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“Achieving Catalytic Expansion of SMC Services in the Sahel to Save Lives (ACCESS-SMC)”

Taking into account the outcome of the PRC review of 3-4 April 2014 and noting the issues raised for further clarification, together with the challenges of operationalizing this project during the first year, the Executive Board of UNITAID, subject to the availability of funds, authorizes the Executive Director, to commit up to **USD 67 434 637** for the project *Achieving Catalytic Expansion of SMC Services in the Sahel to Save Lives (ACCESS-SMC)*.

Description: Expansion of seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC) in 7 countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and The Gambia), in order to accelerate impact and build markets for SMC products.

Lead organization(s): Malaria Consortium

Consortium members: Catholic Relief Services; Medicines for Malaria Venture; Management Sciences for Health; Speak Up Africa; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Centre de Support en Sante International

Project duration: 3 years

Conditions for UNITAID funding support:

Funding is conditional upon:

- The demonstration of the feasibility of implementation at full scale, or other implementation options in year 1, with clear milestones in particular with regards to country ownership¹ and strategic engagement with GFATM and RBM.
- Review of the market shaping approach to better reflect the need for a combination that can replace SP+AQ.
- Engaging and working closely with communities in addition to national programs toward community ownership and demand creation.
- The development of a Project Plan to the satisfaction of the Secretariat, having regard to the issues raised by the PRC during its review.
- Review of the budget to ensure that all proposed costs are appropriate and reasonable (including with respect to any third-party recipients), to the satisfaction of the Secretariat.
- Signature of a legal agreement between Malaria Consortium and UNITAID.


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 Chair of the UNITAID Executive Board

¹ In terms of national planning, prioritization, and agreeing long-term domestic financing and sustainability.