

# RAI4E Malaria Grant - Laos Progress Update

Excom&OC Meeting

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# Malaria situation in Laos

Laos has made remarkable progress in malaria control over the years:

From 2014 to 2024, malaria cases have been reducing from 50,235 to approximately 343, demonstrating the impact of comprehensive prevention, diagnosis, and treatment efforts and acceleration activities.

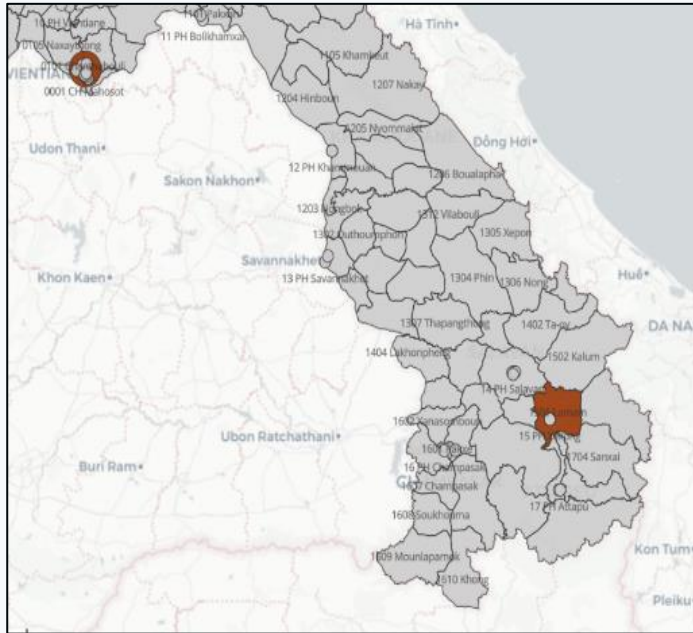


# Malaria Cases 2024 Vs 2025

Jan-May 2024	Jan-May 2025
306,016 Tests	-24% ( 232,345)
84 Malaria cases	-2 % (82)
25 Pf & Mix	-88 % ( 3)
59 Pv	+ 34% ( 79 )



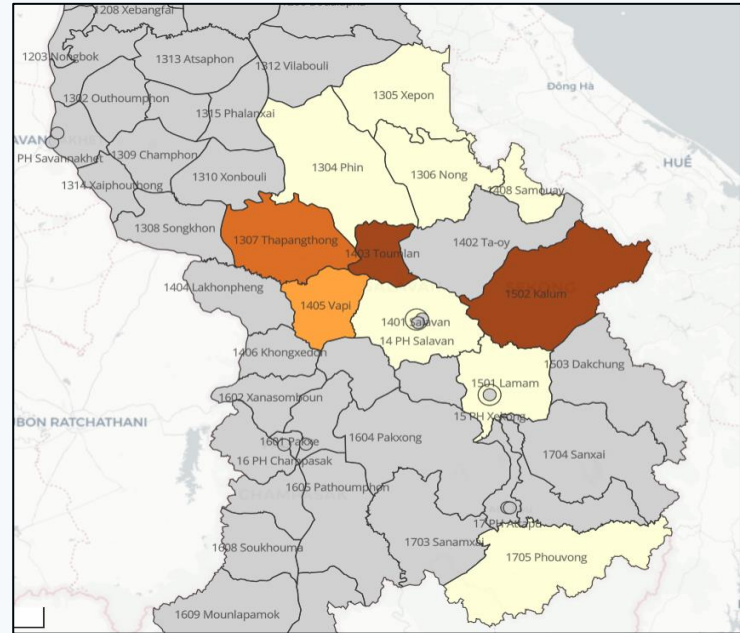
# Pf/Pv Malaria Hotspots Jan-May 2025



## Pf cases

Jan-May 2025

2 districts (Mittaphap hospital in Vientiane Capital and Lamarm in Sekong)



## Pv hotspots

Jan-May 2025

3 districts

(Thapanthong in Savannakhet, Toumlan in Salavan and Kalum in Sekong)



# Key Activities Updates

## Malaria Programme Review (MPR)

Q2

Desk review, completed, analysis is ongoing.

