

# International Organization for Migration

Healthy Migrants in Malaria-free Communities

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# Mobile and Migrant Populations – Malaria

## The problem

- No room for complacency despite significant progress
- Large number of migrants
- The burden of malaria further fuels the cycle of poverty

## Risks in two ways

- Migrants vulnerable to malaria related illness
- Human mobility can result in importation and re-introduction

# Disproportionate malaria risk amongst MMPs

- Poor access to malaria prevention and health care services
- Social barriers that contribute to poor outcomes
- High risk occupational exposures
- Forced displacement often associated with increased risk

# Innovative Solutions - Technical

- Case management
  - Mobile malaria workers
  - High risk screen and treat programs
  - Malaria posts at strategic points
  - Stand by treatments
- Vector control
  - Extra long lasting insecticidal nets for travel
  - Other insecticide treated materials
    - Long lasting insecticidal hammock nets
    - Insecticide impregnated clothing
  - Further research on repellants (personal and spatial)
- Surveillance
  - Mobile technologies
  - GPS mapping



# Innovative Solutions - Financial

## National level

- Ensure Concept Notes are migrant-inclusive (e.g. disaggregated data on MMPs).
- Consider multi-track financing if discriminatory health systems or immigration policies limiting access

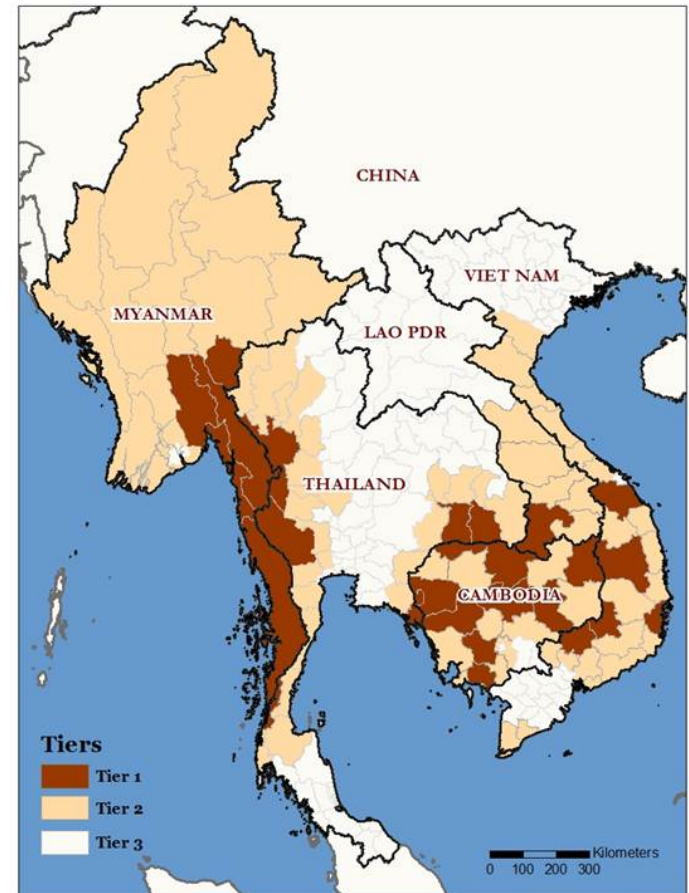
## Supra-nationally

- Regional financing can facilitate work on both sides of a border
- May allow for different spatial targeting than solely based on burden
- Develop regional data systems to track progress

# RAI: Supporting a regional response

Coordinated effort to address multi-drug resistant malaria at the GMS

- US\$100 million allocated based on disease burden and financial gap analysis. Myanmar, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Laos.
- Long-lasting insecticide treated nets,
- case management in areas with evidence of delayed response to ACTs or at risk of spread of resistant parasites.
- Helping to halt the marketing of monotherapies and sub-standard antimalarial drugs
- Surveillance systems
- Special focus on migrant populations living and working in border areas.





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