

NFELTP United States President's Malaria Initiative Project

Goal

The goal of NFELTP PMI Malaria project is to increase national and state-level epidemiological capacity to monitor and report on malaria trends that will inform national and state-level programme planning, implementation and evaluation

Activities

The project strengthens the health system through workforce development by providing training and technical assistance, developing leadership capacity for effective malaria control, supporting training of NMEP and SMEP staff on monitoring and evaluation, data analysis, reporting, and use; and training of epidemiologists under the NFELTP program. PMI has strengthened malaria-related epidemiological capacity through support for training of five residents each year in the NFELTP and this has led to improvements in data collection and use by NMEP and state-level M&E staff.

Impact

Overall, in the six years of project commencement, 33 completed malaria research projects, over 25 surveillance evaluation, over 30 data analysis to monitor disease burden and its impact have been carried out, 25 malaria epidemiologists have been trained and currently, 24 residents from 10 PMI-supported states are enrolled in 9th cohort 2-year-NFELTP training, and 8 papers have been published in high impact peer-reviewed journals. The project held the first malaria research dissemination in collaboration with NMEP. The project through NFELTP has supported NMEP with implementing a scientific, structured and systematic approach to developing a robust malaria operational research agenda. There is an ongoing plan to implement a joint PMI-AFENET malaria short course training for state level programme managers, which comprise both didactic and field assignment components, and qualitative research training.

Background

Effective malaria control and eventual pre-elimination in Nigeria require a public health workforce well-trained in malaria programming, epidemiology, surveillance and research. NFELTP US President Malaria Initiative (PMI) project provides support to aforementioned.

Core support areas

Since 2011, the US PMI has provided support through AFENET Nigeria on malaria related areas on five core areas, viz, capacity building, provision of service, research, dissemination of evidence-based findings, surveillance, supervision and mentoring of FELTP residents on research and other malaria activities.

Capacity building: support to 2-year MPH training of staff of National and 11 PMI-supported State Malaria Elimination Programmes with field posting to these programmes and short course for programme managers

Field Placements: Twenty-five (25) residents posted to NMEP and malaria programmes in PMI-supported states

Service: support to malaria surveillance, training and research at all levels

Research: scientific seminars, support to NMEP research ideas defining and priority setting workshops, formative and impact assessment research proposals; structured approach to setting operational research (OR) agenda, support to NMEP OR workgroup

Dissemination: Presentations at local and international conferences, national dissemination workshops, publications.

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