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# Mid term Review of the European Union Development Instruments (2007-2013)

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## Key facts about new EC aid architecture

- EC aid has been **decentralized** and most of the funds are **managed & allocated in country**
- EC aid tends to move from project to program approach (cross-sectoral, cross-countries...), from call for proposals to General Budget Support

### Key challenges:

- 1) How to access EC funding in country? How to better use the EC aid modalities (thematic/ geographic, general/ sectoral Budget support) to ensure synergies and complementarity?
- 2) How to strengthen relationship with the EC delegation in country to improve policy and programming dialogue?



## Explanatory note on CSP/NIP/MTR

- 1. Country Strategy Paper (CSP)** is document in which the EC and the recipient country jointly decide the priorities for EC aid. It is a broad framework set for 6 years (from 2007 to 2013).
- 2. National Indicative Programme (NIP):** the CSPs being the general frameworks, they need to be translated in specific workplans with budgets: these are the NIPs
- 3. Mid Term Review (MTR):** the CSPs need to be reviewed and progress needs to be assessed after 3 years (so in 2009-2010). This process is called the mid term review.



## What is the Mid Term Review? (MTR)

- Assessment of Country Strategy Papers (CSP)
  - **CSP** = document with the priorities for EC aid decided jointly by the EC and the recipient country for 6 years (from 2007 to 2013).
  - **Mid Term Review (MTR)** = process to review the CSPs and assess the progresses- link to NIP
- Consultations with different stakeholders by the EC Delegations to review needs and priorities:
  - Civil society in country
  - Beneficiary country (government)
  - Other international donors



## Why is the MTR important?

- Opportunity to strengthen our policy and programming dialogue with the EC both in Brussels and in country
- Opportunity to raise awareness on needs and challenges for health and malaria
- Being an active partner of the MTR in country will give an opportunity to be identified as a key development partner and to share expertise and lessons learnt with policy-makers to increase funding for malaria
  - *Focus on the impact of the economic crisis (if any already) as the MTR process is foreseen by the EC as an opportunity to mitigate the crisis' impacts*



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## MTR calendar

- Adoption of guidelines by the EC headquarters to proceed to consultations
- **Consultations with civil society organizations in country organised by the EC delegations (2<sup>nd</sup> half 2009)**
- Consultations between the EC Delegation and the Beneficiary country based on CSOs suggestions
- Internal Quality Process in the EC Headquarter to adopt the final recommendations for approval by EC Member States
- Adoption of modifications and budget reallocations (2010)

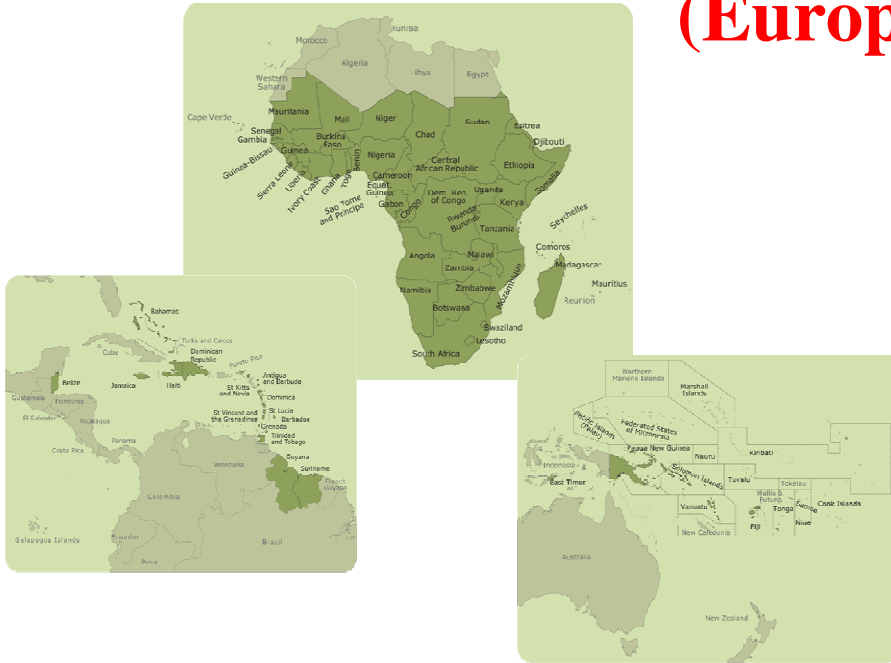


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# The 10th EDF (European Development Fund)

Coverage: ACP countries (African, Caribbean and Pacific)

Objectives: tackling poverty, boosting local economies and strengthening governance to help ACP countries.



## ■ State of Play

- Guidelines for MTR consultation are about to be adopted (12 June 2009)-delay
- Consultations with Non State Actors will be conducted by delegations in countries from Mid-June to Mid-October 2009



## Health as a case study in the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF MTR

- Only 3.5% of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF is currently allocated for health through CSPs –this has to change according to the EC Court of Auditors report (next slide)

### 10<sup>th</sup> EDF tables previously sent:

- Countries with health as a CSP focal sector: Objective is to highlight the urgent need for country to scale up towards 2010 universal coverage and access targets, and towards MDGs 4, 5 and 6.
- General Budget Support (GBS) : for the countries without health as a focal sector, there is the possibility to use GBS to strengthen health systems and Ministry of health capacity. This has to be discussed with MoH/ NAO; but a strong case has to be made.



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## Court of Auditors special report (January 2009)

### *“EC Development Assistance to Health Services in Sub-Saharan Africa”*

- Main recommendations from the court to the EC:
  - Increase EC aid to the health sector during the 10th EDF MTR and allocate part of General Budget Support to Health system strengthening
  - Ensure each Delegation has adequate expertise in health either in the Delegation or through drawing on the resources of other partners (international organizations, and link with UN agencies)
  - Involve more the local civil society in the policy dialogue with the EC Delegations and the Ministry



## Next steps

### ■ In country:

- Liase with NGOs/networks/ UN agencies to access and share information and to coordinate actions while contacting EC NSA focal point and MoH/ NAO- cf table for contacts
- ask the EC Delegation for MTR consultation calendar,
- ask the EC Delegation for reviews of the past 3 years activities financed in country in order to provide concrete feedbacks on the needs for the next 3 years
- request the EC Delegation to involve Ministry of Health and National Authorizing Officer (NAO) representatives during the consultations meetings, not only CSOs, to ensure a direct dialogue
- Make the link between MDGs 4, 5 and 6 and maternal and child mortality

= feedbacks about the MTR processes (successes and challenges) to the Red Cross/EU Office who will liaise with EC HQ



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# Key longer term objectives

- Use the MTR to strengthen policy and programming dialogue with the EC on health and malaria both in Brussels and in country- case study
- Ensure community participation in a ‘country-lead’ approach
- It’s in EC Delegation and government’s interest to hear that there are **organizations willing to work with them** to reach 2010 and MDGs targets, as most of the countries are off track, and have not disbursed much fund yet
- Provide inputs to policy-makers, identify mechanisms to ensure information sharing between implementers and decision-makers



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