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# USAID MALARIA CAPACITY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM (MCAPS)

## BACKGROUND

In recent years, Mozambique has made considerable progress reducing malaria deaths. Still, Mozambique is one of the six countries accounting for more than half of all global malaria cases (11.3 million diagnosed cases in 2020). In Mozambique, nearly 30 percent of all in-hospital deaths are due to malaria. Importantly, malaria is a major cause of mortality and morbidity among pregnant women and children under the age of five, who have the greatest risk of developing severe malaria. The rates of malaria are highest in the Nampula (48 percent), Zambézia (44 percent), and Manica (48 percent) provinces, exceeding the national rate of 39 percent. These provinces are the priority areas of the five-year USAID Malaria Capacity Strengthening (MCAPS) program (2022-2027).

There are several challenges affecting malaria prevention, diagnosis, and treatment in Mozambique, including suboptimal quality of care at health facilities due to weak adherence to malaria policies and guidelines, inadequate supervision, limited resources, poor data quality and data use, and limited access to malaria services.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

MCAPS is funded by USAID Mozambique in coordination with the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) and implemented by Medical Care Development, Inc. (MCD) and its consortium partners: Comité para Saúde de Moçambique (CSM), Fundação Ariel, the Fundação para o Desenvolvimento da Comunidade (FDC), FHI 360, and Malaria Consortium (MC).

MCD and its partners will work in close, strategic partnership with the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) at the national, provincial, and district levels as well as with health facilities, community health workers, health management committees, and communities to address challenges and build capacity at all levels to plan, manage and implement evidence-based malaria interventions.

Working jointly with the NMCP and using blended technical assistance and capacity building approaches, such as coaching and mentoring, MCAPS will update national malaria policies, strategies, guidelines, and training materials and assist health care workers in the use of best practices in malaria case management, including diagnostics. The program will also strengthen the knowledge, skills, and practices of managers and health workers in the MOH provincial and district offices, as well as in health facilities and communities in Nampula, Zambézia, and Manica provinces.

Finally, MCAPS will also work with local partners to scale up and strengthen existing local systems critical to malaria control. MCAPS will help strengthen the management and technical capacity of public and non-governmental local partners, as well as others who are implementing malaria programs. To support data-informed decision-making processes, MCAPS will improve the quality of malaria-related data collection,

analysis, and use across districts and health facilities and scale up digital systems. MCAPS will also implement operations research activities with the NMCP, as well as develop and implement innovative approaches to increase quality, accountability, ownership, demand and use of services in the targeted provinces.

## EXPECTED RESULTS AND IMPACT

As the flagship malaria activity for USAID and PMI in Mozambique, MCAPS, in partnership with NMCP and MOH will improve the quality of malaria services, resulting in decreased morbidity and mortality due to malaria in Mozambique.

Expected results include:

- Adherence to malaria service delivery protocols in targeted areas is improved;
- Collection and use of malaria data at the national, provincial district, and community levels is strengthened; and
- The capacity of the MOH and local partners to plan and manage evidence-based malaria interventions at all levels of the health system is increased.

<p><b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:</b>          Medical Care Development, Inc.,          Comité para Saúde de Moçambique,          Fundação Ariel,          the Fundação para o Desenvolvimento da Comunidade,          FHI 360, and          Malaria Consortium</p>	<p><b>GOAL:</b>          Improve the quality of malaria services provided in Mozambique and the resilience of local systems to decrease morbidity and mortality due to malaria.</p>	<p><b>GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS:</b>          Nampula, Zambézia, and Manica provinces</p>	<p><b>USAID FUNDING:</b>          \$29.9 Million</p>
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