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Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention

Prioritisation criteria for spending opportunities

Spending opportunities outlined in the 20120-2022 budget assumptions will be prioritised as follows:

- We already have sufficient funding to implement at the scale outlined in the 2020 budget.
- Generally, our priority is to maintain coverage in areas where we are already implementing and where other funders are not able to fill the gap we would leave behind. We would therefore always prioritise implementing in areas we are already covering over expanding to new areas.
- Where other funders are willing to fill gaps for at least two consecutive years, we will not seek to expand into those areas. We will also continue to engage with governments to increase domestic contributions to the SMC programme.
- In the absence of sufficient funding, we will not seek to expand to a new country in 2020, which will also reduce some of the above-country budget allocated to travel and freight in 2020-22.
- We will also not implement the piloting of a geo-mapping solution to strengthen enumeration and collection of administrative data and would seek alternative (or co-funding) arrangements for a molecular marker study (both planned in 2020).
- If funding were further reduced, we would prioritise maintaining coverage in Nigeria and Chad over expanding in Burkina Faso in 2021.
- In the event of insufficient funding to maintain 2020 coverage in all three countries in 2021, we would need to make a district-by-district (or LGA-by-LGA) decision, taking into account malaria burden, number of previous SMC campaigns (prioritising areas where SMC started in 2019/20), and likelihood of other partners providing stop-gap funding. In this scenario, we would stop allocating funding to research.