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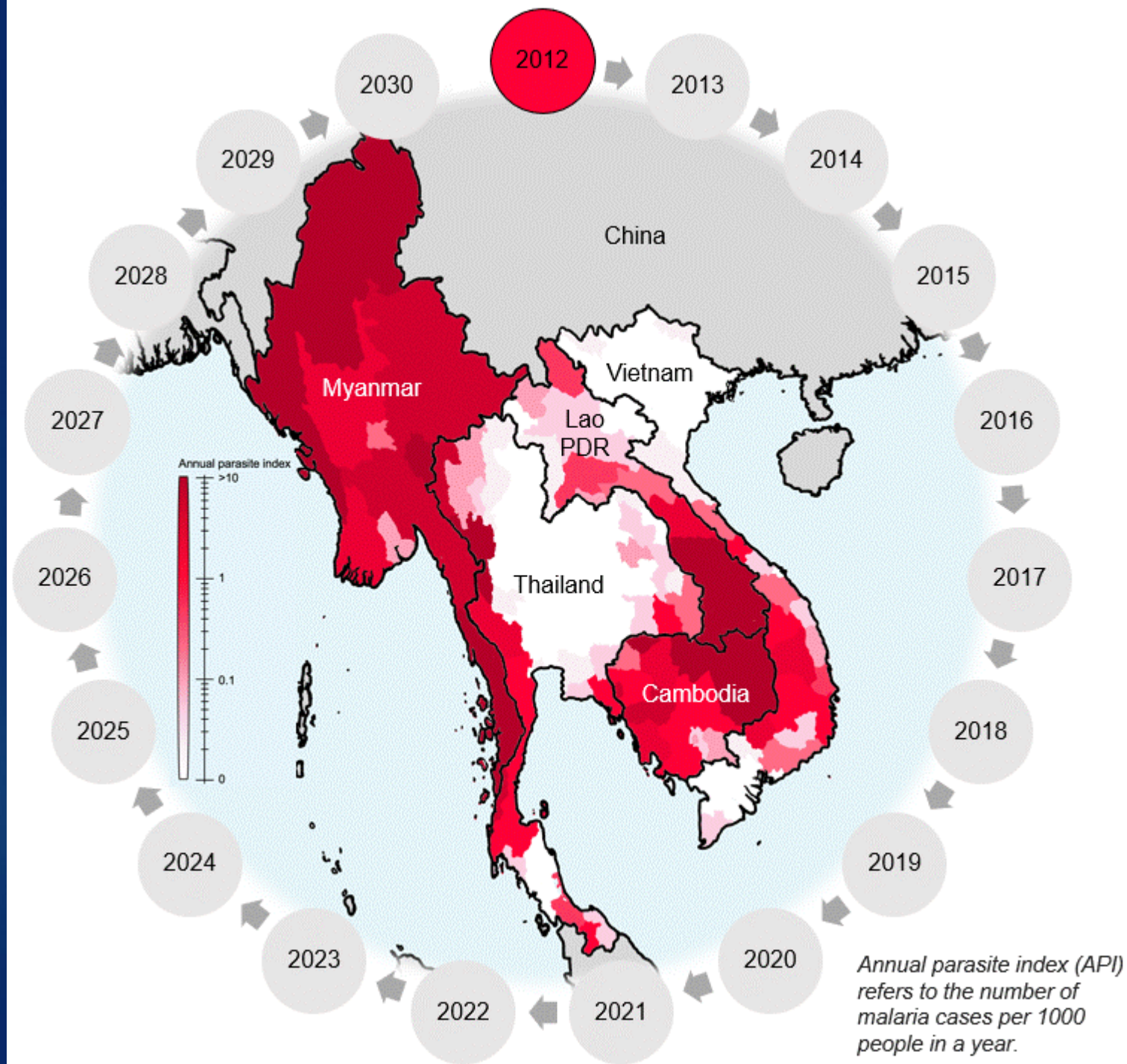