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PROJECT: FAS AND ROLL BACK MALARIA PARTNERSHIP

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PARTNERS: Roll Back Malaria, Kvinnoforum, Multilateral Initiative on Malaria.

DESCRIPTION

Following the largest world conference on malaria in Cameroon in November 2005, attended by African and international leaders and experts, the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) partners were challenged to look at malaria from a gender perspective.

A first one-year partnership project on Gender and Malaria, Raising Women's Voices on Malaria, was put in place from November 2005 – November 2006. This project, funded by the Swedish International Development Agency, was a collaboration between RBM, FAS, Kvinnoforum and Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM). The aim of this project was to ensure that all the actors working on this problem at global, regional and national level recognize malaria as a gender issue and include it in their agendas.

RESULTS

In 2006, RBM, together with FAS amongst other partners, aware of gender and social inequalities on the global malaria, decided to take actions. The Global Gender and Malaria Network was established and the "Guide to Gender and Malaria Resources" developed.

In 2008, a further one-year partnership project has been planned, Gender, Conflict and Malaria in selected African countries. With this programme FAS capitalizes on the achievements accomplished so far strengthening The Global Gender and Malaria Network, especially aiming to reinforce the focus on the African context.

The project aspires to a stronger voice in advocating African women's right for a healthy life as well as women's right to an increased access to information, decision-making power and financial resources for effective disease prevention and treatment. It will raise awareness on Gender, Conflict and Malaria, building a competent critical mass of supporters to ensure general ownership and future sustainability of gender analysis in malaria control programmes in complex emergencies. Finally, it goes to sensitize decision makers in order to mainstream gender into malaria policies and create an enabling environment to respond appropriately to community concerns, especially in conflict and post-conflict situation.

ACTIVITIES

The activities focus on six African countries: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Mali, Rwanda and Sierra Leone.

This new partnership has strategized on an efficient approach to realize the project. This means that some specific activities have been defined to implement the specific objectives. These include:

- 1) Mapping - to collect potential organizations and FAS members in the chosen countries to reinforce the Global Gender and Malaria Network. In particular, it identifies four levels of stakeholders as Government, CSOs, UN Agencies and Grassroots;
- 2) Communication - to increase the awareness at all level on Gender, Conflict and Malaria. This action is carried on through a webpage linking FAS project and RBM website; and an Advocacy package including guidelines and factsheets;
- 3) High Level Advocacy Mission - to sensitize decision makers in order to mainstream gender into malaria policies and create an enabling environment so that they can respond appropriately to community concerns. The missions are conducted by Dr. Awa Marie Coll-Seck, Executive Director of RBM Partnership, and Mme Diop, FAS Executive Director;
- 4) Expert Panel - to take advantages from FAS and the "Gender is My Agenda Campaign" meetings and it represents a chance to investigate and develop the relationship between Gender, Malaria and Conflict. It is an occasion in which Independent researchers and the Network members can discuss and analyze malaria control programme, in particular the complex emergencies, operational aspects, advocacy and fundraising.

RBM is the main partner, both in terms of financial and implementing partnership. FAS coordinates with all the other members and the Global Gender and Malaria Network for the effective implementation of the activities. FAS is also open to involve new partners in this purpose.

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