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The “Shinda Malaria” is a five-year project (August 2022 – August 2027) implemented by Ifakara Health Institute, which supports the Government of Tanzania (GOT) in reducing malaria burden and in moving towards malaria elimination. The Activity is made possible by the support of the American people through the US President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Shinda Malaria works with the GOT to reduce malaria burden and move towards the long-term goal of malaria elimination—while achieving USAID’s strategy to support institutional growth and capacity development for local institutions. The project will address the urgent healthcare needs of malaria at-risk populations, especially vulnerable pregnant women and children under five, and support Tanzania partners to grow and execute malaria programs sustainably and successfully. The Shinda Malaria project will primarily work to support both facility- and community-based malaria activities in all five councils of Katavi region, as well as making contributions to the national malaria priorities through the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP).

The project combines the technical competencies of three highly regarded Tanzanian NGOs along with a small, woman-owned Zambian NGO. The NGOs are: Ifakara Health Institute, Health Information System Program (HISP); Tanzania Communication and Development Center (TCDC) from Tanzania and Akros from Zambia.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Shinda Malaria interventions will achieve USAID's five Result Areas:

- **Result 1 - Case Management and MIP Services Improved.** Result 1 objectives are to: (i) provide technical assistance (TA) to NMCP to develop policies, strategies and implementation plans related to case management and MIP; (ii) strengthen quality of case management and MIP in both public and private HF-based services through implementation of MSDQI; (iii) support implementation of integrated community case management; and (iv) build capacity of the Shinda Malaria-supported region towards sustainability in malaria case management.
- **RESULT 2 - Improved Ability of Individuals to Practice Positive Healthy Behaviors.** Shinda Malaria will implement Social Behavior Change (SBC) strategies to improve ability of individuals to practice positive malaria prevention, diagnosis and treatment.
- **RESULT 3 - Enabling Environment Enhanced.** Shinda Malaria will provide technical assistance (TA) to the GOT in assessing the geographic focus of intensified surveillance activities, particularly as various councils and communities progress toward malaria elimination. Shinda Malaria will identify and strengthen malaria-related health information systems and build capacity at national and sub-national levels to facilitate use of data for evidence-based planning in addressing malaria needs.
- **RESULT 4: Drug Efficacy Monitoring is improved.** Shinda Malaria will support continued efficacy monitoring of both first-line malaria treatment and alternative treatment drugs to enable NMCP obtain timely, relevant, reliable data/information that can be readily used to inform malaria treatment policy, should efficacy decrease below acceptable levels.
- **RESULT 5: Malaria Program Evaluation and/or Operations Research.** Result Area 5 addresses challenges in implementing Shinda Malaria, and identifies opportunities to improve delivery efficiency and intervention quality to reduce the malaria burden in program districts/regions. Program evaluation and operational research will be conducted to delineate key issues, improve effectiveness of existing interventions, test new interventions and metrics, and evaluate intervention impacts.

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DURATION

August 2022 – August 2027

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Katavi Region, Tanzania Mainland

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