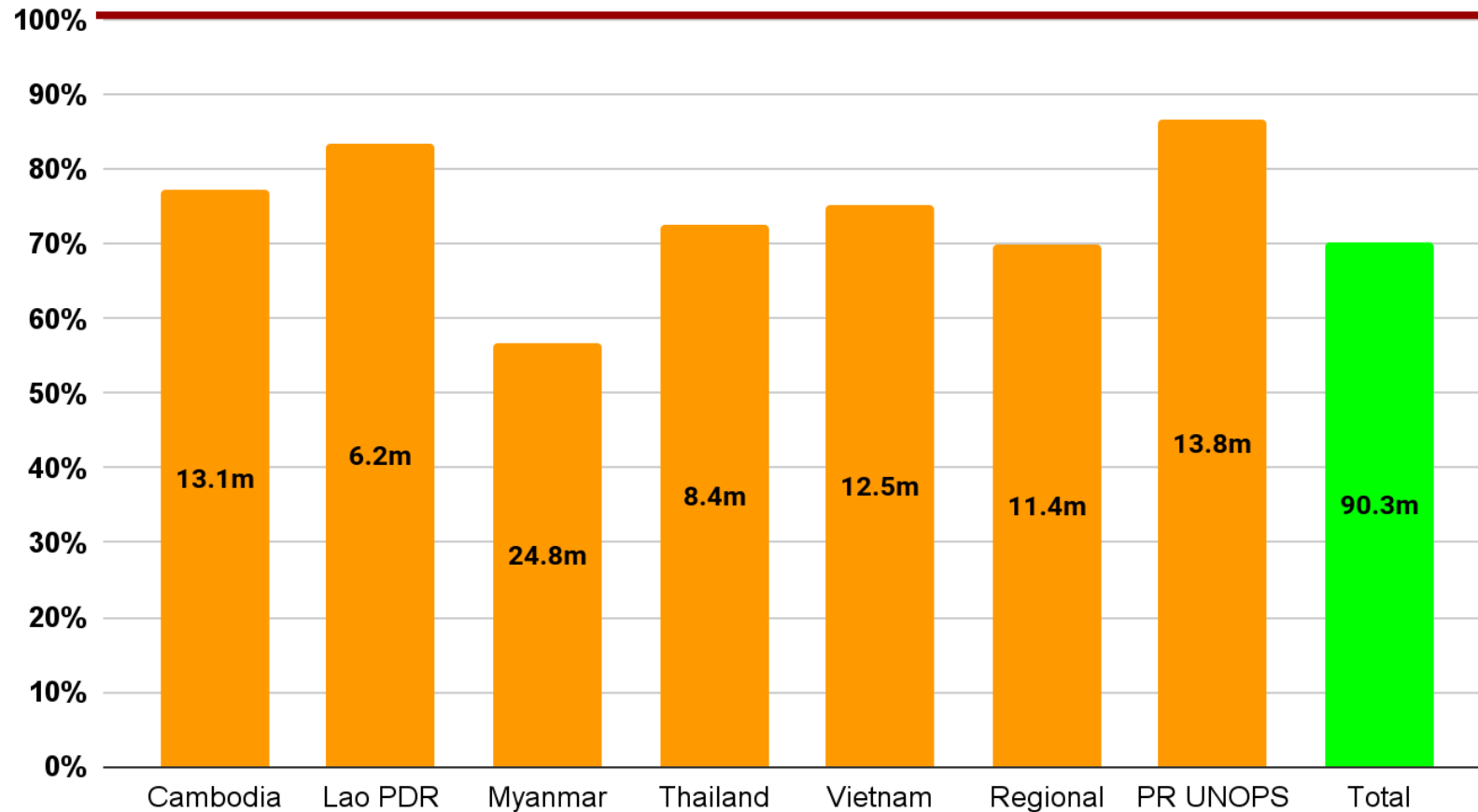
The Regional Artemisinin-Resistance Initiative (RAI)

