

MEDICAL IMPACT SIERRA LEONE APRIL REPORT, 2024



INTRODUCTION:

Meeting monthly target requires concerted effort, good health efficient utilization of resources particularly financial and human caliber. Medical Impact Salone MISL standing on the platform of its values, three key activities are accounted and reported in the month of April, 2024, not excluding March \Monthly Review Meeting; Partnership with National Malaria Control Program NMCP official Launch of the Malaria Vaccine and Commemoration of World Malaria Day .

Nevertheless the frank efforts made in tailoring this report, stifle challenges were faced, most crucial is the interrupted power supply which came into a halt over 3 weeks .And considering feasible alternative to generate power for the work of MISL resulted to an increase in service cost. Though later overcome but inhibit compilation and submission of the April report against the 25th (last Friday). MISL is akin to its commitment, hence we consider this delay unfounded and unprecedented. We regret and apologize with remorse to Medical Impact Mexico. Much improvement will be made to avoid these inconveniences.

Medical Impact Sierra Leone March monthly review meeting held on Friday 12th April 2024, and last for (three) 3 hours. Key items on the agenda include: meeting purpose, March 2024 updates on cooperate Affairs Commission, Polio project, monthly donation, executive emails addresses activation, understanding the work of MILS activities rollout, acquiring office space, international Malaria Day Celebration and the strategic plan for April through December 2024. The meeting purpose is to review MISL March 2024 activities carried out, evaluate and set feasible strategies that enhance success on current and subsequent months implementation of planned activities in 2024.

Updates indicate that MISL has been granted permission to undertake its operations within the mandated regions in Sierra Leone namely: Western Area, PortLoko District, Kambia, Moyamba and Kono District; Polio project proposal 2024 submitted through Medical Impact Mexico, and that monthly donation received following submission of MISL March activities report.

To strengthening MISL executive communication capacity, dates were scheduled to activate executive members official emails addresses and dates agreed to follow-up with National Malaria Control Programme in a bid to get feedback on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) submitted that which enhance meeting the official partnership protocols with Malaria Control Unit in the Ministry of Health and Sanitation. Upon granting the partnership, officials designated to different units were formerly introduced to MISL which event opened and facilitated modalities towards the collaboration in commemorating the World Malaria Day 25th April, 2024.

The strategic plan outline key activities to be implemented in April through December 2024 that includes service delivery objectives and key performance indicators and other targets ranging:

- Training of Executive members and support staff on programme management and leadership.
- Alliance and Partnership.
- Legalizing MISL in order to fit into the country's legal framework.
- Acquire office for headquarters in Freetown, Sierra Leone.
- Source funds and conduct workshops and meetings on TB, HIV/AIDS and Malaria any other related disease.

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- High level engagement with all relevant stakeholders on international treaties, and commemorations.

The March review meeting ended with closing prayers.

The Official Launch of the Malaria Vaccine and the Celebration of World Malaria Day 25th April 2024



State House the official seat of the president of Sierra Leone is the venue for 2024 World Malaria Day ceremony; an occasion characterized by attendees from the executive and forth estate of the arm of government, Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) through National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP). The Deputy Minister II of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) Madam Jalikatu Mustapha who served as the Moderator, paddled the ceremony to the end. Several speeches from major development partners and other stakeholders not excluding UNICEF, WHO, U.S. Embassy, National Malaria Control Programme, EPI etc.

The Executive Manager MISL, Alieu Badara Sesay attended the ceremony on official status as invitation extended to MISL by the Programme Manager Dr. Abdul Mac Falama National Malaria Control Programme. During the ceremony Alieu Badara Sesay recorded the deliberations with keen interest to share with members in our next monthly review meeting given the opportunity for analysis and data utilization for MISL.

Inter-Secondary school Quiz Competition on the Commemoration of World Malaria Day





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On Tuesday 30th April 2024, Medical Impact Sierra Leone in collaboration with National Malaria Control Programme NMCP organized inter-secondary school Quiz competition on the commemoration of World Malaria Day slated on the 30th April, 2024 at Bishop Johnson Memorial Secondary School, Fourah Bay Road, East 1, Freetown Municipality. The theme “**Advancing Health Equity, Gender Equality and Human Right**” spelt out a clear and content management, training and capacity development programme (Inter-Secondary School Malaria Quiz Competition) organized to support community engagements through School Health clubs.

