

<b>Country/Bureau: REDSO</b>
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<b>Year 1 Funding Amount and Sources:</b> Malaria
<b>ACCESS Partners:</b> JHPIEGO
<b>Other Collaborating Organizations:</b> Regional Centre for the Quality of Health Care, Malaria in Pregnancy East and Southern Africa Coalition (partners and country focal persons).

### Strategic Statement

The key elements of REDSO's strategy are strengthening the capacity of African organizations to play a lead role in critical areas, improving networks and partnerships so that a broader cross-section of the population works together to solve common problems, providing access to appropriate technologies and better practices, enhancing the policy environment, and expanding access to information. REDSO is working towards strengthening the malaria capacity and expertise with the Regional Center Quality of Health Care (RCQHC) and the Commonwealth Regional Health Community Secretariat (CRHCS). In addition, REDSO has specific responsibility to support non-presence countries in the region, which include Burundi, Somalia, Djibouti, and Sudan. ACCESS, as a MAC partner, will contribute to REDSO's goals by contributing to *a) a broadened technical resource base and b) the expansion of critical information* in the ESA region.

### Summary of Activities:

REDSO is supporting activities that will aim to strengthen the institutional capacity and sustainability of regional partner institutions. Secondly, priority will be given to expanding the base of human, technical and program resources available to improve systems throughout the region particularly as countries continue to review and change their first line treatments for malaria to artemisinin based combinations. Finally, efforts will be made to increase the analysis, dissemination and application of information to enhance sector programs. ACCESS will work in close collaboration with the MIPESA Coalition and the RCQHC to contribute to the Abuja targets and the Roll Back Malaria initiative to scale up and sustain efforts to prevent and control malaria during pregnancy.

### Year 1 Outputs:

- MIPESA country best practices documented
- Draft MIP Country Implementation Guide

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## ACTIVITY 1: DOCUMENT AND DISSEMINATE BEST PRACTICES

The MIPESA Coalition countries have been leaders in the ESA region in their efforts to prevent and control malaria during pregnancy. The MAC will support MIPESA to examine the countries' experience in the implementation of the prevention and control of malaria during pregnancy. In addition, to best practices, lessons learned and scale up efforts- the team will examine how the MIPESA Coalition has contributed to country achievements to date. These efforts will **result** in a clearer understanding of MIPESA's added value to countries, including verification of coverage

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levels, and guidance for countries in their continued commitment to prevent and control malaria during pregnancy.

This will be realized through a team of four MIPESA focal persons, RCQHC representation (self funded) and MAC representation (team- up to four members) visiting up to three MIPESA countries. In addition to documenting best practices and lessons learned- the country visits will serve as a study tour for participating focal persons. The MAC will support a Consultant/ Team leader who will meet with country focal persons and the RCQHC on day one of the visit to discuss team tasks and objectives. The Team Leader will also convene the team on the last day of the visit to ensure follow up actions are outlined for country focal persons that include how the information gathered and country successes observed can be integrated into the country focal persons respective programs. It is expected that country focal persons will share key aspects of the visits with stakeholders and look towards the integration of best practices in their own countries by building on already on-going MIP activities and where necessary advocating to increased support for MIP.

The consultant will document country experiences and coverage at the country level. This will be reviewed by country focal persons and team members prior to finalization. The information collected will be critical for the development of the MIPESA Global Fund Application in Round 5, which would enable REDSO to leverage considerable funding for future MIPESA activities. The MAC will support the MIPESA Coalition in the revision of this proposal. . It is also envisioned that the results of the visit will be shared with RBM networks and working groups and coalitions in the Region such as the EARN, WARN and the RBM MPWG.

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**Activity Location(s):** 3 MIPESA Countries- TBD

Specific Tasks	ACCESS Partner(s)	Completion Date
<b>Task 1:</b> Present to MIPESA Steering Committee	JHPIEGO	January 05
<b>Task 2:</b> Develop Plan of Action with Steering Committee	JHPIEGO	January 05
<b>Task 3:</b> Hire Team Leader	JHPIEGO	February 05
<b>Task 4:</b> Country Visits	JHPIEGO	March-May 05
<b>Task 5:</b> Final Write Up	JHPIEGO	June 05
<b>Task 6:</b> Disseminate to MIPESA Secretariat & Members	JHPIEGO	July 05
<b>Task 7:</b> Provide technical support for MIPESA Annual Meeting	JHPIEGO	September 05