

**Angola – Round 7 – Malaria Grant**  
**Comments from the Secretariat of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and**  
**Malaria on the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan**  
**submitted by the Ministry of Health of Angola**

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General Comments

1. Although there are challenges in order to improve the monitoring and evaluation systems in Angola, there seems to be a good understanding of an M&E system in the context of this grant.
2. The M&E plan is quite good. Nevertheless, further clarification is needed in the following areas: (a) defining how data will flow from one level to another (i.e., from municipal to provincial level, and from provincial to central level); (b) clearly identifying communication channels between the different levels and explaining how these channels will be put in place; and (c) allocation of needed financial resources for M&E activities. The flow of data through the system is key to a functional monitoring and evaluation system.
3. Ideally, there should be a central database in place at the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP), both in terms of epidemiological data and in terms of programmatic indicators pertaining to this grant. The NMCP will benefit from having a standardized and internationally agreed upon database. Such a database would also facilitate transfer of data from one point/level to another.
4. Some components of the M&E activities should ideally be fully outsourced to specialized institutions or agencies that will work in close collaboration with the NMCP and the Project Management Unit (PMU). This is particularly the case for burdensome surveys, for instance, which require a lot of work to implement. By outsourcing complicated M&E tasks, the program will leave the core of its M&E human resources available to deal with day-to-day management of the M&E system.
5. In addition to describing organizational structures and tasks at each level of the M&E system, there is also need to describe the human resources needed to undertake M&E-related tasks and ensure sure that they are available during grant implementation.
6. There are a few translation problems in the French version of the M&E Plan, so some comments in the body of the text of the M&E Plan may be due to misunderstandings in translation. These confusing sections are highlighted in the text.
7. The M&E plan will benefit from streamlining its “academic” component. The Plan itself should be focused on practice (what will be done in M&E and how) rather than on conceptual analysis.
8. Please take into account the conclusions of the M&E self-strengthening workshop held in December 2007 (copy attached), to the extent possible.

Specific comments

These are included in the body of the documents with track changes.

We would respectfully suggest that the Ministry of Health revises the M&E Plan, taking into account these comments, and re-submit it to the Global Fund. We thank you very much for your efforts in elaborating this document and look forward to working with you to enhance it. Please address correspondence to the following e-mail address: [walter.mendonca-filho@theglobalfund.org](mailto:walter.mendonca-filho@theglobalfund.org)

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