

Request for Expression of Interest: Implementation of RDT readers pilot in Cameroon

Job Location: Cameroon

Business Unit: Malaria

Type: Consultancy - local, - part time

Title: RDT count pilot implementer

Duration of assignment: 8 months.

Scope of Work:

Overview:

Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) is a global health organization committed to strengthening integrated health systems in the developing world and expanding access to care and treatment for HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases. Based on the premise that business-oriented strategies can facilitate solutions to global health challenges, CHAI acts as a catalyst to mobilize new resources and optimize the impact of these resources to save lives, via improved organization of commodity markets and more effective national and sub-national level management. CHAI is focused on large scale impact and, to date, has secured lower pricing agreements for treatment options in more than 70 countries. In addition, CHAI's teams are working side-by-side with over 25 governments to tackle many of the largest health system barriers to effective care and treatment.

Malaria is one of the world's most important causes of illness, death and lost economic productivity. Over the past decade, dramatic increases in donor funding have facilitated scale-up of effective interventions to prevent, diagnose, and treat malaria. This investment has successfully reduced the burden of malaria in many settings, and some countries have begun planning to eliminate it altogether. Yet these gains are fragile: global funding for malaria remains short of what is needed, last decade's rapid growth in malaria financing appears to have halted, and resistance to insecticides and drugs threatens to set back efforts. CHAI's global malaria program provides direct management and technical support to countries around the globe to strengthen their malaria programs and reduce the burden of this preventable, treatable disease. We support governments to scale up effective interventions for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and surveillance, with the goals of sustainably reducing the number of malaria-related illnesses and deaths worldwide in the short-term and accelerating progress towards malaria elimination in the long term.

Summary of Position:

CHAI is seeking a highly motivated organization, institution, or individual to support and strengthen the malaria program in Cameroon by piloting a sustainable method for monitoring malaria Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) positivity with the use of digital RDT reader applications. Implementing a simplified, cost-effective manual approach of ensuring reported Test Positivity Rates (TPRs) match the reality.

The consultant will support the operationalization of the methodology proposed in the available protocol by engaging health facilities and community health workers (CHWs), coordinating training and supervision, and conducting analyses comparing manually recorded RDT test positivity rates with national health information system (HMIS/DHIS2) data. The consultant will collaborate closely with CHAI teams, the Ministry of Health, and other partners to ensure smooth execution and generate actionable insights from the pilot.

Responsibilities

- Establish strong working relationships with relevant health facilities, government partners, and CHAI teams.
- Finalize the protocol together with its key partners, the Clinton Health Access Initiative and the National Malaria Control Program
- Develop and execute a plan for implementing the manual RDT aggregation method in selected sites.
- Train HCWs and CHWs to and store used RDTs in designated containers.
- Coordinate and participate in monthly collection and counting of used RDTs by supervisors or district officers.
- Triangulate the counted RDT results with data reported in health facility registers, HMIS/DHIS2, and ACT and RDT consumption data.
- Conduct qualitative assessments of HCW and CHW perceptions and operational challenges through a survey and semi structured interviews.
- Prepare progress reports and recommendations to inform potential scale-ups.
- Support the design and dissemination of lessons learned and policy briefs.
- Maintain organized documentation of procedures, training, and supervision records.
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications

- The ideal organization or candidate would be supporting 10-15 health facilities and 30-40 CHWs in a few high burden malaria districts in Cameroon by carrying out diagnostic and treatment related activities, including the supply of RDTs and ACTs.
- An organization supporting the Integrated Community Case Management of diseases in Cameroon will be an added advantage.
- Knowledge of malaria diagnostics and public health systems in Cameroon.
- Experience in monitoring, evaluation, or supervision of public health programs.
- Strong skills in data analysis, triangulation, and interpretation.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Familiarity with DHIS2 and national malaria control program operations.

- Ability to work independently and manage multiple tasks effectively.
- Fluency in English and French, both spoken and written.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working with CHWs and public health facilities in rural settings.
- Prior involvement in malaria surveillance or data quality improvement initiatives.
- Demonstrated success in conducting health program evaluations using non-digital tools.

Submission Requirements

Interested applicants/organization should submit the following:

1. A one-page summary of their understanding of their role in the pilot from the study protocol.
2. A budget proposal, including all anticipated costs.
3. CVs of key personnel involved in the project.
4. Administrative and tax documents (Business registration document, taxpayer card, attestation of non-indebtedness, attestation of localization, bank attestation). Company profile registered address, functional email address, telephone number, and point of contact for the entity.

5. Submission Deadline

All proposals must be submitted electronically (email) by **July 31th, 2025**, to chaicameroonhr@clintonhealthaccess.org . Please include “**EOI, RDT Reader Pilot in Cameroon**” in the subject line.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following scoring rubric; all scored on a scale of one to five:

1. Technical approach and methodology. (20%)
2. Relevant experience and qualifications of the applicant(s) (15%).
3. Cost-effectiveness and budget alignment. (15%)
4. Demonstrated understanding of the scope and context of the work (15%).
5. Experience with malaria RDT and ACT distribution in high burden malaria districts (20%).
6. Demonstrate experience working with community health care workers in health districts in the East region (15%).