## Subnational verification

Q1&Q2

SNV and self assessment is on process in five northern provinces for elimination certification preparation

## Prevention of Re Establishment (POR)

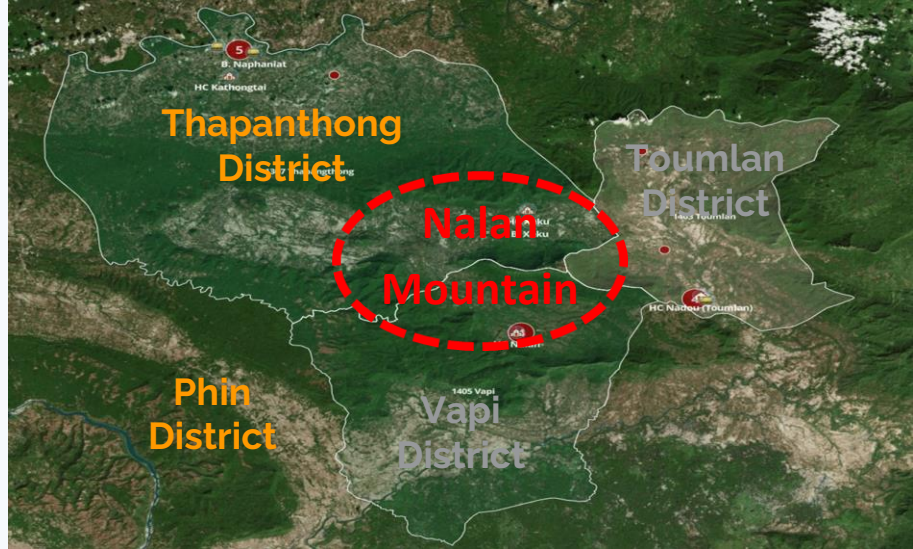
Q1&Q2

SOP developed in Q4 2024, pilot POR in Oudamxai Province and Vientiane Province



# Pv outbreak: Reactive Drug Administration Nalan Mountain

Mar-May increase in Pv in 4 districts,  
linked forest-going at Nalan Mountain



- **April: RDA (no PvSeroTAT)**
  1. Thaphangthong District RDA1 = 95% coverage
  2. Vapi District RDA1 = 94% coverage
- The number of villages around Nalan Mountain has reported cases during May.
- Planning to do RDA for forest goers in 7 villages in 5 districts is on process.

# IMP field visits findings

Independent Monitoring Panel field visit conducted in March 2025



Sites visited: SVK Province,  
Xepone District, Dongsavanh  
Health Centre, Lakhuem-tai  
village;

## Key observations

- Generally, Laos is doing well in Malaria, and close to elimination.
- Given the RDT sensitivity issues, QA of RDTs should be conducted routinely through a WHO collaborating center.
- Maintaining quality-assured malaria microscopy services is a key to sustainable prevention of re-establishment (POR).
- CMPE's PCR facility should be utilized more routinely as it will become increasingly important during POR.
- Given funding constraints, support for SeroTAT should continue to come from research grants rather than from RAI4E.
- The Department of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC) should report malaria numbers to the National Assembly to raise the political profile of malaria.



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# GF Letter: “Adjustments to RAI4E”

## 24th April 2025

- Letter received on 24th April 2025 regarding the implementation of certain investments that will be deferred due to changes of external financing landscape for global health programs.

## 28th May 2025

- Further guidance from GF received on the detail activities of deferred lists for each SRs.
- PR has already informed to each SRs for the deferred lists which have to deferred/scale down till end of september.