- Launched in 2014 in response to the emergence of artemisinin-resistant malaria in the GMS.

- Funded by The Global Fund.

- Supports purchase of key malaria commodities, including vector control, diagnostics and quality-assured drugs

- Enables development of surveillance systems and case management by community health workers.

- Builds resilient and sustainable health and community systems.

Annual parasite index (API) refers to the number of malaria cases per 1000 people in a year.

20ᵗʰ RAI Regional Steering Committee Meeting

- During the 20th RSC Meeting in Bangkok, the RSC discussed challenges for malaria elimination and priorities for the next grant.

- The RSC agreed on the importance of putting a focus on Myanmar, establishing the best means to eliminate *P vivax* malaria, ensuring accelerator/intensification activities are rolled out based on evidence, improving value for money and prioritization, enhancing use of data, ensuring LLIN efficacy, and addressing antimalarial stock and supply issues.

- The RSC recognized that the service delivery part of the regional component has been an effective means to support hard-to-reach populations and MMPs under RAI3E.

- The RSC also:

  - decided that the format of operational would be replaced by an approach based on targeted evaluations of interventions for which the level of evidence is low.

  - requested that reports on integration of volunteers and management of P vivax be shared with those developing the RAI4E.

  - encouraged the CCMs to ensure that CSOs working on malaria are represented in the Country Dialogue process.

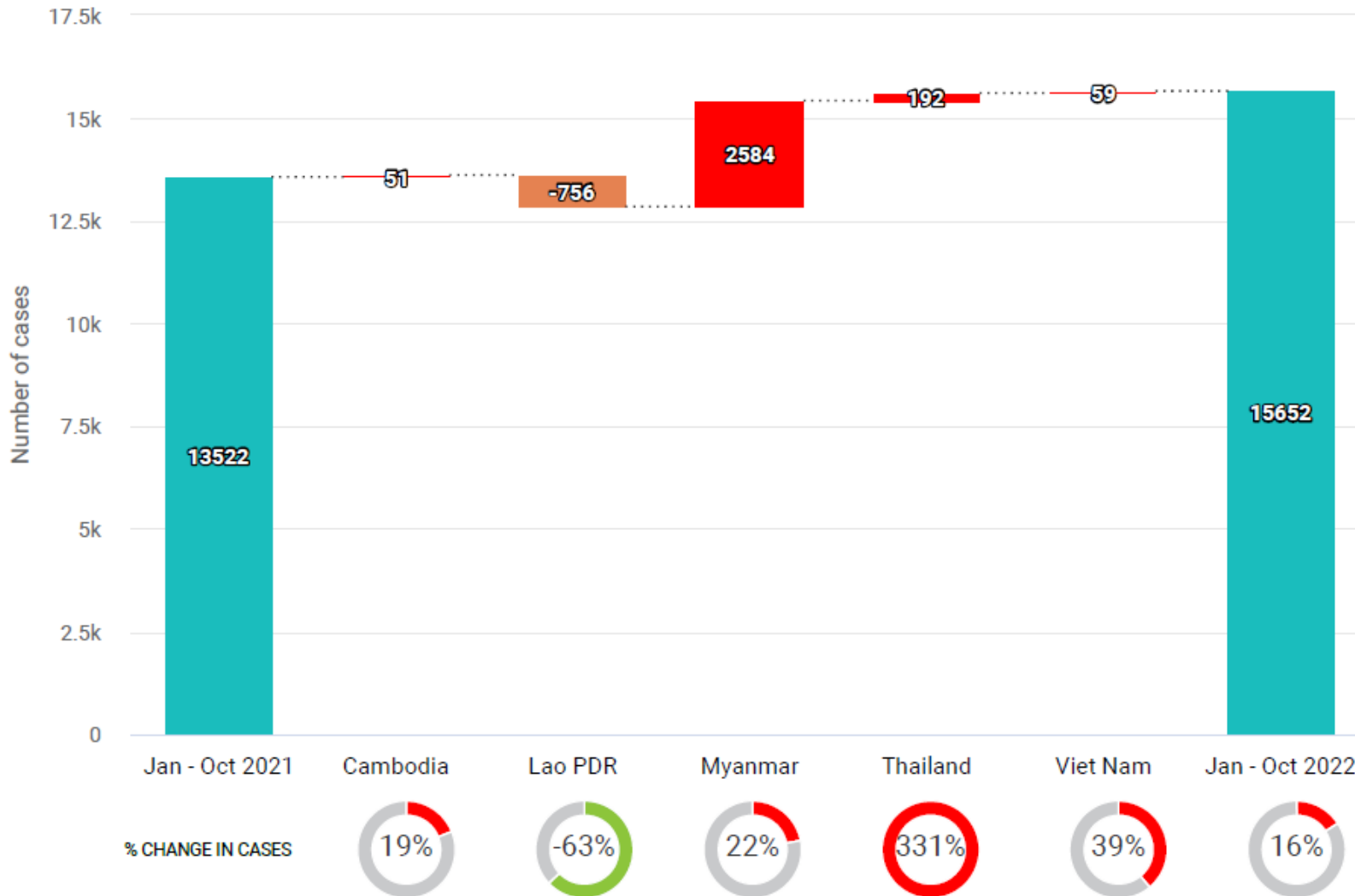 - endorsed its updated membership, available publicly on www.rai-rsc.org.