MISL mobilized resources that support the inter-secondary school Quiz Competition such as human resources, logistics, budget, safety and security protocols are necessarily harnessed to ensure a successful engagement practice. These capacities MILS maintain to achieve the quiz competition at scale and maintain a sustainable capacity. The prioritization of the East end communities (Freetown municipality) engagement and the voice of these communities are collectively advocated for by implementing partners Advocacy Movement Network (AMNET) and MISL.

Medical Impact Sierra Leone using community engagement approaches coordinated their activities with other response partners NMCP and coordinated structures. In the absence of government policies specifically guiding engagement with each zone of the Freetown municipality MISL work to ensure intra-agency coordination to increase quality, accountability, harmonization to ensure coordination effort do not compromise the safety of, or lead to discrimination against, or targeting of, vulnerable populations by NMCP or MISL.

Managing the quiz activities involves community participatory approaches that focus on reaching agreement on activities, resources required, roles and responsibilities, and establishing a timeline for implementation. It is also associated with the mobilization of networks, communication systems and feedbacks mechanism identified through inform, design and participatory planning effort.

Quiz Competition Proper

The Quiz competition was moderated by Mr. Martin I Bangura MISL Project Manager II followed by statements from:

Executive Manager MISL- Alieu Badara Sesay. He gave a brief background of MISL and the purpose of Inter-Secondary School Malaria Quiz Competition with the theme “**Advancing Health Equity, Gender Equality and Human Right**” in commemoration of World Malaria Day. He told the competitors that in this competition there will be no loser because, in the fight against Malaria no one lose.

Following his statement the lead team National Malaria Control Programme, Madam Ngadie the Focal Person of Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Unit, exclaimed that Malaria fight is not only limited to NMCP but health actors are partnered with the likes of Medical **Impact** Sierra Leone who has been given the mandate to organize 2024 Malaria Quiz Competition bringing together ten school health clubs in the East 1 zone, Freetown Municipality. She encouraged all participants to be cooperative with the rules set for the quiz competition.

Progressively, two competitors from the seven schools represented out of the ten invited schools took the open stage seats in accordance to the list given. Ten supporters were asked to accompany their respective school competitors.

The high table was occupied by a team of judges, time keeper, scorers, question master and observers. The quiz was structured to comprise the following:

- Three rounds questioning
- Two competitors per school each with an opportunity of attempting at least six questions in total
- All the schools competitors present will serve as Malaria School Ambassadors
- Questions numbers were balloted to indicate the identified corresponding question on the questions booklet printed for the purpose.
- Question settings and conduct of the quiz was under the watch of National Malaria Control team.
- Points awarded are characterized base on correct, incomplete and bonus: 5, 3 & 1 respectively

The Outcome of MISL Malaria Quiz Competition April, 2024

No	SCHOOL	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
1	Methodist Boys High Senior Secondary School	33	1 st
2	United Muslim Association Senior Secondary School	31	2 nd
3	Bishop Johnson Memorial Senior Secondary School	25	3 rd
4	ST. Hellena Senior Secondary School	20	4 th
5	Sierra Leone Muslim Community Senior Secondary School	18	5 th
6	Laura Dove Vocational Senior Secondary School	16	6 th
7	Henry Fergusson Senior Secondary School	13	7 th

Whilst collating the total scores attained by each competing school a skit (short play) about Malaria disease prevalence in Sierra Leone, done by the host school Bishop Johnson Memorial Senior Secondary School. The title “Let’s Work Together to Eradicate Malaria”

