AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN MALARIA CONTROL ALONG
THE TRANS-KUNENE BORDERS AREA
PREAMBLE

The Ministry of Health of Angola, through its National Malaria Control Program, and the Ministry of Health and Social Services of Namibia, through National Vector-borne Diseases Control Programme (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”).

Considering the importance of cooperation between neighbouring countries in prevention and control of communicable diseases, particularly along the common border areas;

Considering the need to strengthen the relations that exist on the basis of the General Cooperation Agreement between the two peoples and countries, signed in Huila, Angola on the 18th September 1990;

Recalling our commitments to the Windhoek Resolution on the Elimination 8 (SADC, Maputo 2009, Decision 4), and the World Health Assembly resolutions WHA52.11 and WHA58.2 on malaria elimination

Appreciating the potential offered to progress towards elimination by the cross border malaria control initiative between Angola and Namibia;

Welcoming the substantial progress made in controlling malaria in Cunene Province, Namibe Province, Kunene Region; Ohangwena Region, and Omusati Region;

Being mindful of the efficacious tools available to control and eliminate malaria in the regional context at present;

Emphasizing that a unique opportunity now exists to move Namibia further from malaria control to elimination and to scale up to universal coverage in Angola in preparation for elimination;

Acknowledging the role of our technical and implementing partners to support the Ministries of Health;

Recognizing that this exercise requires additional efforts and an increase in resources;

The Parties agree as follow:
ARTICLE I

Object of the Agreement

The parties undertake to promote and implement a technical cooperation on the control of malaria among the Trans-Kunene border regions (hereinafter referred to as the “Trans-Kunene Malaria Initiative”, or TKMI), creating an effective mechanism for malaria control to achieve malaria elimination, beginning in northern Namibia, and eventually in southern Angola.

ARTICLE II

Scope of application

Parties shall promote cooperation in the following areas:

Application of indoor residual spraying (IRS), and distribution of long-lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs) with a sufficiently high coverage to effect community protection and reduce transmission potential, supporting elimination.

Collaboration and sharing of logistics and transport infrastructure to deliver essential malaria commodities in a timely and cost-efficient manner to the TKMI area, particularly, through sharing of the Walvis Bay port and Oshikango/Santa Clara land border for entry of shared malaria commodities.

Facilitation of cross-border procedures for expedited access to communities through sharing of personnel, and custom free means for TKMI-related activities.

Mutual sharing of expertise and experience in malaria control; with Angola sharing capacity in larviciding, and Namibia in IRS.

Sharing of data on disease transmission and outbreaks to support rapid cross-border epidemic preparedness and response.

ARTICLE III

Administration and technical management

1. A Commission for the management of the TKMI shall be appointed by the Parties following the signature of the agreement. The Commission shall have technical and governance oversight over the implementation of the present cooperation agreement.
2. The Commission shall consist of six (6) representatives; two (2) representatives from the Ministry of Health and Social Services of the Republic of Namibia and two (2) representatives from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Angola; the Parties shall also appoint and forward 2 additional non-governmental partners to serve on the Commission.

3. The Commission may establish consultative meetings with other entities it may deem necessary for the furtherance of the work in terms of the present Agreement.

4. The Commission shall meet at least twice a year on a date and place to be agreed upon by the Parties.

5. The meetings of the Commission shall alternate between the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Namibia. The host country shall chair the meetings of the Commission.

6. The host country shall bear the costs related to venue, logistics, and transport within the host country. The visiting delegates shall be responsible for international travelling, accommodation and other costs.

ARTICLE IV

Objectives of the Agreement

By signing this agreement, the Parties, authorize their entrusted members of the Commission, To:

1. Coordinate and cooperate with other technical and donor partners to develop evidence-based cross-border control strategies, and to continually monitor and evaluate the impact on the TKMI strategies;

2. Solicit and secure financial resources to sustain the TKMI from governments and external donor partners;

3. Recruit and control a local management unit which will support routine activities of the TKMI.

4. Share information of scientific, technical and administrative nature and promote exchange of health professionals;

5. Facilitate all interaction, and to secure necessary approvals and concessions with line Ministries for smooth delivery of TKMI services (including Ministry of Home Affairs/Interior and Ministry of Finance).
ARTICLE V

Settlement of disputes

Any dispute arising from interpretation or implementation of the present Agreement shall be resolved amicably through consultations and direct negotiation between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

The Parties shall amend the present Agreement whenever necessary by mutual consent. The initiating party should give notice to the other Party ninety (90) days in advance. The amendments shall come into force after both Parties have consented in writing.

ARTICLE VII

Entry into force

The present Agreement shall enter into force after both Parties have signed it in accordance with applicable domestic legislations.

ARTICLE VIII

Duration and Termination

The present Agreement is valid for a period of two (2) years, renewable automatically for successive equal periods, unless one of the Parties decides to withdraw, in writing, by notifying the other Party six (6) months in advance.
In witness whereof, the Parties have hereunto signed the present Agreement.

Signed at Namacunde, Kunene, Angola on 25th day of April 2011.

with two original copies in English and in Portuguese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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