RAI3E Budget Absorption at Country level (Jan 21-June 22)

*** The Budget absorption rate includes financial obligations at the end of June 2022 and excludes C19RM*

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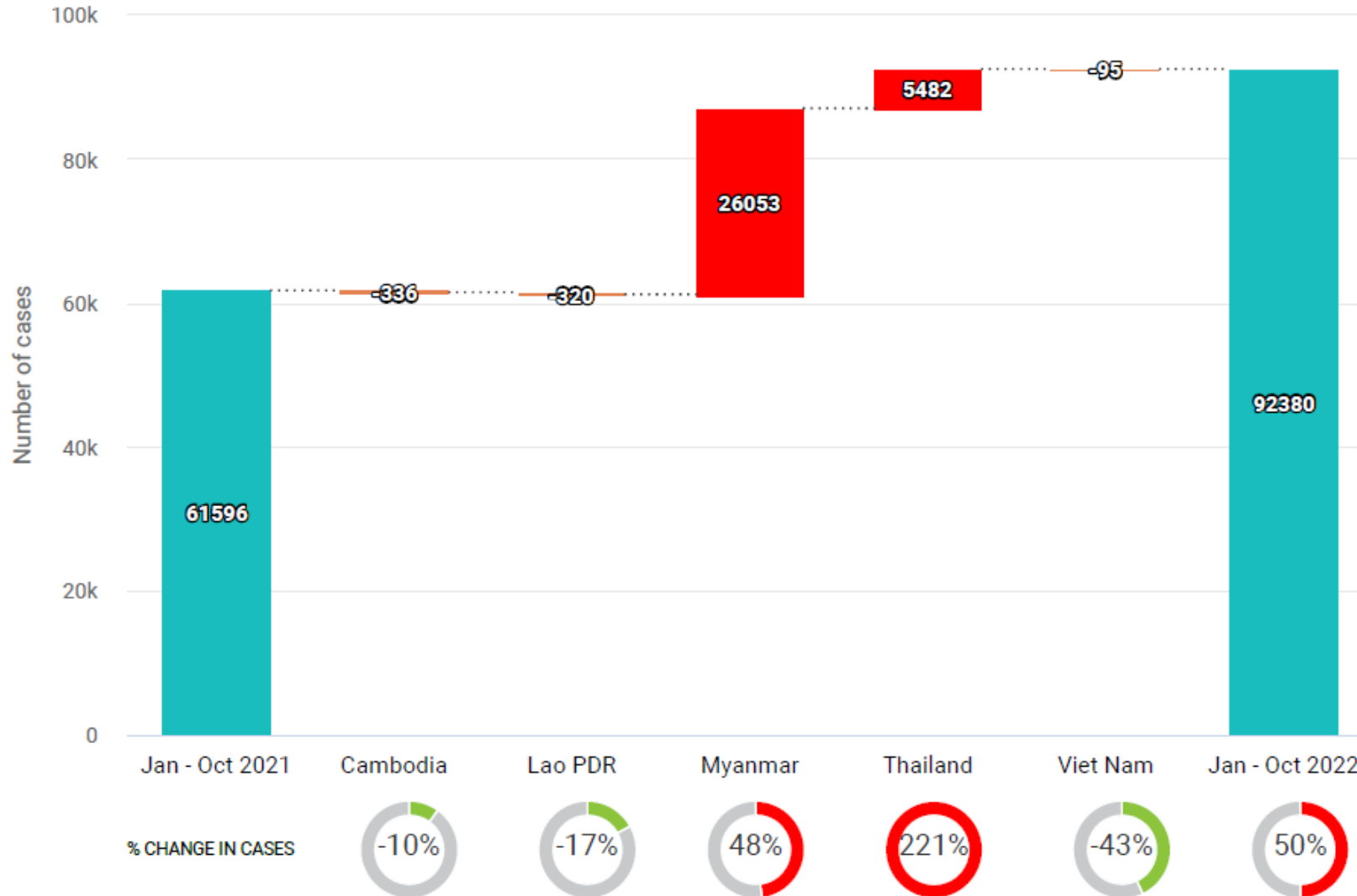## Changes in *Pf+Mix* Cases from Jan-Oct 2021 to Jan-Oct 2022