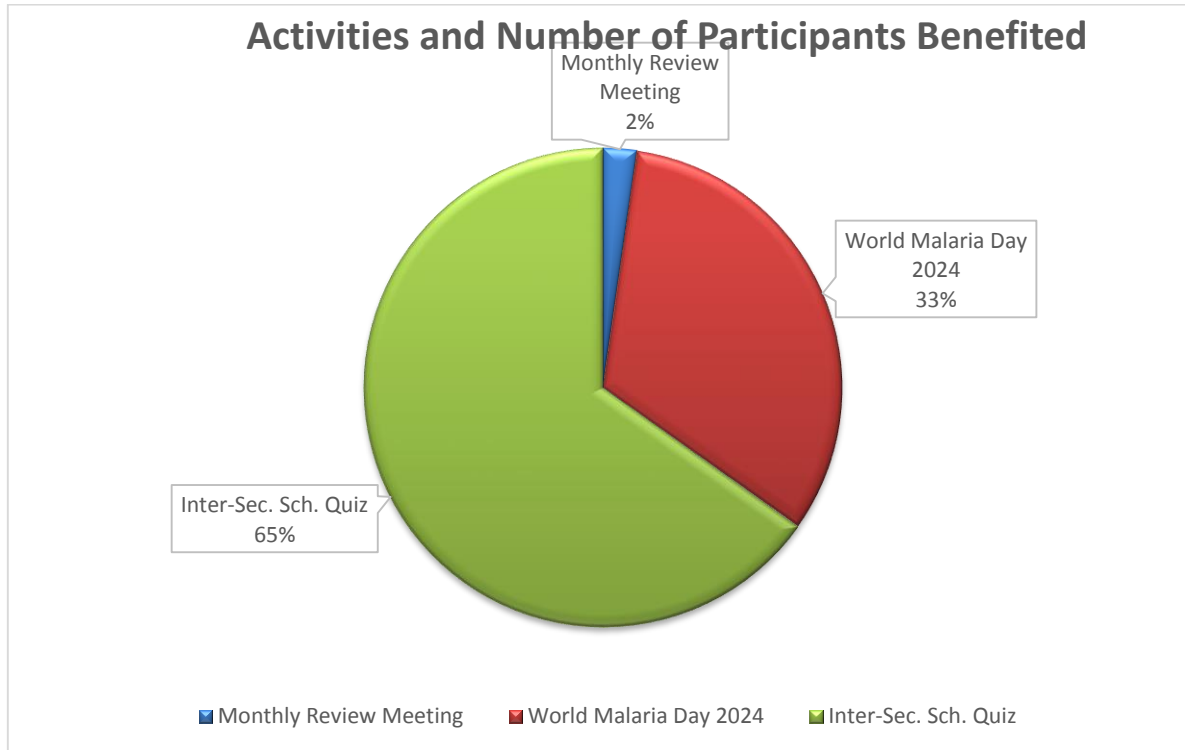
Key message of the skit is to adopt malaria prevention behaviours and promote social behavioural change.

Following the Role Play scenario and singing the malaria song, the Project Manager II MISL who serve as the Moderator was in brief able to summarize the purpose, relevance and impact the Quiz engagement of school clubs has on the communities in the East 1 region of the Freetown Municipality.

Quantifying the impact Quiz engagement has on the entire communities, the size of direct and indirect beneficiaries is 20 and 31,000 respectively making a total of 31,935. The direct beneficiaries include students and the accompanying teachers, dignitaries, and MISL staff in attendance, while the indirect beneficiaries comprise of fellow students in the various schools represented. Assuming every school club impact an average roll of 1,500 per school given a total of 7 schools in attendance makes a total of 10,500 pupils impacted through assembly and devotion, Social Education periods. Also, considering 10,500 pupils who will possibly impact at least 2 household relatives and or in Community Teachers Association (CTA) meetings at school every term an average 21,000 parents will benefit indirectly. Similarly, 7 teachers in attendance will impact least 315 teachers in all the 7 schools that attendee the activity, couple with their households, an overall average 31,000 population are impacted.

Number of people supported during the World Malaria Day 2024

No	Activity	Participants
1	Monthly Review Meeting	7
2	World Malaria Day	100
3	Inter-Secondary School Quiz Competition	200



Direct Beneficiaries

307

Indirect Beneficiaries

31,000

At this juncture, considering the sensitivity of announcing the results, names of schools are called one at a time from the rare in accordance with the total score and rank. See table 1.0 above.

Star Prizes were awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position schools and consolidation envelopes to the rest of the four remaining schools all in cash.

In sum, the Quiz Competition was successful as no disputing comments raised on the outcome and all appreciated upon receiving malaria printed T-Shirts by pupils, teachers and Heads of schools.