



ACCESS-SMC.

Achieving Catalytic Expansion of Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention in the Sahel.

Background.

For the children who live in Sahel and sub-Sahel regions of Africa, the rainy season produces a seasonal surge in sickness and death from malaria. Since 2012, the World Health Organization has recommended seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC)* as an effective tool to prevent malaria in children under five during the rainy season.

Achieving Catalytic Expansion of Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention in the Sahel (ACCESS-SMC) is the first project of its kind promoting the scale-up of SMC. Thanks to ACCESS-SMC, a Unitaid-funded project led by Malaria Consortium in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, SMC treatments has been provided to over 6,3 million vulnerable children in seven West African countries.



*Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (SMC) is an effective method to prevent malaria in children in areas where malaria transmission is highly seasonal. SMC consists in administering to children aged 3 months to 5 years, a 3-day course of antimalarials, at monthly intervals and for the 4 months of the rainy season.



Objectives.

Foster country and community ownership.

Reduce risks of misunderstanding and negative perceptions.

Ensure adherence to SMC dose completion.

Key Facts.



Guinea

8 health districts.

648 230 children covered.



Mali

20 health districts.

1 996 487 children covered.



Niger

11 health districts.

1 475 391 children covered.



The Gambia

14 health districts.

164 161 children covered.



The ACCESS-SMC project strengthened systems for safety monitoring of public health programs.



SMC can be scaled-up effectively.



Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention.

Prevents about **75%** of all simple and severe malaria cases.

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Over **50,000** health workers and volunteers involved in administering, supervising and monitoring SMC efficiently and at scale.



of children were reached, and more than 70% received at least three monthly treatments.

Communication towards fathers, mothers, caregivers and community leaders to foster ownership of SMC.



Social Mobilization.



Interpersonal Communication.



Advocacy.



Mass Communication.

Speak Up Africa.

Headquartered in Dakar, Senegal, Speak Up Africa is a women-led strategic communications and advocacy organization dedicated to catalyzing leadership, enabling policy change, and increasing awareness for sustainable development in Africa.

The success of the Millennium Development Goals has infused the continent with a new sense of vibrancy – from commercial promise to populations increasingly connected - Africa's pulse has quickened. In the new era of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Speak Up Africa strives to promote a shift in African leadership and accountability and create an enabling environment for sustainable change.