- In 2021 COVID-19 caused widespread lockdowns in Cambodia and Viet Nam → huge decrease in *Pf*+mix cases due to lack of population movement

- The increase in *Pf*+mix cases in Viet Nam and Cambodia in 2022 is a reversion to the mean in the downward trend in the countries' cases

Note: **Myanmar of 2022 is only partial data**
Source: MEDB database

World Health Organization

Changes in *Pv* Cases from Jan-Oct 2021 to Jan-Oct 2022

- Recommend countries adopt a clear policy on *Pv* elimination with the target of achieving elimination in time

- New WHO guidelines from June 2022 include a conditional recommendation for TDA for *Pv* malaria in elimination settings

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The RAI4E Development Process

A draft investment case for a RAI4E outlined seven priorities for a potential fourth grant:
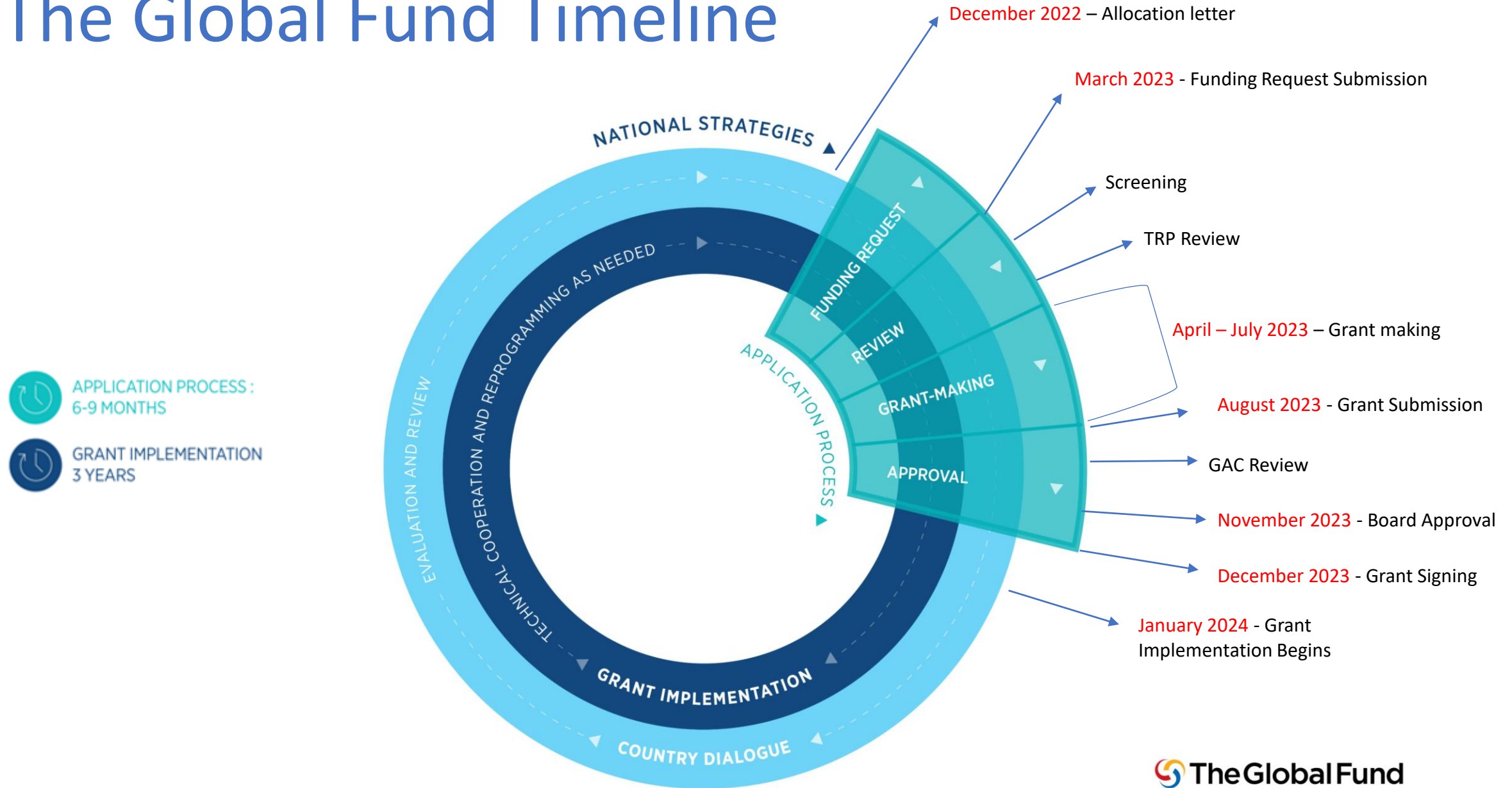
1. *Innovative accelerated interventions towards elimination*
2. *Case-based surveillance and prevention of reestablishment*
3. *Leveraging community health workers to enhance basic health services*
4. *Radical cure of P vivax*
5. *A data-driven regional approach*
6. *Strengthening civil society organizations' contribution to the health system*
7. *Strengthening pandemic preparedness and response*

With the support of Expertise France L'Initiative, HMST was recruited to form the Writing Team for the RAI4E Funding Request, working directly with CCMs, the RSC, and other stakeholders.

A Writing Committee has been formed for the RAI4E Funding Request, consisting of all RSC Members.

RAI4E Funding Request Process

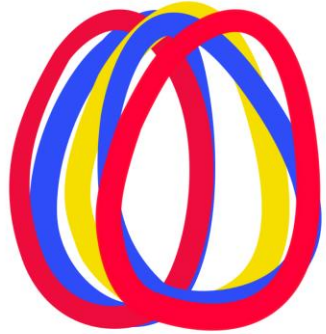| Date	Milestone (*confirmed)
Monday, 12 December 2022	Myanmar Country Meeting on Priorities and Allocation
