

# Malaria Communication for Prevention, Control, and Elimination

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### Communication...

- ✓ is a complex process through which information is exchanged
- ✓ has the goal of creating a shared understanding between sender and receiver
- ✓ requires the sender of information to listen and adapt to a changing context
- ✓ is a social science





#### What is

Comunicación en Malaria Comunicação em Malária Malaria Communication











#### Levels of Intervention for Malaria Communication

Policy

Decentralized health system

Community





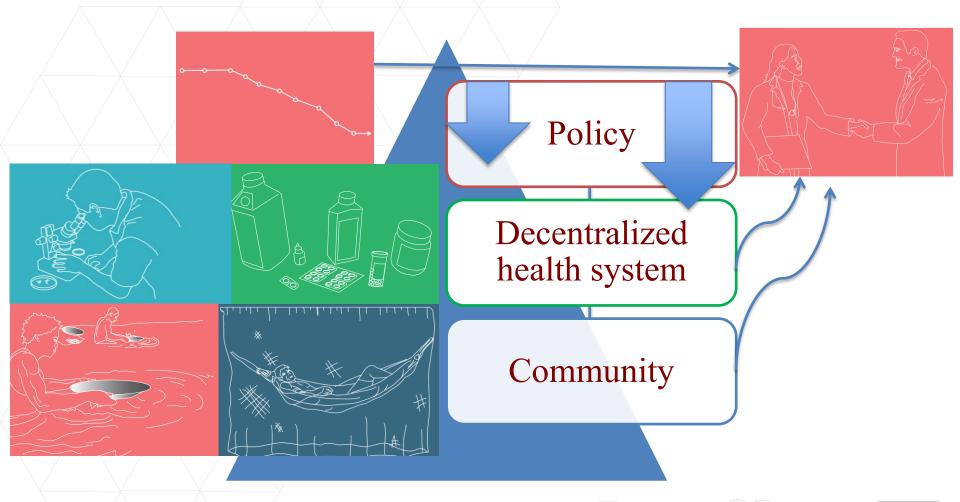








#### Levels of Intervention for Malaria Communication







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### Technical Assistance

Artemisinin Resistance

Central America

• Strategies to sustain efforts in context of incidence

Multi-level interventions

 Targeted implementation support for malaria communication strategies

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# Communication Strategy for Artemisinin Resistance

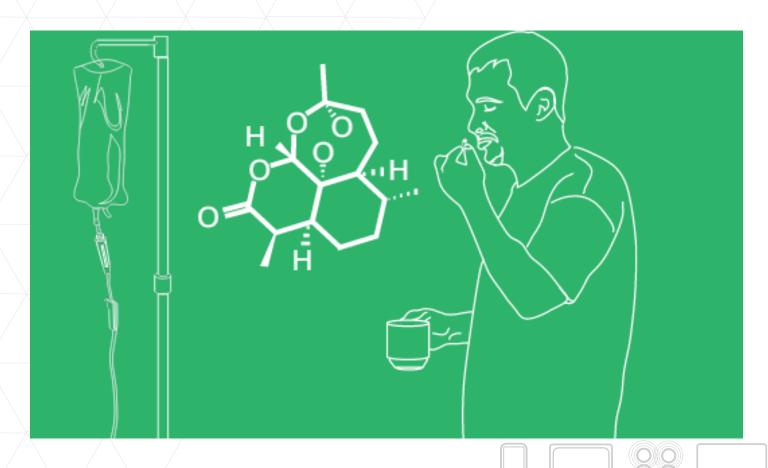


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## Central America Communication Strategy

- How communication should be used
- Increase awareness of elimination
- How to mobilize sufficient resources for malaria elimination

Map: Central America and the island of Hispaniola AMI & EMMIE Countries **EMMIE Countries** 

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The work does not end with zero cases!













# Central America Communication Strategy: Target Audiences



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affected by malaria

Key Policy Makers/Public Opinion Leaders

Malaria Program

(NGOs)

Agencies

Private Sector
and Non-

Ministry of Health Decision-Makers

Technical and



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# Central America Communication Strategy: Focus Areas

- ✓ National and International Coalition Building
- ✓ Health System
- ✓ Economic Impact of Malaria
- ✓ Regional Coordination and Partnerships
- ✓ Reaching Most At-Risk Populations













# Resources that can be mobilized for communication

Ministry's social communication or health promotion divisions

- Existing communication manuals and tools
- Local communication agencies
- Private sector partnerships (PPP)
- University
- Crowdsourcing! Incentivize the population to get involved in malaria communication

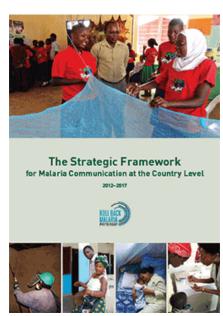


Photo: Roll Back Malaria Partnership













### **Final Considerations**

- Communication should be considered during planning and implementation as an integrated and well-resourced technical area
- Strengthening malaria communication reduces vulnerability















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