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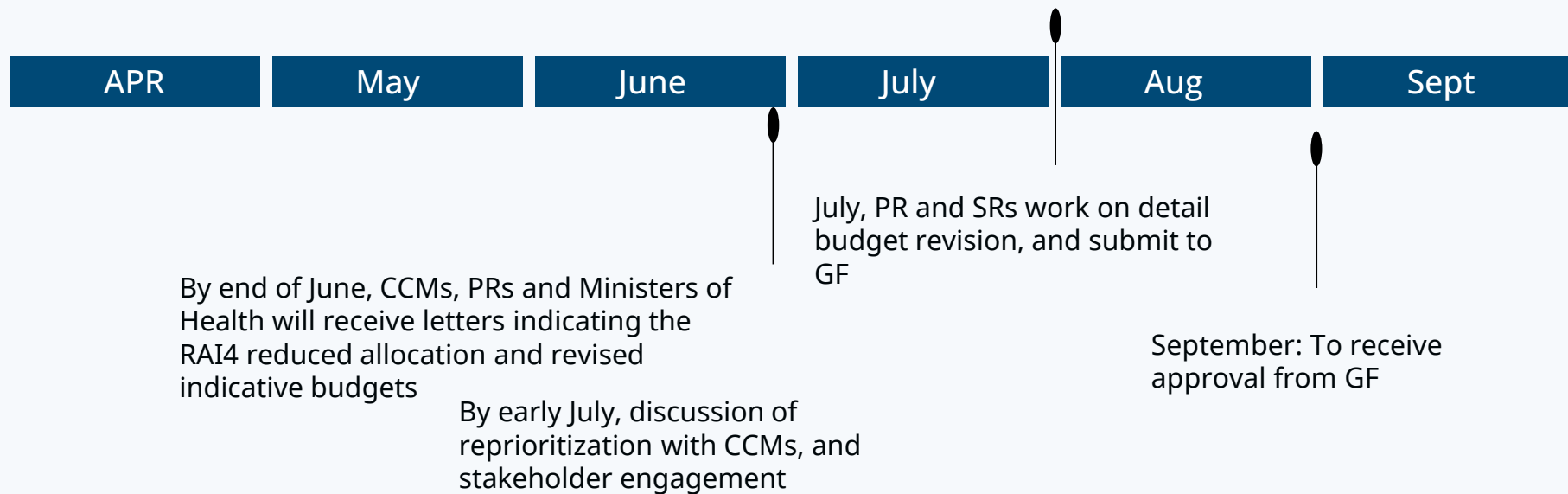
## End of June 2025

- The GF will inform to PR/CCM for the revised country funding envelopes and illustrative grant amounts

## July

- PR and SRs will work detail budget calculation based on the prioritized activities in alignment with the revised budget envelopes

# Internal Timelines for grant revisions





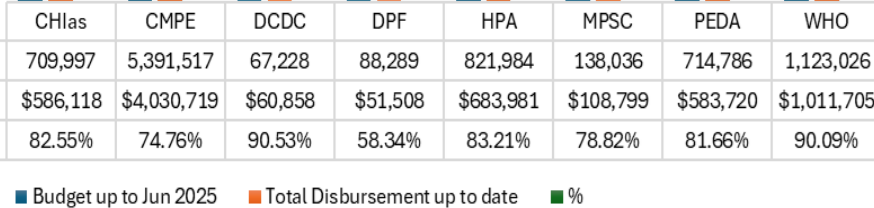
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The guiding principles used for decision making on activities are highlighted here:

- To discontinue funding residential workshops for data related activities (e.g., development of guidelines, strategies, etc)
- To pause surveys
- To consider less frequent supervision activities.
- To stop hotel-based workshops/meetings for any policy and strategic planning, dissemination, validation purpose.
- Focus on protecting critical planning for integration and sustainability
- Stop purchases of IT equipment
- Discontinue data audits, routine data quality assessments (RDQA)

# Disbursements to SRs (2024 - June 2025)

6,000,000  
5,000,000  
4,000,000  
3,000,000  
2,000,000  
1,000,000  
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Budget up to Jun 2025	\$9,054,864
Total Disbursement up to date	\$7,117,408
%	79%

# Preliminary Audit Findings

## Summary of 2024 Audit Findings:

- External audits by BDO UK were conducted for four out of seven Sub-Recipients (SRs).
- One SR had no audit issues.
- Two SRs had a total of five finance findings.
- Two SRs had a total of two program management findings.
- One SR had one asset management finding.

# GF Grant Rating for RAI grant- 2024



## Performance Rating Tool

Grant: **QSE-Z-UNOPS**

Country: **Multicountry HIAS RAI**

Principal Recipient: **United Nations Office for Project Services**

Implementation Period: **1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2026**

Rated Period: **1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2024**

### Annual Performance Rating

2023

**B – 99%**

2024

**A – 102%**

#### Programmatic Rating

**A**

**>=100%**

**B**

**90% - 99%**

**C**

**60% - 89%**

**D**

**30% - 59%**

**E**

**<30%**



# Key Highlights

- **Reprioritization based revised allocated budget from the GF :** National programme (CMPE) needs to prioritize the key essential activities, and the related health product procurement
- **Sustainability and Integration:** The sustainability of integration of malaria into the national disease surveillance system and integration of VMWs into VHV's should be executed under leadership of MoH.
- **Reduction of Pv:** The cost effective and efficient strategies should be considered in line with epidemiology context and budget aspects
- **Cross border malaria:** Surveillance system at borders should be strengthened.

# Thank you!