Wednesday, 14 December 2022	Lao PDR Country Meeting on Priorities and Allocation*
Thursday, 15 December 2022	Viet Nam Country Meeting on Priorities and Allocation*
Wednesday, 21 December 2022	Cambodia Country Meeting on Priorities and Allocation*
Thursday, 22 December 2022	Thailand Country Meeting on Priorities and Allocation*
Saturday, 31 December 2022	RAI4E Funding Request Writing Team shares regional and country component skeleton
Thursday, 19 January 2023	Myanmar Country Dialogue
Friday, 20 January 2023	Cambodia Country Dialogue*
Tuesday, 24 January 2023	Thailand Country Dialogue
Tuesday, 31 January 2023	Viet Nam Country Dialogue*
Thursday, 2 February 2023	Lao PDR Country Dialogue
Monday, 6 February 2023	RAI4E Funding Request Writing Team shares first draft Funding Request
Thursday, 9 February 2023	Regional Dialogue in Bangkok*
Friday, 10 February 2023	Regional Dialogue in Bangkok*
Friday, 17 February 2023	RAI4E Funding Request Writing Team shares second draft Funding Request
Monday, 20 February 2023	Viet Nam Country Meeting to Endorse Draft*
Tuesday, 21 February 2023	Lao PDR Country Meeting to Endorse Draft
Wednesday, 22 February 2023	Myanmar Country Meeting to Endorse Draft
Thursday, 23 February 2023	Thailand Country Meeting to Endorse Draft
Friday, 24 February 2023	Cambodia Country Meeting to Endorse Draft*
Monday, 6 March 2023	RAI4E Funding Request Writing Team shares final draft Funding Request
Thursday, 9 March 2023	RSC Meeting to Endorse Submission, Vientiane*
Friday, 10 March 2023	RSC Meeting to Endorse Submission, Vientiane*
Monday, 20 March 2023	**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REGIONAL RAI4E FUNDING REQUEST TO GLOBAL FUND**

