planning.
<b>External agency</b>	Monitoring and evaluation and sustainability roadmap support through ICF International.



- ICF contracted to support monitoring and evaluation activities
- Independent evaluation of programme performance
- Data Quality Assessments
- Quality of care assessments
- Quarterly review of grantee Performance Measurement Framework
- WHO technical support and supervision by country programme officers, Regional Office and HQ



- Policy updates on diagnostics and medicines and development of implementation guidelines, job aids, M&E tools and data quality assessments
- Over *8400 community health workers* trained
- *1.5 million children* under five have access to treatment
- Over *7.1 million* cases treated





- Documentation: best practices and cross-country knowledge sharing
- Implementation research:
  - supervision
  - Training
  - M&E tools
  - mHealth
  - case management
- Household surveys: care seeking and treatment coverage
- Independent final evaluation:



## Impact



- Partners required a *practical framework* for facilitating iCCM sustainability
- Series of workshops under ministry of health leadership, supported by WHO, implementing partner and facilitated by ICF
- Each country has identified key determinants of sustainability and developed an iCCM sustainability roadmap