The Global Fund Timeline

December 2022 – Allocation letter

March 2023 - Funding Request Submission

Screening

TRP Review

April – July 2023 – Grant making

August 2023 - Grant Submission

GAC Review

November 2023 - Board Approval

December 2023 - Grant Signing

January 2024 - Grant Implementation Begins

APPLICATION PROCESS : 6-9 MONTHS

GRANT IMPLEMENTATION 3 YEARS

NATIONAL STRATEGIES

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND REPROGRAMMING AS NEEDED

APPLICATION PROCESS

FUNDING REQUEST

REVIEW

GRANT-MAKING

APPROVAL

GRANT IMPLEMENTATION

COUNTRY DIALOGUE

The Global Fund

RSC and CCM Collaboration

Mandate/ Activity		Regional Steering Committee	National CCMs
1. Defining strategic funding priorities and resource allocation	1.1 Funding Request	• Responsible for overall coordination & submission • Provides high-level regional guidance, ensures regional coherence • Develops regional component directly, in consultation with CCMs • Ensures involvement/consultation with national/regional stakeholders	• Responsible for development of Country Components • Ensures alignment with applicable national guidance / NSP • Ensures involvement/consultation with national stakeholders
	1.2 PR/Co-PR selection	• GF decision to appoint UNOPS as a single regional PR • No role in endorsing national co-PRs	• CCMs can propose a national co-PR or Principal Sub-Recipient for country components (confirmed by GF)
	1.3 SR selection	• Directly responsible for SR selection for the regional component (confirmed by GF) • Consults with national CCMs on SR selection for the regional component (eg. CCMs involved as panel members and/or consulted prior to final RSC decision) • No direct role in endorsing country component SRs (but RSC members may be invited to join CCM selection panels)	• Directly responsible for SR selection for country components (confirmed by GF) • Provides inputs/feedback to SR selection for regional component
	1.4 Re-allocation of savings, reprogramming, extensions	• Can directly approve re-allocation, reprogramming or extension of regional component funds/activities (national CCMs are notified of RSC decision) • Can approve the re-allocation of funds between components/countries, after consultation with CCMs	• Can directly approve re-allocation, reprogramming or extension of country component funds (RSC is notified of CCM decision)
2. Grant oversight	2.1 Progress Update reports	• Receives all Progress Update reports from regional PR (all countries/components) • Receives PR quarterly update and circulates to CCMs	• Receives Progress Update reports from regional PR / co-PR / PSR (country component & regional component activities implemented at country-level)
	2.2 Oversight activities	• Commissions independent assessment of progress through Independent Monitoring Panel (IMP) • Consults closely with CCMs in planning/preparation of IMP activities (CCMs can be invited to participate in RSC/IMP activities) • Shares relevant oversight information, including IMP reports, with CCMs • Flags to CCMs any issues of concern or identified bottlenecks	• Holds national-level oversight activities (eg. field visits) on a regular basis (RSC can be invited in CCM oversight activities) • Shares oversight plans, reports and recommendations with RSC • Flags to RSC any issues of concern or identified bottlenecks

Thank you

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